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(ADVANCE) AMHERST, MASS., JUNE 13 (AP)-AUTHOR WILLIAM MANCHESTER CRITICIZED TODAY INTELLECTUALS AND OTHERS LEADING WHAT HE CALLED A "HIGHLY EMOTIONAL REVOLT AGAINST ALL TRADITION."

ADDRESSING THE 95TH COMMENCEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, MANCHESTER SAID THAT IN THIS REVOLT THERE LIES "AN IMPLACABLE ENMITY TOWARD THE CONCEPT OF EXCELLENCE WHICH JOHN KENNEDY EXALTED."

COMMISSIONED TO WRITE THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF THE 35TH PRESIDENT, MANCHESTER SAID THAT IT IS A MEASURE OF OUR TIMES THAT "WHILE THE IGNOBLE ARE TREATED WITH INSTINCTIVE COMPASSION, NOBILITY IS DISCOUNTED, AND EVEN DISCREDITED." IN FACT, HE ADDED, THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE MADE "LEE OSWALD THE MARTYR OF DALLAS."

MANCHESTER AND SIX OTHER MEN, INCLUDING RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING OF BOSTON, WERE PRESENTED HONORARY DEGREES.

MANCHESTER NOTED THAT THOSE SYMPATHETIC TO OSWALD WERE SO BECAUSE HE WAS "ENTIRELY CREDIBLE" TO INTELLECTUALS WHO HAD READ ABOUT "HIS SUFFERINGS. . . IN A THOUSAND CONTEMPORARY NOVELS" ABOUT MISFITS, NONCONFORMISTS, AND REBELS AT WAR WITH SOCIETY. "UNDER THESE CONDITIONS," HE SAID, "ALIENATION HAS BECOME A CULTURAL VOGUE."

"KENNEDY, HOWEVER, NEVER FELT VICTIMIZED, HE NEVER FELT ALIENTATED. THAT WAS LEFT TO HIS ASSASSIN."

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