

## Mrs. Kennedy Will Not Press Book Injunction

Former First Lady and Publishers Agree to Ask January Trial if Issue Is Not Settled

NEW YORK (AP)—Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and publishers Harper & Row announced Tuesday night that the former First Lady has decided not to press her motion for a temporary injunction to prevent publication of the book "The Death of a President."

The statement said Harper & Row still intends to publish the book, but that it has agreed not to do so until April 1 even though no court order is obtained forbidding publication before that time.

It said, if no agreement is reached in advance, both parties have agreed to request a trial of the issue in mid-January.

The statement was issued shortly after it was learned that Harper & Row had demanded—and been given—a court hearing on the case Thursday.

Mrs. Kennedy's separate action against the book's author, William Manchester, was put off until Jan. 16 because he is ill with pneumonia.

The joint statement said representatives of both parties "have been making steady progress toward an amicable settlement."

"The unfortunate illness of the author," the statement went on, "has made it necessary to continue these discussions over a longer period than was anticipated."

It said "both parties have agreed to continue consultations with Mr. Manchester and his representatives, as well as negotiations among themselves, for the adjustment of outstanding differences."

"Despite the author's illness, sufficient progress

has been made so that Mrs. Kennedy has decided not to press her motion for a temporary injunction."

A spokesman for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.) said the point of the agreement was to avoid the court hearing Thursday.

He said it showed "give and take on both sides."

A source close to the Kennedys said "I think they're close to an agreement."

Mrs. Kennedy was vacationing on the Caribbean island of Antigua and was not available for further comment.

Manchester was reportedly much improved in a Middletown (Conn.) hospital after his doctor said the "emotional stress" of the book controversy, coupled with overwork, may have caused the illness.

Recovering from pneumonia, Manchester received "get well" telegrams at the hospital from both Mrs. Kennedy and Sen. Kennedy.

"Please know how distressed I am to know that you are sick," Mrs. Kennedy's wire was reported to

have read, "and how much I hope you will be better soon."

Manchester and the publishers were to have shown cause in Manhattan Supreme Court Tuesday why they should not be enjoined from publishing the book, which Mrs. Kennedy contends is an invasion of her privacy.

Justice Saul Streit granted the three-week adjournment of the suit against Manchester with the provision that "everything remains in status quo."