

to Represent Lee Oswald

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WASHINGTON — The Warren Commission Tuesday assigned Walter E. Craig of Phoenix, Ariz., president of the American Bar Assn., the task of representing the late Lee Harvey Oswald in its probe of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

The commission, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, said the move does not alter its feeling that there is "reasonable cause" to believe Oswald murdered the President last Nov. 22.

Only Fair

But the panel said that since Oswald was not tried according to the "American way of justice," it is only fair to the accused killer and his family that a legal representative be appointed.

The commission's decision appeared to be in response to criticism from some quarters to the effect that the interests of Oswald are not being properly protected in the inquiry.

Craig will be permitted to choose his own legal associates and will have available all information and testimony presented to the commission.

Accused Assassin

New York lawyer Mark Lane, who is working with Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the accused assassin, to prove Oswald's innocence, attempted two weeks ago to present himself to the commission as Oswald's lawyer.

But Warren refused to let Lane participate in the proceedings. The chief justice said that Oswald was not being prosecuted by the commission and that Lane was not retained by Oswald's legal representative, his wife Marina.