

German Magazine Runs Uncut Kennedy Story

HAMBURG, Germany, Jan. 9 (UPI) — German newsstands today began selling copies of Der Stern magazine containing the first part of the uncut serialization of the controversial book "The Death of a President," despite protests by the Kennedy family.

Most of the passages which drew objections from the family of the late President John F. Kennedy will not begin appearing until the second in the series next week. About 2 million copies of the magazine were on sale.

The magazine disclosed yesterday it had rejected a last-ditch appeal by Sen. Robert F. Kennedy to remove certain passages from its serialization of the William Manchester book. It said Kennedy complained in a telegram that publication would cause his family "distress."

Der Stern's news editor, Norbert Sakowski, said copies of the magazine today were being shipped to homes and 48,000 newsstands and would go on sale tomorrow morning.

However, many newsstands which received their copies during the night put them on sale today.

He said if the Kennedy family wanted to stop distribution, "it would be too late now. They would have to sue all 48,000 peddlers in order to stop sales of the edition."

Under German press law, Sa-

kowski said, the only legal action that could be taken against Der Stern would be to prove that statements in the serialization of the Manchester book were false or libelous.

Der Stern, largest magazine in West Germany, paid \$72,500 for serialization rights. Look gave Der Stern its serialization of the book before it agreed to delete about 1,600 words found objectionable by Mrs. John F. Kennedy and others in the slain President's family.

Henry Nannen, chief editor of Der Stern, declared the telegram he received from Kennedy he said:

"I appeal to you on my behalf and on behalf of Mrs. John F. Kennedy to take all necessary action to conform Der Stern publication of Manches-

ter installments to final Look text. I assure you that there is no material of historical significance in deleted passages, which relate only to personal matters which would cause distress to Mrs. Kennedy and entire Kennedy family."

Nannen replied, however, "If I were of the opinion that Manchester's portrayal could hurt the feelings of Mrs. Kennedy or her children, Stern would not publish this report."