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NEW YORK, FEB. 18 (AP)-SOME 1,500 PERSONS FILLED TOWN HALL TONIGHT FOR A MEETING BILLED AS "AN INQUIRY INTO THE LEE HARVEY OSWALD CASE." PRESENT WAS MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD, 56-YEAR-OLD MOTHER OF THE ACCUSED SLAYER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

SPEAKERS, INCLUDING FORMER STATE ASSEMBLYMAN MARK LANE, AN ATTORNEY ACTING AS UNPAID "DEFENSE COUNSEL" FOR OSWALD, SOUGHT TO CAST DOUBT ON EVIDENCE GATHERED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES POINTING TO THE EX-MARINE AS THE ASSASSIN.

THE MEETING WAS SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN, WHICH TERMS ITSELF "THE PROGRESSIVE NEWSWEEKLY."

LANE SAID HE HAD FOUND AN "EYEWITNESS" TO THE ASSASSINATION WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE HEARD BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX SHOTS AT THE TIME THE LATE PRESIDENT WAS KILLED. THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAS MAINTAINED THAT ONLY THREE SHOTS WERE FIRED.

LANE SAID THE "EYEWITNESS" WAS A DALLAS SCHOOL TEACHER BUT DID NOT GIVE HER NAME. SHE AMPLIFIED A RECORDING IN WHICH THE DALLAS WOMAN PURPORTEDLY RECOUNTED HEARING FOUR OR SIX SHOTS FIRED FROM THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF THE BUILDING FROM WHICH OSWALD IS ALLEGED TO HAVE FIRED THE FATAL SHOTS.

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