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(OSWALD)
 NEW YORK--LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, SHOULD BE DEFENDED BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION "IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES," A LEADING TEXAS CRIMINAL ATTORNEY DECLARED TODAY.

PERCY FOREMAN OF HOUSTON, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, SAID, "THERE'S NO OTHER WAY, IN MY OPINION, THAT THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE CAN BE PROPERLY EVALUATED."

HE PARTICIPATED IN A TELEVISION PANEL SHOW ("THE LAW AND LEE OSWALD"--CBS) WITH PROFESSOR PAUL FREUND OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL; LEON DOUGLAS, STATE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BEFORE THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS IN TEXAS; AND NEWTON N. MINOW, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC).

OSWALD WAS KILLED BY JACK RUBY, DALLAS NIGHTCLUB OWNER, ON NOV. 24, TWO DAYS AFTER HE ALLEGEDLY SHOT TO DEATH KENNEDY AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED TEXAS GOV. JOHN CONNALLY IN A MOTORCADE IN DALLAS. A COMMISSION TO FULLY INVESTIGATE THE ASSASSINATION WAS FORMED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND IS HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN.

OSWALD'S WIDOW, MARINA, WILL GO TO WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE COMMISSION, ACCORDING TO A SOURCE CLOSE TO HER IN FORT WORTH. SHE REMAINED IN SECLUSION IN THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA UNDER SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION.

OTHER SOURCES SAID SHE MIGHT GIVE TESTIMONY BEFORE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WHO WOULD TRAVEL TO DALLAS TO SEE HER.

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