

# U.S. News Officials Agree Report Noted Big Problem

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
News executives in the United States widely agreed that a crisis had not only been pointed up in the Warren commission's criticism of the assassination of President Kennedy's assassination.

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"In an age where much less than the assassination of the president could trigger an atomic war, to delay facts as criminal case to the assassination of the president of the United States would not only be futile but basically wrong, he added.

They also said studies are being initiated to find means of resolving the difficulties.  
But they emphasized news media had a primary obligation to get information as fully and rapidly as possible in a case of such overriding public importance.

Some exceptions also were voiced to the critics.  
Several editors commented it had been up to Dallas authorities to lay down rules for orderly conditions in police premises.

However, leaders in the news industry disclosed that various efforts are under way, or being launched, to seek means for coping with such situations in the future.

**FLOODED DALLAS**  
The commission complained news personnel flooding Dallas at the time of the assassination showed a "lack of self discipline" and created "general disorder" in Dallas police headquarters.

News media were urged to draw up a code of conduct for such situations.

The report said both news media and police authorities "who failed to improve conditions more in keeping with orderly processes of justice" must share blame for the breakdown of security involved in the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Oswald was being led through a police department when he was packed with newspaper men and broadcasting crews, when Jack Ruby, a Dallas nightclub owner, stepped out of the crowd and shot him.

The commission also said the news outpouring of "undigested evidence" contributed to myths and rumors.

**MEETINGS PLANNED**  
Miles H. Wolf, executive editor of the Greenboro (N.C.) Daily News and president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, said a special study committee plans consultations with radio-television officials on the problems.

The ASNE committee chairman, Alfred Friendly, managing editor of the Washington Post, said the commission's criticisms "must obviously be weighed thoughtfully by everyone concerned with the functions of news presentation in a democratic society."

He added that a preliminary report by his committee would recommend a system for "pooling of news items in certain instances" where large numbers of them could create confusion.

At the same time, Sam Ragan, president of the Associated Press Managing Editors Association, named a special committee of outstanding editors to study the question and make recommendations.

Ragan, executive editor of the News and Observer, Raleigh, N.C., and the Raleigh Times, said "newspapers of America have been for some time deeply conscious of the problems arising from mass coverage of major news events."

**CRITICISMS MERIT STUDY**  
He said the commission's criticisms "merit our serious concern and study," and added:

"It is my opinion, however, the responsibility for orderly coverage of such events lies with the proper authorities in charge at the time. Such authorities, of course, must have the co-operation of news media."

George Beebe, managing editor of the Miami Herald, was named to head the study committee.

Gene Robb, president of the American Newspaper Publishers Association and publisher of the Albany (N.Y.) Times-Union and the Knickerbocker News, said the ANPA also has similar studies in progress.

"The paramount public interest that newspapers always must serve is to get and print the news, exactly what they did in the Oswald case," he said.

**PROBLEMS SPOTLIGHTED**  
The Columbia Broadcasting System said its view was expressed in a speech by May by Network President Frank Stanton who said the chaotic conditions in Dallas during the spotlight on some problems with which the medium has not yet learned to cope."

"What the problem boils down to," he said, "is the degree to which the individual rights of accused defendants are compromised by the rights of the media to report and of the public to know."

Turner Catledge, executive editor of the New York Times, said the commission's criticisms are "for all of us a clear warning and a clear call to take a hard look at the situation with a view to doing something about it."

He added "if we don't do it ourselves, somebody is going to come along with ordinances and laws to cram down our throats. Certainly there is a tremendous problem in regard to mass coverage of these major events."

"These specialties are not done by us any good whatsoever," West Gallaher, general manager of The Associated Press, said that "undoubtedly there is much to be done in curbing the excess of mass reporting." He said exploring the means to accomplish this can be useful.

**UTILITY SEEN**  
"However, to try to apply the utility criteria of what should

10 The Guardian, Charlottetown, Thurs. Oct. 1, 1964.

ation is the urgency of informing the public. He said the Warren report confirms that the American press did an "outstanding job" of that he added.

"This does not mean that the press and the public officials could not have conducted themselves better or obtained their information in a more orderly fashion at Dallas.

**CAUSED PROBLEMS**  
"Mass reporting has caused increasing problems in recent years, hindering getting the

news to the public rather than speeding it."  
Earl J. Johnson, vice-president and editor of United Press International, commented:

"We have a responsibility to be represented at all newsworthy events by reporters and photographers because we and the AP are primary for daily newspapers and broadcasters.

"I would not attempt to say how many specialists should be on the scene of a big story. That is for their editors to decide. The authorities can always limit

the number to suit security requirements.

"It was not the number of reporters present which permitted Ruby to shoot Oswald in Dallas."

**CUT PASSENGER SEATS**

**MONTREAL (CP)**—Air Canada plans to eliminate 18 economy class passenger seats from each of two of its 16 DC-8 jets to make way for an extra 7,000 pounds of cargo on transcontinental and transatlantic routes.

The change over can be made in a day. The planes can be reconfigured to carry more passengers in the spring.

## Coin Demand Expanding In Canada

By DON HARRINGTON  
**OTTAWA (CP)**—Demand for Canadian coins has exploded. Unfilled orders are piling up quickly here despite a tripling of coin production at the Royal Canadian Mint in the last three years.  
The mint expects to turn out close to 500,000,000 coins this

year, 50-per-cent more than last year. It is working double shifts six days a week. It is adding new equipment and has even installed one new coin press in a washroom.

Meanwhile, requisitions for coins by the chartered banks to the Bank of Canada in the January - August period this year were up 218 per cent from a year earlier.

There is no end in sight to the spiralling demand, authorities say.  
They believe much of it is caused by a real shortage, brought on by the increasing popularity of vending ma-

chines, the spread of parking meters, retail sales and other devices which evidently more saving of pennies.

But there is also an element of speculation. Fearing a shortage, retailers and others may be stocking up on coins. This has a multiplier effect; the greater the shortage, the higher the demand and so on in a vicious circle.

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