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DISTRICT ATTORNEY (320)

DALLAS, TEX. NOV. 23 (AP)-DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE, THE JACK RUBY PROSECUTOR WHO WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO PRAISE THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT, NOW BELIEVES THERE ARE "UNANSWERED QUESTIONS" CONCERNING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

WADE EMPHASIZED YESTERDAY THAT HE WAS NOT ASKING FOR A NEW INVESTIGATION. AND HE SAID HE HAD HEARD NO PLANS FOR A NEW, OFFICIAL PROBE.

ONE UNSETTLED POINT, HE SAID, WAS WHETHER LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS AIDED OR DIRECTED IN SHOOTING THE PRESIDENT. THE WARREN COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT SAID OSWALD ACTED ALONE AND WAS THE ASSASSIN. A RUBY LAWYER PRAISED THE COMMISSION REPORT.

"OF COURSE WHEN HE (OSWALD) WAS SHOT," SAID WADE, "HIS LIPS WERE SEALED. IF THERE ARE OTHERS INVOLVED, I DON'T EXPECT THEM TO COME FORWARD AND ADMIT IT."

WADE FOUND STILL ANOTHER DISCREPANCY IN THE REPORT. "FOR ONE THING THERE SEEMS TO BE A DISAGREEMENT OVER THE NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED," HE SAID.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY APPARENTLY WAS SWAYED BY PUBLISHED STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIS OLD FRIEND, TEXAS GOV. JOHN B. CONNALLY, SERIOUSLY WOUNDED WHEN KENNEDY WAS SHOT TO DEATH.

CONNALLY HAS BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING, AFTER A STUDY OF MOTION PICTURE SLIDES OF THE ASSASSINATION, THAT THE WARREN COMMISSION ERRED IN THE SHOOTING SEQUENCE. THE GOVERNOR INSISTED HE WAS STRUCK BY THE SECOND SHOT FIRED, NOT THE FIRST ONE WHICH STRUCK THE PRESIDENT.

WADE SAID HE AND HIS STAFF ALSO HAVE STUDIED SEVERAL BOOKS AND ARTICLES DEALING WITH FACETS OF THE ASSASSINATION AND HAD DISMISSED MOST AS "NONSENSE," INCLUDING REPORTS OF MYSTERIOUS DEATHS OF PERSONS CONNECTED WITH EVENTS OF NOV. 22, 1963, BUT HE CITED ONE INVESTIGATIVE BOOK AS RAISING "INTERESTING QUESTIONS."

HE WOULD NOT NAME THE BOOK.

PHIL BURLESON, ATTORNEY FOR RUBY, SAID, "I THINK THE WARREN COMMISSION DID A GOOD JOB AND A THOROUGH JOB. I FEEL LIKE THE CRITICS WOULD SERVE THE COUNTRY BETTER BY SUPPLYING ANSWERS RATHER THAN QUESTIONS."

"IF THEY CAN COME UP WITH CONCRETE ANSWERS, THEN I THINK A RE-EVALUATION IS IN ORDER."

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