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Grandpa With Fast Ideas

By BOB CONSIDINE

RILED that's what some were when the Ruby verdict came in:

"You hit a new low, even for you, when by cheap innuendo you use your poisoned pen to assassinate the good character of those people who performed a civic duty," writes James A. McFarland of Forest Hills.

"Is it any wonder why our courts find it is difficult to assemble capable jurors? Decent people are afraid of the vilification they receive from vitriolic columnists."

Just pray you never get one like it.

"Last week Frank Conniff had a piece quoting William Randolph Hearst Sr. as saying that just when the public became interested in a news story his editors and writers got tired of it and turned to something else," recalls H. R. Steed of Brooklyn.

"Well, what became of Bernard Weissman, who signed a black-bordered ad in the Dallas Morning News the day President Kennedy arrived? You were the only reporter in Dallas that day who sent out the text of that ad, far as I know. So what became of Bernard Weissman?"

Dunno. But there's a report that he and Dallas Police Capt. Will Fritz are out on a house-haunting tour.

"You dam' jerk," pens my fan Lillian Sellers of a New York law firm. "How are you going to blame Dallas when over 30 million people saw that other jerk shoot a handcuffed man in cold blood?"

It's easy, really.

"Your article, 'Did Ruby Have a Chance?' was a whorl of conjecture, inference and apparent clairvoyance," writes Mrs. E. Dunn, New Milford, N. J. "I have selected the word 'tripe' carefully because it describes your article most accurately: 'Anything Worthless.' You infer that the case would have had a different outcome in another



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city, while in fact there is no basis whatever to come to this conclusion other than the repeated claims of the defense attorney."

"ImPLY.

"You stated... 'Dallas police knew Rudy as a gun-toting extrovert,'" says Edwin A. Juszczak of Brooklyn, National Rifle Association member, president of the Revere Rod and Gun Club, member of the Somerset County Fish and Game Protective Association and, to complete the credentials list, Gun Enthusiast.

"Many, many gun enthusiasts (not criminals) are going to suffer because of these 'facts' being brought out now. Just a few people want anti-gun legislation and are distorting facts in an attempt to get their own way.

"Sen. Dodd of Connecticut states that anyone who was not for his bill was a subversive, fool, or mental incompetent. Well, I probably will qualify to one or all of his categories... How about a real newspaperman's facts and views on this controversy so we can AGAIN be a nation of free men."

"A little man named Jack Ruby was condemned to death for shooting to death an avowed enemy of the U.S.A., a Communist agitator and confirmed Marxist," a New Yorker who forgot his name writes. "He did it though this enemy was surrounded by Dallas police. He proved to the world whose side he was on. A lot was made of the fact that Oswald was handcuffed when shot. Nobody mentioned that John Fitzgerald Kennedy's back was turned when he was shot."

Yes.

"If Dallas County Assistant D. A. really said 'If they're so curious about Ruby's brain, I'd be happy to deliver it to them after the electrocution,' then he should apologize for having offended almost everyone who read it," suggested New Yorker Kurt R. Pollak.

He said it.

YOU tell him to apologize.

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