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ON THE LINE:

# Dallas' Prophet of Doom

By BOB CONSIDINE

**A** MONG THE FIRST persons to leave Dallas in the wake of the assassination was Bernard Weissman, chairman of something called "The American Fact-Finding Committee." The FBI was still looking for him this midweek to inquire into the full-page advertisement he took in the Dallas Morning News of Friday, Nov. 22.

Weissman specified that the advertisement carry a funeral black border. The issue was on the streets several hours before President Kennedy arrived.

In great bold type, the ad began:

"WELCOME MR. KENNEDY ... to Dallas."

The "welcome" was somewhat deceptive.

"Welcome to Dallas," it continued, "a city so disgraced by a recent liberal smear attempt (Editor's Note: The U.S. revision to the Dallas right-wingers' attack on Ambassador Stevenson) that its citizens have just elected two more Conservative Americans to public office.

"... A city that will continue to grow and prosper despite efforts by you and your Administration to penalize it for its non-conformity to 'New Frontierism.'"

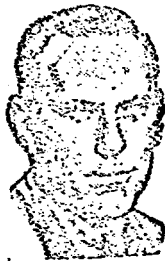
"... A city that rejected your philosophy and policies in 1960 and will do so again in 1964—even more emphatically than before.

"Mr. Kennedy, despite contentions on the part of your Administration, the Mayor of Dallas, the Dallas City Council and members of your party we free-thinking and America-thinking citizens of Dallas still have, through a Constitution largely ignored by you, the right to address our grievances, to question you, to disagree with you and to criticize you."

There followed a list of a dozen questions each beginning with a large-type **WHY?** Weissman, who gave his organization's address as Box 1795, Dallas, wanted to know why Bobby Kennedy

had "gone soft on communism"; why JFK shook hands with Tito; why wheat was shipped to the USSR, etc.

The rate for such an advertisement in the Morning News is \$1,464. The FBI is not interested in Weissman as a suspect. In wrapping up its report to the Attorney General it merely wanted to include him among those questioned—if only his curious use of a black border hours ahead of the murder.



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**THE FBI REPORT** to Attorney General Kennedy names Lee Oswald as the lone assassin and Jack Ruby as another "loner." It found no collusion, no conspiracy. It aims to put to rest the wild and nutty rumors that have been coined in the wake of the tragedy.

The report will be turned over to President Johnson and the President will then pass it along to the seven-man Presidential Inquiry board headed by Chief Justice Warren. That board will release it to the world.

The FBI is hopeful that the report is so emphatic and free of question that it will forestall the scheduled Texas investigation—which would be televised and feature, among others, Dallas police wearing 10-gallon hats to cover their pint-sized brains.

**BY THE END** of October, 628,171 overseas visitors had arrived in the U.S., 25,000 more than in all of 1962. The New York World's Fair next year and in '65 could swell the tide to a million—an unheard-of figure only a few years ago.

The biggest draw is not Niagara Falls or even Frank Sinatra. The Department of Commerce's U.S. Travel Service swears that the big lure is Herman St. Clair. Never heard of Herm? He's a member of the Shoshone Indian Tribe on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. His rugged countenance, in full headress, is the most popular poster, the first ever to win "Best in Show" at the International Union of Official Travel Organizations.

It doesn't tell how to get to Wind River.

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- Belmont
- Mohr
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- DeLoach
- Evans
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
- Tavel
- Trotter
- Tele Room
- Holmes
- Gandy

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- The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
- The Evening Star \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Herald Tribune \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Journal-American 3
- New York Mirror \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Post \_\_\_\_\_
- The New York Times \_\_\_\_\_
- The Worker \_\_\_\_\_
- The New Leader \_\_\_\_\_
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