

March 4 1964
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(200) WARREN COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, MARCH 4 (AP)-THE SPECIAL COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY HELD A SURPRISE PUBLIC HEARING TODAY AND HEARD TESTIMONY FROM AN ATTORNEY WHO PROFESSES TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ACCUSED SLAYER OF THE PRESIDENT.

REP. GERALD FORD, R-MICH., A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, REPORTED THAT THE COMMISSION BEGAN ITS USUAL CLOSED SESSION BUT THAT THE MEETING WAS THROWN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE REQUEST OF NEW YORK ATTORNEY MARK LANE.

"HE WAS GIVEN A FAIR HEARING," FORD SAID. "HE PUT HIS IDEAS IN THE RECORD AND ALL WILL BE CHECKED OUT."

FORD POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH LANE CONTESTS HE IS REPRESENTING OSWALD, WHO WAS HIMSELF SLAIN IN DALLAS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT LAST NOV. 22, OSWALD'S WIDOW, MRS. MARINA OSWALD, HAS NOT RECOGNIZED LANE IN THE CASE.

AND IN MOST STATES, FORD NOTED, THE WIDOW HAS THE RIGHT TO SELECT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT HER HUSBAND'S INTERESTS.

LANE AT TODAY'S HEARING ATTEMPTED TO RAISE DOUBT AS TO OSWALD'S GUILT IN THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE PRESIDENT. AND HE PRODUCED A NUMBER OF NEWS PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE ASSASSINATION SCENE WHICH HE CONTENDED WERE "DOCTORED" TO OBSCURE THE TRUTH IN THE CASE.

FORD SAID THAT COPIES OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE COMPARED WITH THE "BASIC ONES" ALREADY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE COMMISSION.

THE COMMISSION IS HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, WHO PRESIDED AT TODAY'S HEARING. A NUMBER OF MEMBERS WERE ABSENT, HOWEVER.

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190 (BB) FRAUD TRIAL OPENS FOR FORMER EDUCATOR IN PROMOTION
OF UTAH MINING CO. (UTAH, CALIF INT)

110 (BB) MOTHER TELLS COURT SHE HELD UP DOWNTOWN STORE BECAUSE SHE
NEEDED MONEY FOR RENT AND FOOD FOR FAMILY.

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A150WX. LONDON ASKS "IF OSWALD HEARING OPEN TO PUBLIC, WHY
WE HAVE TO QUOTE FORD FOR WHAT OCCURRED?"

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RE LONDON'S 1055PES VIA NY, CHRON (AMS) OUT WITH UPI VERSION
QUOTING LANE TESTIFYING TIPPET AND BERNARD WEISSMAN CONFERRED AT
RUBY'S NIGHTCLUB NOW. 14 FOR SOME HOURS WITH UNIDENTIFIED THIRD PARTY.
ALSO SAYS HAS NUMBER WITNESSES WHO THOUGHT SHOTS THAT KILLED KENNEDY
CAME NOT FROM DEPOSITORY WINDOW BUT FROM GRASSY KNOLL NEAR OVERPASS.
WE HAD?

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