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WASHINGTON, JAN. 14 (AP)-THE FORMER MAYOR OF DALLAS TODAY 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 ON NOV. 22, 1963, CALLED A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY TO DISPUTE AN ACCOUNT OF THE REMOVAL OF KENNEDY'S BODY FROM A DALLAS HOSPITAL, WHICH HE SAID WOULD APPEAR IN LOOK MAGAZINE'S SECOND INSTALLMENT OF THE MANCHESTER BOOK, "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.

"THOSE DELAYS REFERRED TO," SAID CABELL, "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 WERE NAMED IN MANCHESTER'S BOOK.

ASKED WHOM HE BLAMED FOR WHAT HE CALLED THE DISTORTIONS IN THE ACCOUNT, CABELL SAID, "I BLAME THE WRITER AND WHOEVER WERE HIS ADVISERS."

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MANCHESTER WAS SELECTED BY MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY TO WRITE THE 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.

NO SUCH ORDINANCE EXISTED, HE SAID, AND, IN ANY EVENT, THE CASKET WAS BROUGHT TO THE HOSPITAL IN A FUNERAL COACH, WHICH REMAINED THERE AND TRANSPORTED IT TO THE AIRPORT.

"NOT ONE MINUTE OF DELAY WAS ENCOUNTERED IN THIS TRANSACTION," HE SAID, AND ADDED:

"IT IS INCONCEIVABLE TO ME 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."

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WASHN-FIRST ADD CABELL-MANCHESTER (B32) X X X 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.

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