

# New Kennedy Book Ruckus



O'DONNELL



O'BRIEN



POWERS

## O'Brien Balks at Publication

**London Express Service**  
WASHINGTON—  
Another book on the late  
President Kennedy is  
coming out this year,  
creating the usual  
amount of bad blood all  
round.

The contract for a  
book on Kennedy's polit-  
ical career was signed  
three years ago by three  
members of the "Irish  
Mafia" — Lawrence  
O'Brien, Kenneth O'Don-  
nell and David Powers.  
Now O'Brien, after spill-  
ing 60 hours of reminis-  
cences into a tape re-  
corder, has flatly refused  
to give his consent for  
publication.

The other two are  
livid. For O'Brien is the  
outstanding example of  
the Kennedy man who  
has accommodated to  
the ethos of Lyndon  
Johnson, and kept his  
hand on the hem of pow-  
er.

He accommodated so  
well that in 1964 he pri-  
vately supported Hubert  
Humphrey for Vice-  
President against Rob-  
ert Kennedy. So well,  
that O'Brien, now Post-  
master-General, may be  
given control of the  
Democratic National  
Committee.

In other words, en-  
trusted with the sacred  
task of obtaining LBJ's  
re-election to the White  
House next year.

Today, O'Donnell and  
Powers are in a mood of  
publish and be damned.  
They intend to jettison  
O'Brien's contribution  
and bring the book out  
in the autumn.