

Nizer Attacks Mark Lane's Book

NEW YORK — (AP) — MARK Lane, whose best-selling book contends the Warren Commission failed to solve President Kennedy's murder, has been accused of "outrageous and slanderous accusations . . . puny nit-picking and incorrect at that."

The charge came from Attorney Louis Nizer, who said in a pre-taped television debate that Lane's book "Rush

to Judgment" has "besmirched the American reputation."

"I have not besmirched the American people," Lane retorted. "Toadies — who toadies to the American establishment — who accept the conclusions of a false report, they are the ones who besmirch the American reputation. They are the ones."

The debate pitted Lane

against Nizer and Albert E. Jenner Jr., assistant counsel to the Warren Commission, and Alfreda Scobey, a staff member. Nizer is a widely known New York trial lawyer who wrote an analysis and commentary on the Warren Report.

The program featured a defense of the Warren Commission, as a rebuttal to a Nov. 12 program in which critics of the Warren Report

were in the majority, including Lane.

Chief Justice Earl Warren and his commission held Lee Harvey Oswald solely responsible for the 1963 assassination of Kennedy in Dallas. Nizer declared:

"There has never been so thorough a criminal investigation in the world's history. This report is a hundred times more specific than any trial could have been."

To which Lane replied:

"The report is indefensible, and perhaps those who are best acquainted with it are aware of that . . . we must think for ourselves."

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TV REBUTTAL SLATED TO WARREN CRITICS

A rebuttal to critics of the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy will be presented by WNEW-TV from 8 to 10 P.M. on Sunday, Feb. 12.

Participants will be Louis Nizer, lawyer; Albert E. Jenner Jr., assistant counsel to the commission, and Alfreda Scobey, a staff member of the commission.

Mark Lane, the lawyer who wrote "Rush to Judgment," which is critical of the Warren report, also will appear. David Schoenbrun will be the moderator.

Mr. Lane and other critics appeared recently on a WNEW-TV program to present a dissenting view of the commission's findings. This program will be repeated over Channel 5 from 9 P.M. to midnight on Saturday, Feb. 11.