

Miniseries
author
reveals:

HOW JACKIE & JFK FOUGHT THE

By Marion Collins

PRESIDENT KENNEDY and his wife Jackie spent his last night in the White House before he was assassinated fighting over one of his mistresses.

This was just one of the scenes that was too hot for the NBC miniseries, *A Woman Named Jackie*, which riveted millions with its startling revelations.

C. David Heymann, author of the book on which the miniseries is based, also reveals these stunning incidents from the days of JFK's presidency.

• Despite JFK's legendary prowess in bed, Jackie received little sexual satisfaction.

• Jackie felt abandoned by friends and family after his death, sometimes breaking into tears.

• No matter how many stories surface about JFK's womanizing, Jackie insists to Caroline and John Jr. that the stories are lies, and she tells them their father was a great family man.

Jackie and JFK battled right up to the very end over the other women in his life. The night before they left for the fateful trip to Dallas, a bitter squabble ruined what was to have been a glittering White House gala.

"As they appeared to the top of the stairs, they smiled at the people below and scanned the applauding crowd for familiar faces to give a wave or a special nod," says an insider. "Suddenly, Jackie's face froze and she muttered angrily to her husband.

"Still smiling, he tried to placate her. Furious, she rounded on him. As their white-tied guests stood transfixed in horror, the usually serene First Lady lunged at the President and pulled his hair.

White House aides quickly shepherded the guests into the dining room so Kennedy and Jackie could finish their fight in private.

"What had angered Jackie was the sight of Mary Pinchot Meyer, sister-in-law of *Washington Post* editor Ben Bradlee and well-known mistress of JFK. And although Jackie knew Mary was sleeping with Jack, to have to meet her socially was a public humiliation."

According to Heymann, JFK and Jackie had thrashed out some of their marital difficulties after she warned her husband that she would no longer tolerate his unfaithfulness. The trip to Dallas, which the President reluctantly made at the



JFK lover Mary Meyer left Jackie humiliated at White House party.

urging of his political advisers, was touted as a symbol of their new closeness.

"It was hastily arranged, and they were uncomfortable from the moment they stepped off Air Force One dressed in warm wool suits on a sweltering, 85-degree day," says the insider.

On the first anniversary of her husband's death, Jackie sobbed to Rosemary Sorrentino, her hair colorist, that the world had forgotten about her.

"The truth was, people were frightened to mention it for fear of upsetting her," says Heymann. "One of the few letters she did receive came from a former staffer, Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman, who wrote a touching note. She was so grateful and moved by his thoughtful-

ness that she went into Central Park and wept her heart out."

Heymann also claims Jackie wanted tenderness. "Jack Kennedy was a voluminous lover but not a very caring one," he says. "Jackie hungered for tenderness. When she married Onassis, he was much more proficient in bed than Jack, and she enjoyed a sexual awakening.

"Onassis tried very hard to be a good husband and stepfather, at least at first. John Jr. craved the masculine attention that Ari gave him. He was very fond of the little boy," says the author.

But Jackie's marriage to Onassis was doomed from

A WOMAN who was John F. Kennedy's lover when he was in the White House has told a shocking story of witnessing secret meetings between JFK and a top mob boss.

Judith Campbell Exner says she sat on the edge of a bathtub in Chicago's Ambassador East Hotel on April 29, 1961, while Kennedy and Chicago mobster Sam Giancana talked for 15 minutes in the adjoining bedroom, discussing plans to assassinate Fidel Castro. Exner, who says she was the lover of both Kennedy and Giancana, claims she carried secret papers between them about the plans. "Jack told me outright. He said the envelopes contained 'intelligence material,' and that it involved the elimination of Fidel Castro," says Exner.

She also says she was present in August, 1960, when the two men met in New York's Navarro Hotel, now the

LOVER REVEALS PRESIDENT'S HOTEL RENDEZVOUS WITH MOB BOSS



Judith Campbell Exner: Courier and courtesan to JFK and mobster. Ritz-Carlton, where she and JFK had their trysts. And during the 1960 presidential campaign, she claims, JFK

had her deliver suitcases filled with cash to Giancana. "Jack asked me once if I would mind taking something to Sam for him," she says. "I said, 'What is it?' And he said, 'It'll be cash, money. A lot of money.'"

"I agreed to what Jack asked," says Exner, who now has terminal cancer. "I didn't know where the money was going to go when it left Sam, but I knew it had to do with the campaign."

On April 8, 1960, JFK gave her "a

sort of briefcase, made of very soft leather," she says. "It felt very firm, very packed, and it was on the heavy side." She took a train to Chicago and handed it to Giancana in Union Station without saying a word. That was one of "at least 20 occasions" when she acted as courier between the two.

"After Jack was elected, Sam used to tease me all the time," says Exner. "He'd say, 'Your boyfriend wouldn't be President if it wasn't for me.'"

NIGHT BEFORE HE LEFT FOR DALLAS



The stories TV couldn't tell **ONLY IN Star**

Far left: John F. Kennedy and Jackie in Washington after he was sworn in as President. Near left: Stephen Collins and Roma Downey play JFK and Jackie in Dallas in the NBC-TV miniseries, *A Woman Named Jackie*.

the start. "She never really understood him or his culture," says Heymann.

Onassis was a religious and superstitious man. After he married Jackie, things began to go horribly wrong.

"He suffered business reversals that threatened his financial empire, and he contracted the incurable disease, myasthenia gravis. But worst of all, his beloved son and heir, Alexander, was killed in a plane crash.

"He felt their marriage had somehow angered the gods,

and he began to view her as the reason for his bad luck," Heymann adds.

She stopped off en route at Greece to lay out the widow's weeds at Valentinia in Paris. When she arrived on Skorpios, she was pictured wearing a leather coat and smiling broadly for the cameras. Christina Onassis was outraged.

Later, when stories about JFK's infidelity, and particu-

larly his affair with Marilyn Monroe, began to appear, Jackie was determined to rescue Kennedy's

"She brought them up to believe it was all lies," says Heymann. "She told them that she and Jack had a blissfully happy marriage and that they were the product of a stable, normal marriage."



New York's Ritz-Carlton Hotel, then called the Navarro, was the scene of a meeting between Kennedy and Sam Giancana, says Judith Exner, who claims she carried money from JFK to the mobster for use in the election campaign.



Exner says she was present at Chicago's Ambassador East Hotel (above) when Sam Giancana (right) and JFK discussed plans to kill Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.

Exner made her startling claims, which go far beyond anything she has previously said, in interviews with Anthony Summers, author of books about JFK's assassination and his affair with Marilyn Monroe. Kennedy White House aides Dave Powers, Kenneth O'Donnell and Evelyn Lincoln have denied her previous claims of a relationship with the President. But Summers uncovered White House logs that support Exner's account of at least

three visits to the White House. Exner says JFK's first request that she arrange a meeting with Giancana was on April 6, 1960, when he invited to her his Washington townhouse. "He said, 'I think he can help me with the campaign.' I knew Frank (Sinatra) was helping him with the campaign. Sam was a friend of Frank's. It just all made sense to me." Today, speculation persists that the mob was involved in JFK's assassination.

