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Warren Panel Prober's Tactics Trigger Removal

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A harangue over the questioning tactics of a Warren Commission attorney resulted last week in the investigator's quiet removal from the Dallas phase of the commission's probe. The Times Herald learned Saturday.

The dispute involved a clash between the investigator-attorney and a witness he was interviewing, a Dallas police officer who was a key witness in the Jack Ruby murder trial.

The officer claimed in protest to Dist. Atty. Henry Wade and other officials that the commission man had called him a "bar," among other things.

SOLUTION WORKED OUT

An amicable solution, which included the investigator's leaving Dallas, was worked out through the combined efforts of Mr. Wade, U.S. Atty. Barrford Sanders and the commission.

None of the officials involved wished to be directly quoted on any aspect of the incident.

All agreed, however, that it was an "isolated" event and emphasized that it was nipped in the bud before it could disrupt the existing cooperative spirit that prevails between the commission men and local authorities.

NO MORE INCIDENTS

"When you consider that the commission men have talked to more than 700 people in the last several days," said one official,

"it is remarkable that there haven't been more incidents of this type."

In recounting what happened between the officer and the attorney, sources said there were two subsequent questioning sessions before the officer's deposition was finally completed.

Between the first exchange and the completion some two days later, the officer's complaint on the questioning technique had gone to Mr. Wade. The officer wanted Mr. Wade or one of his assistants to accompany him to the next session.

The district attorney reportedly declined, telling the officer that the city attorney's office would be the place for him to secure legal counsel.

Mr. Wade did, however, mention the incident in a letter he wrote to J. Lee Rankin, general counsel for the commission in Washington.

A solution quickly followed.

The deposition of the officer was completed that day with an assistant city attorney accompanying him as counsel during the final session. Another commission attorney-investigator took over the questioning.

The attorney who was involved in the original incident left town. Authorities said he was almost through with his particular assignment in Dallas, anyhow.

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