

DALLAS ABSOLVED, CIVIC LEADERS SAY

Report Called an Answer to
'City of Hate' Charges

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DALLAS, Sept. 27 (UPI)—Civic leaders said tonight that the Warren Commission report was Dallas's answer to "city of hate" charges and cleared the city of any blame in the assassination of President Kennedy. There were dissenting voices. But many citizens, prominent and otherwise, cited this sentence in the report:

"The commission has found no evidence that the extreme views expressed toward President Kennedy by some right-wing groups centered in Dallas or any other general atmosphere of hate or right-wing extremism which may have existed in the city of Dallas had any connection with [Lee Harvey] Oswald's actions on Nov. 22 [1963]."

Report Satisfies Mayor

Mayor Erik Jonsson said the first angry reaction of some toward Dallas after the assassination was understandable, but the criticism has subsided in recent months, he added. Mr. Jonsson took office after the assassination.

"It [the report] removes any stigma from the city. The doubting Thomases should take note of it. Of course, you'll never convince everybody," he said.

Former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, a militantly conservative anti-Communist, charged that the report was wrong, that Lee Harvey Oswald was not alone. "There's bound to have been a plot," he said.

In neighboring Fort Worth, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, Oswald's mother, said "there is no proof" her son acted alone.

Federal Judge Sarah T. Hughes, a Kennedy appointee who swore in Lyndon B. Johnson as President, refused to comment on the commission report. "We have had enough comments," she said.

Judge Hughes, since the assassination, has charged that Dallas is a "city of hate."

Hunt Calls It 'Honest'

H. L. Hunt, Texas oil millionaire, said the report was a "very honest finding."

Sam Ruby, brother of Oswald's convicted slayer, Jack Ruby, said lawyers had advised him and the rest of his family not to comment on the report.

"We won't have any comment," Police Chief Jesse Curry said.

The Warren Commission criticized Dallas police procedures in connection with the slaying

of Oswald by Ruby and the handling of crowds of newsmen and photographs at city jail after Oswald was captured.

Stanley Marcus, president of the Neiman-Marcus specialty stores, also refused to comment. Mr. Marcus put an advertisement in Dallas newspapers after the assassination, saying that there were many good things about Dallas but that the city also had faults that needed correcting.

Mr. Hunt, at Dallas Love Field before boarding a plane for New York, said the Cuban Premier, Fidel Castro, might have influenced Oswald, but that Dallas conservatives had not.