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New York, April 17 (AP)- An oil company executive who criticized the political attitude of Dallas in a national magazine article last month said today that he had resigned his job.

The executive, J.M. Shea Jr., 41, was senior vice president of American Petrofina Co. of Texas, a Dallas oil firm.

"I can't comment," Shea said when asked if he had resigned because of reaction to the article.

Shea wrote an article that appeared in LOOK magazine March 24. It criticized the political attitude to Dallas before and since the assassination last November of President John F. Kennedy.

He wrote that Dallas leaders had failed to oppose extremist organizations, adding:

"When the hate throwers came along, they simply stood back and let the stones fly."

Shea, who lives in Dallas, said he had received more than 800 letters on the article, most of them from Dallas citizens. He said about 85 per cent of the letters supported his stand.

Shea was in charge of marketing, refining, transportation and crude oil purchasing for the Dallas firm, a subsidiary of American Petrofina Inc., of New York. He also resigned as a vice president and a director of the parent company.

A spokesman for American Petrofina Inc. said the company had received about 20 letters on Shea's article, although the name of the company was not mentioned in the article. The author was identified only as an oil executive.

"The company was not disturbed about the letters it received," said John Mackenzie, secretary. "We haven't seen that much reaction."

Mackenzie said the company had no comment on Shea's resignation, which was received yesterday in New York. He said the letters, most of them from Dallas residents, were divided in their reaction, some supported Shea, others attacked his stand.

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