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Letters Attacking President Reported by Papers in Dallas

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DALLAS, Jan. 9—Letters attacking President Johnson with the extreme language used against President Kennedy are being received by the editors of the two Dallas daily newspapers.

However, The Times Herald, the afternoon paper, has changed its policy since the assassination and refused to print the more inflammatory correspondence.

"We had been guilty before of running letters that try to smear everything and everybody," A. C. Greene, chief of its editorial page, said today.

"One of the personal things I resolved last November was that we were just not going to use any more of the letters with wild and unsupported charges."

The Times Herald printed a letter today that said President Johnson "is following the spend, spend, program of his predecessors."

Mr. Greene said the paper would be open for such criticism, but not the "out-and-out hate letters."

Some letters, he said, begin by criticizing Mr. Johnson but wind up with a denunciation of Mr. Kennedy.

"I may be guilty of letting emotionalism interfere with my editorial judgment," he said, "but I figure they've had their chance at the Kennedy Administration."

In the city's other newspaper, The Morning News, a reader in Mineral Wells protested yesterday the wheat sale to the Soviet Union. His letter ended:

"Come election time, these same Congressmen and L.B.J. may wind up on the losing side—for heeding our enemy and catering to the whims of a dictatorial President."

The same reader had written to The News in mid-November to protest "the better-Red than-dead policy of the Kennedy Administration."

Dick West, editorial page chief, said The News "feels we should run those letters."

"That's the way some people feel," he added.

In days preceding Mr. Kennedy's visit here Nov. 22, letters appeared in The News denouncing him for having re-

ceived President Tito of Yugoslavia at the White House, and accusing him of having made political junkets and having mismanaged "A multimillion dollar giveaway to foreigners."

A student at University of Dallas wrote that under President Kennedy "the United States has become a mat for the Soviet Union to wipe its feet on every time Mr. Khrushchev decides to take a step."

Other letters called Mr. Kennedy "a socialist," a "self-acknowledged brave man" and a politician whose money "bought the White House in 1960."

On Nov. 21, four of the eight letters printed by The News were strenuously critical of the President.

Mr. West said the paper had "a policy of balancing comment, of running as much mail against the politician as for him."

He said he expected the number of anti-Johnson letters to increase.

"The local Republicans have an efficient apparatus for letter-writing," he explained. "They even have a letters-to-the-editor chairman in their clubs."

The News requires that all letters be signed.

"We will not print letters that stir up racial or religious animosity," Mr. West said. "We would not let a Baptist cut loose on the Roman Catholics, or vice versa."

At Times Herald, the new policy has brought complaints.

"I was no particular supporter of President Kennedy," Mr. Greene said. "But around here if you try to be fair, all of a sudden some people class you as a complete liberal."

Oswald's Wife to Testify

DALLAS, Jan. 9 (UPI)—Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald, convinced her husband killed President Kennedy, prepared today to appear before the Warren commission investigating the assassination.