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The day of mourning has passed. It is time to take up the business of the day again.

As we found in visiting Cleveland/Chicago Sunday, Dallas will need to defend itself in many quarters. Let us begin then with a vigorous defense of the Dallas Police Department. To eastern criticism we say that Dallas has one of the nation's finest police forces. Dallas is one of the nation's cleanest cities. There are no payoffs, no rackets, no bribes - an extremely low incidence of violence.

In Dallas there is little of the corruption that has run like a cancer through the Police Departments of Chicago and Boston and Philadelphia. The unexplainable appearance of Lee Oswald's killer at the Police Headquarters has happened many times elsewhere. How did the Police of Buffalo let Czolgoss get so close to President McKinley? How did the police of Washington let Guiteau get so close to Garfield? How did the Miami police allow Guisseppe Zangera to kill Mayor Cermsk of Chicago and almost kill Franklin Roosevelt? How could Washington police allow that tragic moment at Ford's Theatre? How did the police of Milwaukee allow a would-be assassin to shoot President Theodore Roosevelt?

So, to the eastern critics of Dallas police, we say that where there is life, there is always human error. We further say to other cities, many of them hotbeds of police corruption, clean your own house first. Ours is already clean. Let the defense of Dallas begin here. All Texans should rise indignantly and affirmatively to the defense of this state and city.

Stand and be counted! We need have deep sorrow, but no shame!