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# DESPITE RUMORS, WILD TALES

# FBI and Dallas Police Not at War

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WAR between the Dallas Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation make great reading. It is chock full of juicy bits of agents and detectives going over evidence, withholding information from each other, snarling at one another on the street.

As to the charge of the sensationalists, it's just not true. The hints and rumors and wild tales to the contrary. It is true that no Dallas police officers have been admitted to the FBI's national police academy since November, 1963, but FBI agents acted as instructors in the local police academy—except for riot training since that time.

DOES THIS mean war? No, say the facts gleaned from officials of both of the enforcement agencies, plus Dallas Herald interviews with men who do the work—the police officers and the FBI men. "Yeah, before we go out to make an arrest together or to get a little information we'll talk for a few minutes about how much we hate each other," says one officer. "The bosses put it more mildly. They know of no lack of cooperation matters of mutual interest," says J. Gordon Shanklin, Dallas agent in charge of the Dallas FBI office. He notes that there is continual exchanging of information and aid between the agencies.

DALLAS POLICE Chief Jesse Curry says: "Our relations with all local agents are fine—nothing is strained as far as we're concerned."

"We work together on a wide variety of cases, as you can plainly see by the fact that

there are agents in and out of our offices all day long."

SO WHY all the noise? Where and why did the "war talk" get started?

It began, as anyone who followed the investigation knows, immediately after the assassination of President Kennedy.

The nation and the rest of the world looked desperately for a scapegoat. The Secret Service, the State Department, the FBI and the Dallas police all took their turns at the whipping post.

And as rapidly as the heat came, each agency tried to avert it.

OCCASIONALLY this left Chief Curry and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover at opposite ends of the statement pole. There was a flap immediately after the assassination when the chief said the FBI had never informed his department of Lee Harvey Oswald's presence in Dallas, for instance.

There were countermoves and counter-countermoves between the two officials, some of them involving direct statements, others indirect "leaks" to the press.

The most recent direct slap came from Mr. Hoover a few weeks back when he told a

congressional committee that Jack Ruby would never have been able to murder Oswald if the accused assassin had been a federal prisoner, implying heavily that the FBI knows more about handling prisoners than the Dallas police.

THE CLIMAX of this parrying came in the now-famous statement which FBI Agent James Hosty did or did not make in the basement of City Hall shortly after the assassination to a Dallas police lieutenant, Jack Revill.

Lt. Revill, in a written memorandum, quoted Agent Hosty as saying that the FBI was familiar with Oswald and knew that he was a Communist capable of assassinating the President.

Agent Hosty denied saying anything such thing. Chief Curry stood resolutely

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