

Probers Grant Hearing To Defender of Oswald

By the Associated Press

The presidential commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy has held a surprise public hearing and heard testimony from an attorney who professes to represent the interests of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused slayer of the President.

Representative Ford, Republican of Michigan, a member of the commission, reported that the panel began its usual closed session yesterday but that the meeting was thrown open to the public for the first time at the request of Marke Lane, New York attorney.

"Put Ideas in Record"

"He was given a fair hearing," Mr. Ford said. "He put his ideas in the record and all will be checked out."

Mr. Ford pointed out that although Mr. Lane contends he is representing Oswald, who was himself slain in Dallas two days after the assassination of the President on November 22, Oswald's widow, Marina Oswald, has not recognized Mr. Lane in the case.

In most States, Mr. Ford noted, the widow has the right to select an attorney to represent her husband's interests.

Mr. Lane at the hearing tried to raise doubt as to Oswald's guilt in the fatal shooting of the President.

Mr. Lane produced a number of news photographs from the assassination scene which he contended were "doctored" to obscure the truth in the case.

Mr. Ford said that copies of the photographs will be compared with the "basic ones" already in the possession of the commission.

The commission is headed by Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren, who presided at yesterday's hearing.

In Boston, mother of the accused assassin of President Kennedy says public sympathy is swinging in her favor. Mrs. Marguerite Oswald arrived yesterday in the home town of the slain President to appear on a radio interview.

Explains Her Motive

Mrs. Oswald said her only reason for coming to Boston from New York was to carry out her campaign to clear her son's name in the assassination of the President.

She said she is fighting for her son's good name, along with Attorney Lane.

"And I am the only one closely connected with this incident who is not making money from it," she said.

She said that other than the \$900 in voluntary contributions, she received \$863 from an insurance policy on her son's life and an unspecified amount for making a phonograph record of 13 of her son's letters.

Mrs. Oswald said, however, that she will collect royalties from the record when it goes on the market on April 1 and that she hopes to get an income from a book she plans to write about her son and her own life.