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DALLAS REACTION (770)

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DALLA , SEPT. 28 (AP)-DALLAS LEADERS HAILED THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT TODAY AS A VERDICT OF INNOCENT--AN EXONERATION OF CHARGES THAT THE CITY WAS TO BLAME FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

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"I HOPE WE HAVE DISPELLED THE MYTH THAT THERE'S AN UNFAVORABLE CLIMATE IN DALLAS THAT ENGENDERS AN ASSASSINATION,"

MAYOR ERIK JONSSON SAID AFTER READING A SUMMARY OF THE REPORT.

THE PRESIDENT WAS SLAIN IN DOWNTOWN DALLAS LAST NOV. 22 BY A SNIPER THE COMMISSION SAID YESTERDAY WAS LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

IT SAID HE HAD NO CONSPIRATORS, FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC, LEFTWING OR RIGHT.

DALLAS HAD BEEN CRITICIZED FROM MANY QUARTERS AS A HAVEN OF "HATE GROUPS," PARTICULARLY EXTREMIST RIGHT WING ELEMENTS.

JOHN STEMMONS, PRESIDENT OF THE DALLAS CITIZENS COUNCIL, VIELED THE WARREN REPORT AS "COMPLETE VINDICATION OF SUCH MALICIOUS AND IMPULSIVE CHARGES."

"THE REPORT," HE SAID, "IS CONCLUSIVE PROOF THIS WAS AN ACT OF A MADMAN, NOT THAT OF SOME GOVERNMENT OPPOSING OUR GOVERNMENT, OR A GROUP OPPOSED TO OUR WAY OF LIFE."

THE DALLAS CITIZENS COUNCIL, COMPOSED OF 250 BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, HAS GUIDED THE CITY TO MOST OF ITS BUSINESS AND CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 1936, INCLUDING INTEGRATION GAINS.

U. S. ATTY. BAREFOOT SANDERS SAID HE CONSIDERED IT A "FINE THING" THAT THE COMMISSION CLEARED THE CITY OF CHARGES THAT IT HAS A "HATE" ATMOSPHERE."

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ATMOSPHERE."

THE REPORT SAID AN "ATMOSPHERE OF EXTREME OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT
KENNEDY" EXISTED "IN SOME PARTS OF THE DALLAS COMMUNITY" BEFORE HIS
ASSASSINATION. BUT THE COMMISSION SAID IT FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT
THIS ANTI-KENNEDY FEELING INFLUENCED OSWALD IN HIS DECISION TO KILL
THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

"THE COMMISSION," THE REPORT SAID, "HAS FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT THE
EXTREME VIEWS EXPRESSED TOWARD PRESIDENT KENNEDY BY SOME RIGHT-WING
GROUPS CENTERED IN DALLAS OR ANY OTHER GENERAL ATMOSPHERE OF HATE
OR RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM WHICH MAY HAVE EXISTED IN DALLAS HAD ANY
CONNECTION WITH OSWALD'S ACTIONS ON NOV. 22.

"THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO WAY TO JUDGE WHAT THE EFFECT OF THE
GENERAL POLITICAL FERMENT IN THE CITY MIGHT HAVE BEEN..."

THE REV. ~~XX~~ 10TH GRAF PREVIOUS.

THE REV. WILLIAM A. HOLMES, THE METHODIST MINISTER WHO HAD REPORTED
THAT SOME SCHOOL CHILDREN CHEERED UPON LEARNING OF THE ASSASSINATION,
SAID HE HAS NOTED "SIGNS OF MODERATION" IN DALLAS.

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MULTIMILLIONAIRE OILMAN H. L. HUNT, MAJOR ADVERTISING SUPPORTER
OF THE CONSERVATIVE-ORIENTED "LIFE LINE" RADIO PROGRAM, CALLED THE
REPORT "A VERY HONEST FINDING."

MARINE OSWALD, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN'S WIDOW WHO LIVES IN THE DALLAS
SUBURB OF RICHARDSON, WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT.

JACK LEGETT, A REPRESENTATIVE OF HARPER AND ROW, NEW YORK PUBLISHING
HOUSE, SAID MRS. OSWALD WAS AT A REMOTE SPOT WITH A WOMAN WRITER
HELPING HER WRITE A BOOK. LEGETT SAID ANY COMMENT MARINE WOULD HAVE
ABOUT THE REPORT WOULD BE IN HER BOOK.

SHE HAS PUBLICLY SAID PREVIOUSLY SHE BELIEVED THE EVIDENCE POINTED
TO OSWALD AS THE ASSASSIN.

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AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT ON THE REPORT'S CRITICISM OF HOW DALLAS OFFICERS
HANDLED THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION.

THE REPORT SAID POOR SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR OSWALD CONTRIBUTED TO HIS SLAYING BY DALLAS NIGHTCLUB OPERATOR JACK RUBY. AND IT SAID THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION BY POLICE TO NEWSMEN "PROVIDED MUCH OF THE BASIS FOR THE MYTHS AND RUMORS THAT CAME INTO BEING SOON AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH."

