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NEW YORK (UPI)-- AUTHOR WILLIAM MANCHESTER SUNDAY ACCUSED MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY AND OTHERS OF TRYING "TO SUPPRESS VITAL FACTS" CONTAINED IN THE CONTROVERSIAL BOOK "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT."

MRS. KENNEDY, HE SAID, ALSO INCITED SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY INTO A "TIGERLIKE" RAGE TO THE POINT WHERE HE DEMANDED THE PROJECT BE ABANDONED, ALTHOUGH BOTH HAD GIVEN HIM WRITTEN ASSURANCE THEY WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO CENSOR IT. MANCHESTER SAID MRS. KENNEDY "BLAZED HIGH AS A BONFIRE" PRIOR TO THE RECENT COURT BATTLE OVER DELETIONS FROM THE TEXT DEMANDED BY THE KENNEDY FAMILY. THE BOOK IS THE ACCOUNT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND THE AFTERMATH OF NOV. 22, 1963.

THE ACCUSATIONS, INTERTWINED WITH PRAISE AND ADMIRATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S WIDOW, ARE CONTAINED IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF LOOK MAGAZINE. IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S OWN STORY," IT WILL APPEAR ON NEWSTANDS TUESDAY.

"UNBELIEVABLE CHARGES WERE MADE, UNFORGIVABLE WORDS SPOKEN AND TREASURED FRIENDSHIPS RUPTURED," MANCHESTER SAID OF THE TUMULT SURROUNDING THE BOOK AND ITS RECENT SERIALIZATION IN LOOK.

HE SAID MRS. KENNEDY AT FIRST FELT THE BOOK WOULD BE "DISREGARDED" BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. "I THOUGHT," SHE TOLD ME LAST SUMMER, "THAT IT WOULD BE FOUND IN BLACK AND PUT AWAY ON DARK LIBRARY SHELVES," MANCHESTER SAID.

HE ALSO SAID MRS. KENNEDY DID LITTLE TO HELP HIM IN HIS RESEARCH OF THE BOOK. THE KENNEDY FAMILY HAD SELECTED HIM TO WRITE IT AS THE DEFINITIVE ACCOUNT OF JOHN F. KENNEDY'S DEATH. "ALTHOUGH MRS. KENNEDY HAS ASKED ME TO DO IT, I CAN THINK OF ONLY THREE DOORS SHE ACTUALLY OPENED FOR ME, NONE OF THEM VITAL," MANCHESTER SAID.

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MANCHESTER SAID AS EARLIER AS MID-1964 HE "FOUND IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH ANY SATISFACTORY PROFESSIONAL CONTACT" WITH EITHER MRS. KENNEDY OR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

THE COURT BATTLE FOLLOWED DEMANDS BY THE KENNEDY FAMILY FOR CERTAIN DELETIONS IN THE MANCHESTER TEXT AFTER IT WAS BEING PREPARED FOR SERIALIZATION IN LOOK, WHICH PAID \$665,000 FOR THE RIGHTS.

"WHEN MRS. KENNEDY ULTIMATELY SAW THE MANUSCRIPT, SHE ASKED ME TO CUT SOME 1,600 WORDS," THE MANCHESTER ARTICLE SAID. "IN SUM, OVER 75 PERCENT OF THE DELETIONS PROPOSED IN HER BEHALF DID NOT INVOLVE HER. THEY WERE AN EXTENSION OF THE ATTEMPT TO SUPPRESS VITAL FACTS."

HE SAID MRS. KENNEDY HAD ACCUSED HIM OF "COMMERCIALIZATION" IN SELLING THE SERIALIZATION RIGHTS. HE SAID HE WAS ASKED TO DELETE 6,472 WORDS.

HE SAID PAM TURNURE, MRS. KENNEDY'S SECRETARY, WAS ALLOWED TO READ THE MANUSCRIPT AND "HACKED OUT 77 PASSAGES OR PHRASES."

MANCHESTER WROTE THAT HIS LENGTHY INTERVIEWS WITH MRS. KENNEDY BROUGHT HIM ALMOST TO TEARS AND THAT HE DESTROYED 200 PAGES OF TEXT FROM HIS FIRST DRAFT WHICH HE THOUGHT "WERE EITHER TOO PERSONAL OR NEEDLESSLY CRITICAL OF MEN STILL IN PUBLIC LIFE."

HE SAID HE ALSO REFUSED TO DISCUSS THEM WITH THE WARREN COMMISSION DURING ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION.

MANCHESTER WROTE OF THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING HIS BOOK THAT AFTER IT IS FORGOTTEN HISTORY WOULD RECALL THAT "IN OUR HOUR OF DISGRACE AND CONFUSION, JACQUELINE BOUVIER KENNEDY, WHO HAD LOST MORE THAN ANY OF US, HELD US ALL TOGETHER, REMAINED TRUE TO THE LEADER WE HAD LOST, AND, IN KINDLING THAT ARLINGTON FLAME, REKINDLED OUR NATIONAL PRIDE."

MANCHESTER SAID MRS. KENNEDY, IN A MEMO SENT TO ANOTHER AUTHOR ON OCT. 1, 1964, SAID THE BOOK WOULD BE PUBLISHED "WITH NO CENSORSHIP FROM MYSELF OR FROM ANYONE ELSE." HE SAID HE WAS SENT A CARBON COPY.

"I HAVE TOO MUCH RESPECT FOR HISTORY TO TAMPER WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS (MANCHESTER'S) RESEARCH. I HAVE NO WISH TO DECIDE WHO WRITES HISTORY..." THE MEMO SAID.

HE SAID SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY LAST JULY 29 SENT HIM A TELEGRAM SAYING "MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY WILL PLACE NO OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF PUBLICATION" OF THE BOOK.

MANCHESTER SAID SEN. KENNEDY WAS "PUZZLED" BY MRS. KENNEDY'S CHANGE OF ATTITUDE WHEN IT WAS DISCLOSED THAT LOOK HAD BOUGHT THE SERIALIZATION RIGHTS.

HE SAID HE WAS SUMMONED TO KENNEDY'S WASHINGTON OFFICE AUG. 12 AND "SPENT THREE OF THE MOST UNCOMFORTABLE HOURS OF MY LIFE" THERE WITH EVAN THOMAS, AN EDITOR OF HARPER & ROW, THE BOOK'S PUBLISHER, AND KENNEDY ADVISER JOHN SEIGENTHALER, EDITOR OF THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN.

THE PREVIOUS WEEK, MANCHESTER WROTE, MRS. KENNEDY "BLAZED HIGH AS A BONFIRE, AND BY THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THE SPARKS HAD IGNITED" KENNEDY. HE DESCRIBED KENNEDY AS "TIGERLIKE" DURING THE CONFRONTATION IN HIS OFFICE.

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