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German Court to Rule Monday on JFK Serial

HAMBURG, West Germany, Jan. 20 (UPI)—A local court today postponed until Monday a ruling on whether to grant an injunction to Look magazine barring further serialization by Der Stern magazine of the unaltered version of William Manchester's book "The Death of a President."

The court decided on the deferment after it failed to bring about a compromise between the German lawyers for the two magazines in today's hearing.

Der Stern, Germany's biggest magazine, bought the unexpurgated serialized version of Manchester's controversial book from Look for \$72,500 under a Nov. 1, 1966, agreement.

A possible compromise failed because Der Stern's lawyers refused to bow to Look demands to delete certain passages of the text to which Mrs. John F. Kennedy had objected.

Look had agreed to the cuts in the text after Mrs. Kennedy brought suit in New York.

Der Stern publisher Gerd Bucorius and chief editor Henri Nannen agreed during the hearing today not to publish other parts of the serialization before Look and also agreed to reduce its advertising to a "dignified degree."

Der Stern earlier this week published the second installment of the serialization following a last ditch attempt to hold it up by Look editor-in-chief William Attwood and attorney William Vanden Heuvel, a close friend of the Kennedy family, who were in Hamburg last weekend.

[The Associated Press reported from Warsaw that two Polish weeklies had printed long excerpts from the Stern version of "The Death of a President," without indicating the source.]