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PEOPLE in the News

Tony Curtis' Wife Granted Divorce

Charging "he was very rude to me," actress Christine Kaufmann, 23, has won an uncontested divorce from actor Tony Curtis.

Curtis, 41, didn't attend the five-minute hearing yesterday in Superior Court in Los Angeles. Miss Kaufmann testified that she became nervous and lost weight during the nearly five years they were together. Terms of settlement were not disclosed.

The German-born actress became Curtis' second wife in



CHRISTINE KAUFMANN



TONY CURTIS

a ceremony Feb. 8, 1963, at Las Vegas, Nev. A separation was announced last November.

Curtis has said he plans to marry model Leslie Allen, 24, of Newton, Mass. Friends of the actor say the couple will marry April 20 in Beverly Hills.

MANCHESTER FOR RFK

William Manchester, whose book on the assassination of President Kennedy sparked one of the bitterest battles in publishing history, wants to

see another Kennedy in the White House.

"I'm for Bobby," Manchester revealed in Washington, referring to Democratic presidential hopeful Robert F. Kennedy. Manchester hopes to become "more active" in

Bobby's behalf after mid-June when he finishes his current book on the Krupp family of Germany. He describes his relations with Bobby as "cordial. I had a lovely Christmas card. I talked to him last time I was in Washington."

RUSK GETS CHECKUP

Secretary of State Dean Rusk, who has filled one of the government's most demanding jobs for more than seven years, is undergoing a physical examination at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. Rusk, 59, entered the hospital yesterday and the State Department said he may be there for two or three days.



WILLIAM MANCHESTER