MAYOR JONSSON, HOWEVER, SAID "WONDERFUL POLICE WORK" LED TO OSWALD'S ARREST IN TWO HOURS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

EARLE CABELL, WHO WAS MAYOR AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION, SAID THIS:

"OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS CONFRONTED WITH A SITUATION SUCH AS HAS NEVER BEEN DUPLICATED IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY.

"MY OPINION IS THAT THE WARREN REPORT MEMBERS...WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CRITICAL OF CHIEF OF POLICE JESSE CURRY HAD HE IN ANY WAY ATTEMPTED TO ENFORCE A BLACKOUT OF NEWS TO THE WORLD PUBLIC."

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CURRY DID SAY IN A TELEVISION SHOW MADE BEFORE THE REPORT WAS RELEASED THAT IF HE HAD IT TO DO OVER, "I WOULDN'T LET THEM (NEWSMEN) INSIDE CITY HALL," WHERE OSWALD WAS SHOT DURING A JAIL TRANSFER.

THE REPORT GOT A CRITICAL REVIEW FROM MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD OF FORT WORTH, MOTHER OF THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN.

"I CAN BREAK THIS WHOLE THING APART," SHE SAID, SLAMMING HER FIST DOWN ON A BOUND COPY OF THE REPORT. "I'M GOING TO MAKE FOOLS OF THEM." SHE SAID SHE HAD FACTS THAT MADE HER BELIEVE HER SON WAS INNOCENT, BUT SHE DISCLOSED NONE.

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INSERT AFTER 23RD GRAF "I CAN XX DISCLOSED NONE."

ANOTHER CRITIC WAS FORMER MAJ. GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER, WHO CALLED THE REPORT A "WHITEWASH" HANDED DOWN TO CONCEAL "SOME SORT OF CONSPIRACY."

WALKER, WHO THE COMMISSION CONCLUDED ALSO WAS THE TARGET OF AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT BY OSWALD ON APRIL 10, 1963, REJECTED THE REPORT'S VERDICT THAT THE PRO-COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER ACTED ALONE IN KILLING PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

ROBERT OSWALD SAID, HOWEVER, THERE XX EDITING INTO 24TH GRAF.

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ROBERT OSWALD SAID THERE IS NOW NO DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT HIS BROTHER, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WAS THE ASSASSIN.

OSWALD, 30, SALES MANAGER FOR A BRICK COMPANY AT WICHITA FALLS, TEX., SAID IN A TELEVISED INTERVIEW HERE HE DID HAVE SOME LINGERING DOUBT ABOUT HIS BROTHER'S MOTIVES.

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"THE COMMISSION REPORT GOES INTO A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE MOTIVES AND PROBABILITIES. TWO OR THREE COME CLOSE TO MY OWN PERSONAL THINKING..." HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

HE ALSO SAID HE AGREED WITH THE REPORT THAT HIS BROTHER KILLED DALLAS POLICEMAN J. D. TIPPIT IN HIS FLIGHT FROM THE ASSASSINATION SCENE.

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TIPPIT'S WIDOW, MEANWHILE, SAID SHE WASN'T SURPRISED THE COMMISSION FOUND NO CONNECTION BETWEEN HER HUSBAND AND LEE HARVEY OSWALD, OR RUBY.

"I DON'T KNOW HOW THOSE RUMORS GOT STARTED," SHE SAID WISTFULLY. THE TIPPIT FAMILY HAS RECEIVED MOR THAN

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DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE AND LAWYER JOE TONAHILL BOTH SAID THEY AGREED WITH THE COMMISSION'S OBSERVATION THAT A FAIR TRIAL FOR OSWALD WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN IN DALLAS.

WADE PROSECUTED THE RUBY CASE, DRAWING A DEATH SENTENCE FOR THE NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR. TONAHILL HELPED DEFEND RUBY.

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WADE SAID IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF NO ONE HAD COMMENTED ON EVIDENCE REGARDING OSWALD.

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EVIDENCE REGARDING OSWALD.

"ALL EVIDENCE SHOULD HAVE COME FROM THE WITNESS STAND," WADE SAID,

"...BUT WHEN THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN KILLED YOU HAVE SOME REAL PROBLEMS. THE PRESS WAS YELLING AND SCREAMING FOR INFORMATION..."

TONAHILL, WHO WITH SAN FRANCISCO LAWYER MELVIN BELLI DEFENDED RUBY, SAID:

"THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE WENT ON TELEVISION AND TOLD THE WORLD THEY HAD ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO SEND OSWALD TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR. "I DON'T SEE HOW HE COULD HAVE GOTTEN A FAIR TRIAL AFTER THAT."

(EDS: IN 12TH AND 13TH GRAFS BEGINNING "MARINE OSWALD" AND ENDING "HER BOOK" MAKE FIRST NAME XX MARINA.)

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