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WITH WARREN REPORT (220)

RALEIGH, N.C., SEPT 28 (AP)-SAM RAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS MANAGING EDITORS ASSOCIATION, NAMED A COMMITTEE TODAY TO "GIVE THOUGHT AND STUDY" TO CRITICISM OF THE PRESS VOICED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT ON PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

RAGAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE NEWS AND OBSERVER AND RALEIGH TIMES, SAID THE COMMISSION'S CRITICISMS "MERIT OUR SERIOUS CONCERN AND STUDY. NEWSPAPERS OF AMERICA HAVE BEEN FOR SOME TIME DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF THE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM MASS COVERAGE OF MAJOR NEWS EVENTS."

"IT IS MY OPINION, HOWEVER, THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORDERLY COVERAGE OF SUCH EVENTS LIES WITH THE PROPER AUTHORITIES IN CHARGE AT THE TIME," RAGAN ADDED. "SUCH AUTHORITIES, OF COURSE, MUST HAVE THE COOPERATION OF NEWS MEDIA."

"BECAUSE I FEEL THAT THE REQUEST IN THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT RELATING TO NEWS MEDIA IS REASONABLE AND THAT THIS IS A MATTER OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE PRESS AS A WHOLE, I HAVE TODAY APPOINTED A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF DISTINGUISHED EDITORS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF APME TO GIVE THOUGHT AND STUDY TO THE PROBLEM AND MAKE SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS AS THEY SEE FIT."

RAGAN SAID THE COMMITTEE WILL BE HEADED BY APME VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BEEBE, MANAGING EDITOR OF THE MIAMI HERALD. OTHER MEMBERS ARE WILLIAM B. DICKINSON, MANAGING EDITOR OF THE PHILADELPHIA BULLETIN; I. WILLIAM HILL, MANAGING EDITOR OF THE WASHINGTON EVENING STAR; CLIFTON DANIEL, MANAGING EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES; AND FELIX MCKNIGHT, EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE DALLAS TIMES-HERALD.

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