

HEARING PUT OFF ON KENNEDY BOOK

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sufficient time for thorough discussion."

The publisher's move yesterday morning for a hearing tomorrow had startled former Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind, who is Mrs. Kennedy's legal representative in the case, because Mr. Manchester's attorney had received the adjournment until Jan. 16.

Asked what the Harper & Row move meant, Judge Rifkind snapped:

"It's beyond my comprehension."

The publisher's move set off speculation that Harper & Row was attempting to force a speed-up in the negotiations by asking for the early hearing. It was also assumed that the publisher was trying to force Mrs. Kennedy's hand in the belief that she wanted to avoid a court battle.

Edward S. Greenbaum, counsel for Harper & Row, told newsmen after the court appearance that he had requested a hearing tomorrow merely because "we want to have the temporary injunction disposed of promptly, that's all."

Mrs. Kennedy received a show-cause order on Dec. 17 from Justice Saul S. Streit on her complaint that the Manchester book violated her rights because of the author's plan to have the manuscript published without her approval. Such approval was stipulated in an agreement between Mr. Manchester and Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Mrs. Kennedy's specific objections were to several sections



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FAMILY AFFAIR: Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, 76, joined daughter, Eunice (Mrs. Sargent Shriver), and grandsons, Robert, left, and Tim, in a skating party Monday at the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Memorial Rink in Hyannis, Mass. Others at Christmas-weekend outing were Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, and his children.