
NEW SPONSORS ANNOUNCED***Lane committee pressing inquiry***

THE CITIZENS' Committee of Inquiry, the organization formed by attorney Mark Lane to conduct an independent investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, announced this week that four prominent Americans have agreed to serve as initiating members of the group. They are: Jessica Mitford, author of *The American Way of Death*; Sterling Hayden, actor and author; Arthur Groce, chairman of the Northern California ACLU, and Theodore Mann, producer and attorney.

Lane, who until last week served as unpaid defense counsel for Lee Oswald, the man accused of assassinating Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, also announced that "many history, philosophy and law professors at leading American universities as well as attorneys throughout the country have volunteered to serve with the committee."

The former New York State legislator said "the first objective of the committee would be to send experienced investigators, including trained newspaper reporters, into the Dallas area to check out the more than 200 different leads that have already come to our attention. This massive and vital work clearly is beyond the scope of one attorney."

Lane, who had been retained by Mrs. Marguerite Oswald as counsel for her slain son before the presidential commission investigating Kennedy's death, said his work as Oswald's attorney was completed and that "my future association with the case would not be in an attorney-client capacity, but rather through the Citizens' Committee." Mrs. Oswald said

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Several local Citizen's Committees have been established on college campuses across the nation. The main office is at 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

The Warren commission is expected to conclude its investigation in about a month. So far, more than 40 witnesses have testified before the commission in Washington, while many more have been interviewed by commission attorneys in Dallas. Jack Ruby, convicted recently of murdering Oswald two days after Kennedy was assassinated, is expected to give a deposition to the investigators denying that he was acquainted with Oswald before the slaying.