

## Citizens Committee To Probe Facts in Killing of President

NEW YORK, <sup>MIL-4/13</sup> April 4 The formation of a committee to conduct an independent investigation into the events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy was announced today.

Mark Lane, former member of the New York State Assembly, will function as the chairman of the newly formed "Citizens' Committee of Inquiry." Among those who will serve as initiating members of the organization still in formation are Sterling Hayden, actor and author, Jessica Mitford, author of the best-selling book *The American Way of Death*, Arthur Groce, constitutional attorney and Chairman of the Northern California Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Theodore Mann, producer and attorney.

Lane, who had been retained by Marguerite Oswald as counsel for her deceased son before the Warren Commission, stated that his work as Lee Oswald's attorney was completed and that his future association with the case would not be in an attorney-client capacity but rather through the independent Citizens' Committee. In a letter to Lane today Marguerite Oswald said: "I consider your work finished and hereby terminate your representation." She praised his work in the case.

The first objective of the Citizens' Committee, Lane stated, will be to "send experienced investigators, including trained newspaper reporters, into the Dallas area to check out the more than 200 different leads that have already come to our attention."

The Committee will function nationally from offices located in New York City at 156 5th Avenue.