

**ASSASSINATION UNIT
HINTS AT CONSPIRACY**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP) —Formation of a National Committee to Investigate Assassinations was announced today with a suggestion that a conspiracy might be behind the slayings of President Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy and The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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," Mr. 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.

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

Among those on the committee's board of directors is Jim Garrison, the District Attorney in New Orleans who has been investigating the assassination of President Kennedy.