JFK Book Big in E. Europe

SOFIA (Bulgaria) — (AP)
— The serialization of William Manchester's "The Death of a President" is the new best seller in Communist Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria.

Readers line up eagerly for issues of the controlled newspapers in Prague, Budapest and Sofia that carry long summaries of the excerpts from the book being serialized in Western magazines.

The legal hassle surrounding the serialization and the efforts of the Kennedy family to trim some parts are presented by Communist propagandists as evidence supporting the Communist theory that President John F. Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy.

Bulgarians, normally not oversupplied with Western writings, appear to be getting the most extensive ex-

tracts.
The 600,000-circulation party newspaper, Rabotnichesko Delo, every Tuesday carries liberal portions from the "unabridged" serialization in the West German magazine Stern.