

White House Book Irks Kennedyites

Washington

President Johnson's supporters offended by the William Manchester book should take note that some Kennedy admirers are almost as miffed over a book being promoted by the current occupants of the White House.

Friends of the Kennedys are more than a bit irked by "The Living White House," the magnificently illustrated, 144-page volume which went on sale to tourists several months ago.

A forward by Lady Bird Johnson identifies the book as a pictorial public service, produced by the National Geographic, about "the personal lives of all our chief executives and their families."

But former New Frontiersmen are sarcastically calling the publication "The Johnson Scrapbook" and "The Johnson Family Album."

They are asking whether the book is "a deliberate, not-too-subtle propaganda attempt" to obliterate the tremendous personal impact left on the executive mansion by the Johnsons' predecessors.

The Johnsons are being accused by admittedly prejudiced sources of trying to obscure the memory of the Kennedys with the millions of visitors who stand in line every year to see the renovated interiors still so intensely identified with the late President and his wife.

It is pointed out that amidst numerous beautiful, full-page color photographs of the Johnsons "at home," likenesses of the Kennedys have been kept to a minimum.

In written references, Dwight D. Eisenhower is mentioned more often than John F. Kennedy.

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