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JUDGE HUGHES (190)

DALLAS, APRIL 5 (AP)-U.S. DIST. JUDGE SARAH T. HUGHES SAYS DALLAS' POLITICAL CLIMATE CONTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

"THERE WAS A CLIMATE OF HATE IN DALLAS THAT WAS NOT EVIDENT IN ANY OTHER PLACE, JUDGE HUGHES SAID LAST NIGHT DURING A PANEL DISCUSSION FOR 40 LATIN AMERICAN JOURNALISTS VISITING DALLAS ON A GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED TOUR OF THE COUNTRY. SHE ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON AFTER THE ASSASSINATION NOV. 22.

"I DEFINITELY THINK THAT THE FEELING IN DALLAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT (LEE HARVEY) OSWALD, (ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF KENNEDY) WOULD DO THIS DEED HERE RATHER THAN IN SOME OTHER CITY," SHE SAID.

SHE ADDED THAT THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST KENNEDY IN DALLAS HAD BEEN MANIFEST FOR A LONG TIME BEFORE HE WAS KILLED.

FELIX MCKNIGHT, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PANEL, DISAGREED WITH JUDGE HUGHES.

"I RESENT THE IMPLICATION THAT THIS IS A CITY OF HATRED," HE SAID.

NEITHER DALLAS NOR ANY OTHER CITY EVER VOTED 100 TO 0 IN FAVOR OF ANYTHING HE SAID AND CONTINUED:

"I AM SURE THAT JUDGE HUGHES, AS A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THE UNITED STATES, WOULD BE THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE THAT EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE ACCORDING TO HIS OWN OPINION."

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