

STERN DESCRIBES KENNEDY PARTING

Tells of Night Before Slaying
in Uncut Version of Book

HAMBURG, West Germany, Jan. 15 (Reuters) — The next installment of "The Death of a President," to be published tomorrow in Stern, the West German magazine, tells how President Kennedy parted from his wife on the eve of his assassination, informed sources said tonight.

The sources said a passage from the book by William Manchester described the Kennedy's long embrace before they parted, and said they were so weary that they were supporting each other, as the sources translated the passage, "like a couple of bookends."

The description will be published, the sources said, even though Look magazine, which holds the American rights, deleted much of it from the version it published last week in deference to objections by Mrs. Kennedy.

Stern's editor, Henri Nannen, said Friday after meeting a lawyer for Mrs. Kennedy and the editor of Look, William Attwood, that Stern still intended to publish the uncut serialization of Mr. Manchester's book.

Will Go to Court

Mr. Attwood said before he left Hamburg last night that Look would take legal action

against Stern. He said Stern had presumed to decide for itself which items of a personal nature would distress the President's widow.

A Stern official said tonight: "I think Stern would look forward to legal action because we have nothing to worry about."

The informed sources said the disputed passage to be published tomorrow would describe the scene in a Fort Worth, Tex., hotel room where Mrs. Kennedy, ready to retire, had joined her husband.

They could not stay together, the sources said, because the President's aides had removed a double mattress and replaced it with a single sleeping board for Mr. Kennedy, who was troubled by a back ailment.

The sources said that after the couple had embraced, the President, wearing a blue and white sleeping smock, lay down on the bed, saying he had a devil of a stomach ache, and told his wife not to stay with him.

He said he had to make a breakfast speech and she could remain in bed, according to the sources.

Mrs. Kennedy said good night and went out, sad that she was parted from her husband, the sources said.

Last Half of First Part

Except for the material objected to by Mrs. Kennedy, Stern's second installment is the same as the last half of Look's first, which appeared Jan. 9. The second Look installment is scheduled to come out Jan. 24.