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DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Police Department, bitterly criticized throughout the nation and abroad for its follow-up to President Kennedy's assassination here, faces the seventh anniversary of that event with morale restored under a new, dynamic chief.

"We took it on the chin. We reeled under the blow of 1963 too long," says Police Chief Frank Dyson, 43, who has headed the department since Jan. 1. "We could have overcome all this in a more positive, quicker, way. And we would have been that much better off.

"Mind you, I'm not criticizing Chief (Jesse) Curry (then police chief of Dallas). He was torn apart under the tremendous pressures he was undergoing. He was only trying to do what he thought should be done.

"But now this is no longer the same police department. It has a total new outlook. We're not going to settle for anything less than being the best police department in the country. It's as simple as that."

Protecting quietly Searched Depository

When President Kennedy was felled by bullets on a street in downtown Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, Dyson was manning a headquarters desk as lieutenant of the vice squad. But it fell to him to lead the detail which searched the Texas Book Depository, the assassin's hide-out, for possible clues.

When Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested some hours later after shooting a patrolman in another part of the city, Dallas police rode high for a time. They had got their man and got him quickly. But they lost their reputation for alertness two days later when Oswald was shot dead by night club owner Jack Ruby in the basement of City Hall itself.

Curry retired in 1965. Police Chief Charles Batchelor, who followed him, made few changes but he advanced young Dyson through the ranks to No. 2

nalists for "Policeman of the Year" honors—two Indians, one Hawaiian and one Chinese.

But, if Dyson gets his way, the whole community will be crime-free, too.

Operation Get Involved brings in citizens for neighborhood crime committees. Community service centers get problem cases in touch

with civic welfare agencies before they turn to crime.

Community Radio Watch seeks to enroll radio hams and the 7,000 Dallas citizens who have two-way radios on private cars and trucks for a quick intelligence network.

Rhymes Against Crime gets after the very young. One recent school contest attracted 160 entries and Chief

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