

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House voted 280 to 65 today to create a new committee to reopen investigations into the deaths of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.

Speaker Carl Albert said he would name retiring Rep. Thomas N. Downing, D-Va., to head the 12-member committee for the rest of this year. It would have to be recreated when the new Congress is seated in January.

Downing - promised his colleagues that the committee's efforts would be focused only on the Kennedy and King deaths, although the resolution establishing the panel allows it to look into "any others (deaths) the select committee shall determine." He asked for \$250,000 in funds for this year.

Most of the opposition to the measure centered around authority to look into other deaths.

Rep. Sidney Yates, D-Ill., said it "gives the committee enormous powers to go into any assassination a © any person in the world

Rep. John Anderson, R-Ill., said the authority was included to allow the committee to get into any other

deaths which may have been associated with the Kennedy and King assassinations.

He mentioned the deaths of Sam Giancana and John Roselli, two alleged Mafia leaders, who were killed after it was disclosed they were associated with a CIA plot to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. Other allegations have been made that the plot on Castro may have

been connected with the
assassination of Kennedy in 1963.

Downing said several--other--
recent revelations have raised
enough questions in the minds of
the American people concerned
about whether proper _in-
vestigations were conducted into
the two assassinations. ''We have
to get started sometime and this
thing has been put off too long ...
We don't know the complete
truth.''

Albert, also retiring after this
session, told newsmen earlier it
would be up to his heir apparent,
Rep. Thomas O'Neill, D-Mass., to
name the new chairman when the
committee is recreated next year.
It was expected to be Rep. Henry
B. Gonzalez, D-Tex., who along
with Downing has led the fight to
establish the panel.