

# Kennedy Book Distorts Facts, Ex-Mayor Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former mayor of Dallas Saturday accused author William Manchester and "his advisers" of a deliberate attempt to distort history in parts of Manchester's book on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Rep. Earle Cabell (D-Tex.), who was mayor at the time of the slaying Nov. 22, 1963, called a news conference to dispute an account of the removal of Mr. Kennedy's body from a Dallas hospital, which he said will appear in Look magazine's second installment of the Manchester book, "The Death of a President."

Cabell said the book is critical of Dallas officials who insisted that laws dealing with the removal of bodies from the hospital and the state be complied with. The book tells of bitterness in the Kennedy party at the ensuing delay.

## Blames 'Selfish Desires'

Those delays referred to, Cabell said, "were criticized only by those who would have superimposed their own will and selfish desires over duly constituted laws enacted for the protection of the people as a whole."

Cabell would not say who criticized the delay but said they are named in Manchester's book.

Cabell said "another completely false allegation" in the book states that a Dallas city ordinance prohibited transportation of a casket in an ambulance and that further delay was caused while a hearse was summoned to take the casket to the airport.

He said no such ordinance existed.

"Not one minute of delay was encountered in this transaction," he said and added:

"It is inconceivable to

In a related development, Cowles Communications, Inc., publishers of Look, said it will bring a legal action against the West German magazine

Der Stern over publication of Manchester's book.

William Attwood, editor in chief, said Saturday in Hamburg, Germany the decision was reached after meeting Stern editor Henri Nannen Friday night to try to persuade him to have certain portions of the German serialization cut. Nannen said after the meeting no cuts would be made.

one that such irresponsible statements would be made unless the intent was not to accurately record history, but rather was to deliberately calumniate the people of Dallas and particularly those who were in any way connected with the tragic events of that day."

A spokesman for Look magazine in New York declined comment on Cabell's charges.

Manchester was reported in New York, but could not be reached for comment.