

Dallas Aftermath

NEW YORK (AP)—Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis says that had President John F. Kennedy lived "he would be older now, and wiser, and he would still maintain his deep belief that problems can be solved by men.

"And so they must be," she added in an essay in November McCall's marking the 10th anniversary of her first husband's assassination.

Before sending the magazine the finished essay in handwritten form, Mrs. Onassis confided to a friend that writing "is hard for me but Caroline is trying to help me—which is so touching."

Mrs. Onassis wrote that she does not dwell on the tragedy of Dallas, because "one must not let oneself be numbed by sadness—he would not have wished that.

"What I think about the last decade is how much we missed him in it," Mrs. Onassis went on. "I think of Jack—the bright light of his days . . .

"When he came to the presidency, it was a time when the world seemed new—when it was right to hope and hopes could be realized . . . Then the glass shattered.

"I don't know how he would have coped with the problems that lay there like sleeping beasts, but I know how he would have approached them . . .

"He would say over and over that the Greek word for idiot meant one who took no part in the affairs of his state . . . One of his earliest themes was the importance of service.

"God grant us always young people who feel that way. That is my prayer."