

DA'S COMMENTS

Report Factual, Wade Believes

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Dist. Atty. Henry Wade, criticized by the Warren Commission report for statements he gave to the press, termed the findings of the body as "excellent, detailed and factual."

"I think it should settle everything," he said. "They have gone into all the details and dispelled all the rumors from what I have seen of the report."

The district attorney took mild issue with some of the commission's criticisms about inaccuracies he passed on to the press at the police station after Oswald's capture.

For example, the report states: "On one occasion he (Wade) repeated the error that the murder rifle had been a Mauser."

~~Mr. Wade~~ commented Sunday

that he did not definitely tell newsmen that the rifle was a Mauser.

"I never did say it was a Mauser. I said maybe it was when they questioned me about it. I never did see the gun and haven't yet," said Mr. Wade.

The report states that on the Sunday night after Oswald had been shot, Mr. Wade contended to police officers that someone should list the evidence against Oswald. But the police declined, and refused to furnish Mr. Wade with additional details of the case because Chief Jesse Curry "had told an FBI inspector he would say no more," the report states.

"Wade nonetheless proceeded to hold a lengthy formal press conference that evening . . . Unfortunately, at that time, as he subsequently testified, he lacked a thorough grasp of the evidence and made a number of errors,

the report continued.

Mr. Wade said Sunday, "I'm sure they're right."

However, he explained, he felt that "everyone was wondering whether they had the right man, and I wanted the police to give the evidence."

Mr. Wade said he repeated only the evidence given to him by police. "I had no evidence of my own," he said.

As for statements in the report that Jack Ruby introduced Mr. Wade to several newsmen for interviews, Mr. Wade said he had met Ruby for the first time that Friday night.

"He came up and introduced himself," said Mr. Wade. "I had heard his name before but I had not met him."

Mr. Wade said he felt the Warren Commission served ideally in its investigation.

"I originally recommended a federal inquiry myself," he said.