

If Oswald Had Been Tried . . .

DALLAS — (AP) — Both have gotten a fair trial after that.”

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade and lawyer Joe Tonahill said yesterday they agreed with the Warren Commission's observation that a fair trial for Lee Harvey Oswald would have been difficult to obtain. The commission's report said in part:

“The numerous statements, sometimes erroneous, made to the press by various local law enforcement officials, during this period of confusion and disorder in the (Dallas) police station (the night of Nov. 22 and during the day Nov. 23), would have presented serious obstacles to the obtaining of a fair trial for Oswald. . . .”

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The commission has concluded that it was Oswald, a 24 year old self-styled Marxist, who assassinated President Kennedy. He was arrested about a n hour and a half after Kennedy was shot, and was himself shot to death the morning of Nov. 24 by Jack Ruby, a Dallas nightclub operator.

Ruby was sentenced to death in March for the slaying of Oswald. Wade prosecuted; Tonahill, along with Melvin Belli, defended.

“The local law enforcement people went on television and told the world that they had enough evidence to send Oswald to the electric chair,” Tonahill said today. “I don't see how he could

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The Jasper, Tex., lawyer also said he was very favorably impressed with the Warren report except that it should have stressed that the assassination was “a product of Communism.”

“I feel it's inescapable that the assassination was a product of Oswald's hate of the good things of America which came to him from his stay in Russia,” Tonahill said.