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Leaks From Warren Probe Arouse Public Speculation

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The first week of the Warren Commission investigation in Dallas provided little more than speculation to the public.

A few facts, however, leaked through closed doors of the commission rooms.

And many of the facts have contributed to more speculation.

When the team of attorneys arrived, they indicated that investigation would primarily concern the assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of Patrolman J. D. Tippit. They did not mention the murder of Lee Oswald, which was witnessed by millions on television.

But the majority of witnesses

interviewed have been Dallas policemen who witnessed the Oswald slaying. Many of these officers were previously interviewed by trained investigators — members of the FBI, the Secret Service and fellow officers.

They also have filed reports to the district attorney and a few testified at the Jack Ruby murder trial.

When asked about "duplication," persons close to the investigation reply that the Warren Commission agents—attorneys picked from private practice—are compiling trial-like testimony as opposed to written statements.

This is necessary, they say, to provide a complete history of the

three days in November. And they add, although Oswald is dead, the finished Washington report will provide a trial-of-sorts, complete with a question-and-answer transcript.

Heavy interest in the Oswald shooting also is indicated by the City Hall basement mockup set up behind locked doors at the Federal Building. The replica of the shooting scene, flown in from Washington, is used by officers when they give testimony.

The City Hall shooting site is only a few blocks from the Federal Building. But the mockup, owned by the FBI, apparently is used to allow interviews in private.

The number of persons interviewed indicates the investigation may end well before the estimated "three or four weeks." If not, many more than the estimated "40 or 50" persons likely will be interviewed. Almost that number already have given sworn testimony.

Thus far the other half of the heavy emphasis of interviewing has been at Parkland Hospital. Dozens of doctors, nurses, orderlies and other employes have been interviewed.

The attorneys, who work at the office of U.S. Dist. Atty. Barefoot Sanders, toiled until almost midnight Thursday. During the day they meet witnesses in private. The daily list of persons interviewed is issued by Sanders.

Many of the names are well known as murder trial witnesses or police officers. Others turn out to be parking lot attendants or hospital workers. Others cannot be checked.

It is these unknown witnesses who may provide the only new evidence in the much-investigated events.

Friday's single witness was Huey Reeves. Reserve officers H. B. Holly, A. M. Criss, G. E. Worley, K. G. Croy and A. R. Brock made statements Thursday night.

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