

Stern Rebuffs Bobby on Book

The Happy Days Before Dallas

Jacqueline Kennedy's last days with her husband were the happiest of their married years, because she had at last decided to become part of his public and well as his private life, William Manchester reveals in the Look serialization of his book.

Mrs. Kennedy had for years displayed obvious distaste for politicking and politicians. But suddenly she made a complete about-face, much to the delight of her husband.

It was, Manchester indicates, great tragedy which produced this change in Jackie—the death of Patrick Bouvier Kennedy 40 hours after his birth.

Manchester, in the issue of Look which goes on sale tomorrow, tells how the President insisted his wife journey to foreign

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shores to forget her grief, and how the trip proved just the therapy the President sought.

Mrs. Kennedy wrote long, 10-page letters from Greece. In his original manuscript, Manchester quoted from one of these letters, and it was this quotation which was one of the reasons Jackie filed suit against Look and Harper & Row, publisher of the Manchester book, to stop what she considered a great invasion of her privacy. In the Look version the direct quote has disappeared, and in its place is a simple summary of how Jackie wrote that she missed her husband and wished he were with her on the Mediterranean.

It obviously pleased the President that his wife was snapping out of her doldrums, but it pleased him even more when she returned. For, Manchester writes, she said:

"We'll campaign. I'll campaign with you anywhere you want." This was a startling turnabout, and the President quickly asked if the offer included the impending political tour of Texas. Without a word of reply, Manchester says, she wrote "Texas" across the dates of Nov. 21, 22 and 23 in her appointment book.

Manchester reveals how the President then began taking a vivid interest in every phase of Jackie's trip. He helped select her clothes and he began half-jesting research into what happens to a woman's hairdo during the rigors of a motorcade.

Jackie knew nothing of politics and suggested that maybe the hairdo could be saved if she simply skipped the motorcades. Manchester reveals how the President patiently pointed out to her that the motorcade was the whole point of the trip—that this was the one way to let everyday Texans see the REAL Jacqueline and John Kennedy.

On the advice of Air Force Gen. Godfrey McHugh he had ordered warm clothes for Jacqueline. A last-moment check revealed the temperature was soaring in Dallas. Hurriedly, Kennedy ordered a change. He told Mrs. Kennedy's maid to pack some cooler things.

Too late. Mrs. Kennedy's luggage already was en route from the White House to be loaded aboard Air Force One.

A Speech for Jackie

Other than simply to appear beside her husband in Texas, Manchester reveals Mrs. Kennedy had one major job on the trip. She knew a little Spanish. So she would address the league of United Latin American Citizens in San Antonio in Spanish.

On the flight to Texas from Washington she worked on this speech while the President studied State Dept. cables.

It was in San Antonio, Manchester writes, that Mrs. Kennedy first got a real insight into the political bitterness surrounding the trip. Gov. John Connally, a leader of the conservatives forever fighting the liberals in the Texas Democratic Party, seemed to her all during the motorcade to be taking nasty verbal swipes at her husband.

In their hotel suite that night she made it clear that Connally was not one of her favorites on this tour. Manchester quotes her as saying: "I can't stand him all day. He's just one of those men—oh, I don't know, I just can't bear his sitting there saying all those great things about himself. And he seems to be needing you all day."

Connally mostly was talking about how he would run far ahead of Kennedy in Texas in the 1964 election. Kennedy explained this to his wife, according to Manchester, and made it perfectly clear he wasn't concerned.

Mrs. Kennedy's speech in Spanish was a roaring success. The entourage moved to Fort Worth and, Manchester reveals, on their last night together Kennedy told his wife: "You were great today."

Mrs. Kennedy was weary from the day's tour. The President told her not to get up for his pre-breakfast speech. She retired to her room. Her private secretary, Mary Gallagher, wasn't to be found, so she unpacked her bag herself and laid out her clothes for the morrow's trip to Dallas—a busy blue blouse, low-heeled shoes and that never-to-be-forgotten pink suit and pink pillbox hat.

John F. Kennedy, Manchester says, had personally selected these for her to wear in Dallas.



Deer-tanned Caroline Kennedy, 9, clutches furry donkey as she hops from limousine outside Fifth Av. apartment on return from 13-day Antigua holiday. Associated Press Photo



John F. Kennedy Jr., 6, frowns as governess lifts him from car. Associated Press Photo

Hamburg, West Germany, Jan. 9 (Reuters)—Sen. Robert F. Kennedy made a vain last-minute attempt to stop the West German magazine Stern from publishing an uncut, serialized version of William Manchester's book, "Death of a President," the magazine announced today.

Look magazine, from which Stern bought the German language copyright, agreed at the request of the President's widow, Mrs. John F. Kennedy, to delete certain passages from a version it will start publishing tomorrow.

But Stern's chief editor, Henri Nannen refused to make any changes in the original serialized version.

The magazine said a telegram sent to Nannen this weekend by Kennedy appealed in the names of Mrs. Kennedy and himself for the same passages to be deleted from Stern as were being omitted from the Look version.

Nannen received the telegram as this week's edition, containing the first installment of the 60,000-word serialization, was ready to go on sale, a Stern spokesman said.

Nannen replied by cable that he regretted he could not make the deletion because he considered a number of incidents after the President's assassination, which is described in the book, had a political character.

Stern said Kennedy claimed there was no material of historical significance in the deleted passages and they related only to personal matters which would cause distress to Mrs. Kennedy and the Kennedy family.

The Stern spokesman said the Senator also said Look magazine, from which Stern bought the publishing rights for 290,000 Deutschmarks (about \$72,000), was ready to come to an arrangement with the German magazine to reimburse costs incurred for parts of the original version already in print.

What Telegram Said

Kennedy's telegram said in part:

"I appeal to you on my own behalf and on behalf of Mrs. John F. Kennedy to take all necessary action to conform Der Stern publication of Manchester installments to final Look text.

"I assure you that there is no material of historical significance in deleted passages which relate only to personal matters which would cause distress to Mrs. Kennedy and entire Kennedy family."

The spokesman said one of the passages deleted from the Look Magazine version cited that official hosts in Fort Worth obliged the Presidential couple to spend the night before the assassination in separate rooms.

Manchester wrote that when President and Mrs. Kennedy entered their room in Fort Worth they found the mattress

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had been removed from one of the beds.

The book said Mrs. Kennedy had to say goodnight to her husband and go to another room, the spokesman said.

Nannen said this incident was undoubtedly an act of political chicanery against the President, and Sen. Kennedy had been told it could not be deemed only a part of their private life, the spokesman said.

"If I thought that Manchester's description were to cause distress to Mrs. Kennedy or her children Stern would not print this report," Nannen said in his cabled reply to Kennedy.

"I also ask you to understand that German readers, who for 12 years had to endure a censored press, are very sensitive to interference in a writer's freedom.

"Therefore I think it is also in your and Mrs. John F. Kennedy's interests that Stern should publish the uncut and uncensored version," Nannen said.

The Stern chief editor said another contested part of Manchester's described how President Johnson feared to drive to the airport in his official car.

Instead, he and his wife Lady Bird drove to the airport in an unmarked car so as not to be recognized.

Only when Johnson saw by the behavior of the airport staff that the security services were functioning normally, did he resume his composure and board the Presidential aircraft, Nannen quoted the book as saying