

# ... But Praises Bobby and Jackie

Here are highlights of NBC television's "Meet the Press" interview of William Manchester, author of "The Death of a President":

ON MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY—"She was disturbed over serialization, which she felt would be commercialization . . . within hours literally of a trial, Mrs. Kennedy did sit up until 5:30 in the morning reading the manuscript with . . . 'growing interest and fascination' . . . Mrs. Kennedy's suggestions were wise and understandable . . ."

ON SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY—"I remember that among other things he said that he didn't want anyone to make

a killing, a financial killing out of his brother's death . . . I think Sen. Kennedy has a strong and admirable sense of family loyalty, and when he learned that Mrs. Kennedy was distressed, he then tried to find another solution . . ."

ON PRESIDENT JOHNSON—"Of course, the charge has been made that the book is hostile to President Johnson, and I resent this. It is not true. I think when the book is read, people will realize that I was and still am very sympathetic to President Johnson, who I believe behaved admirably at a time when the rest of us were just barely able to function . . ."

ON MARINA OSWALD—"I'd say that of all the witnesses before the (Warren) Commission, the testimony of Marina Oswald is the one which is full of contradiction . . . And there was a good deal . . . great feeling among the staff and the Commission she should have been questioned more sharply. Marina Oswald, of the people involved in this catastrophe, was the one person who declined to see me."

ON HIS BOOK—"I believe the integrity of the book has been preserved . . . I am confident that when the book appears, it will stand on its own and the controversy will recede into the past."