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Look Sues U.S., German Papers Over Book on President Kennedy

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (AP) — Look magazine announced today that it has brought separate law suits against the Chicago Daily News and the German magazine Der Stern over the book, "The Death of a President."

In a statement, Look accused the Daily News of breaking an embargo on publishing material from the serialization of the book. Der Stern, which bought German serialization rights from Look, has refused to make deletions requested by Mrs. John F. Kennedy and concurred in by Look.

Look, with the book's author, William Manchester as

co-plaintiff, charged the Daily News in a Federal court complaint in Chicago with "unfair competition; infringement of copyright; and deliberate impairment of rights of contract."

Look sought an accounting of any profits made by the Daily News through its publication of excerpts from the magazine serialization, and for damages Look said it suffered.

What it described as the premature publication by the Daily News, Look said, forced a revision in wholesale and retail distribution plans of the magazine and "disrupted plans of many newspapers and broadcasters who had

acted in good faith and withheld publication of material from the Manchester serialization until the stipulated release time and had confined their narrative to the authorized."

Look said the purported premature publication interfered with its contracts with publishers in 25 other countries for coordinated publication of the serialization.

In a suit in Hamburg, Germany, Look sought damages for what it called a breach of contract by Der Stern, as well as an injunction to block further publication of material it supplied to the German magazine.