

Garrison to Aid Slaying Probes

Appointed to Board of National Committee

New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison has been named to the board of directors of a National Committee to Investigate Assassinations, the formation of which was announced Thursday in Washington.

Garrison, who has been conducting his own probe into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy for almost two years, will be among other board directors of the Warren Commission's report on the assassination.

Along with announcement of the committee's formation came a suggestion that a conspiracy

may be behind the slayings of President Kennedy, his brother, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

PRIVATE FUNDS

The Warren Commission, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, concluded that no conspiracy was involved in President Kennedy's death.

Bernard Fensterwald, executive director, said "the purpose of the committee is to coordinate and step-up the efforts of individual investigators throughout the country."

It will be financed by private contributions, he said.

"With the help of a professional staff," Fensterwald said, "the committee ultimately hopes to force the federal government into the thorough and honest inquiry which it has avoided since Nov. 22, 1963"—the date of President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas.

ON ASSUMPTIONS

Fensterwald is resigning as chief counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on administrative practice and procedure.

In his statement announcing organization of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations, Fensterwald said the group's work would proceed on a number of assumptions.

He said these included the assumptions that a conspiracy was involved in President Kennedy's assassination and in the slaying of King in Memphis and that "there are footprints which point toward a conspiracy" in the pistol death of Sen. Kennedy in Los Angeles.

"As to a possible inter-con-

nection between the three slayings," he added, "the most that can be said at present is that there are a number of parallels in the cases which might indicate a common modus operandi which normally would be subject to official scrutiny."