

Bookleggers Will Print

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Literary racketeers are preparing to publish sections of William Manchester's book which were deleted from the original manuscript.

The deletions were made by the author and his publisher, Harper & Row, before Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy filed suit to stop publication of "The Death of a President."

According to well-informed sources, un-

authorized copies of the full manuscript were made months ago while the manuscript was making the rounds of the magazine publishing houses that were bidding for serial rights.

At least one complete copy, containing explosive material which was later cut out of the book, fell into the hands of publishing pirates who sent it to an offset printing plant on the National Chinese island of Taiwan.

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What Was Deleted

These "bookleggers" plan to print the deleted material on 16 pages of thin paper that can be mailed in ordinary airmail envelopes. In this way they hope to avoid detection by U.S. Post Office authorities.

The 16-page publication reportedly will sell for \$5 when and if it is peddled in the United States. Small, discreet ads will be placed in off-beat literary publications catering to the so-called Intellectual Underground.

But even if the excerpts from the Manchester manuscript do not reach the literary black market in this country, the publishers anticipate tremendous sales in Europe, Asia and South America.

International bookleggers have made Taiwan the base for a multi-million dollar publishing racket in which cheap copies are made of many high-priced medical, technical, scientific and art books as well as current best-sellers.

Winning Fight

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The dispute between Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and the author and publishers of "The Death of a President" may be nearing an out-of-court settlement—on Mrs. Kennedy's terms.

The publishers have already yielded on major points in the manuscript, and continuing negotiations have reached the stage of quibbling over words, it was reliably reported yesterday.

If a settlement is reached,

JIMMY BRESLIN says the book row is causing the very headlines Mrs. Kennedy wanted to avoid, Page 27.

WILLIAM S. WHITE says President Johnson is being treated unfairly by the controversy, Page 28.

it will represent a victory for Mrs. Kennedy, who fought to keep forever private a portion of her personal share in the tragedy of John F. Kennedy's assassination.

The informal negotiations that have been taking place in an attempt to settle the Kennedy dispute were overshadowed today by direct negotiations between former federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind, Mrs. Kennedy's lawyer, and David W. Peck, former presiding justice of the Appellate Division, counsel for Look magazine.

Rifkind announced they would meet at 3 p.m. in his office, 575 Madison Ave.

Rifkind said the object of

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the meeting "is to see if there is room for a disposition. There have been informal contacts between others and I'm going to see if there is room for an (out of court) adjustment of the matter."

"Do you mean you are going to find out whether the deletions (in the book) meet with the approval of Mrs. Kennedy?" Rifkind was asked.

"There are more things involved here than just the text," Rifkind replied. "I am going to explore the situation to see if a sensible package can be worked out."

He declined to elaborate on what was meant by "more than the text," and when asked, "what about Harper & Row?" he answered:

"We have been too busy with Look magazine because of their deadline to pay any attention to Harper & Row at this time."

PROGRESSING NICELY

A spokesman for Look said, "talks are going on and there is complete communication between the Kennedys and the magazine."

"Is an accord near?" he was asked.

"It is not something we said, but we are not denying it," he replied. "It would be presumptuous of us to make a unilateral statement. We think that things are progressing nicely."

On another front, it was learned that Harper & Row did part of the editing task on the Kennedy book yesterday. The publishing firm reportedly plans to go along with whatever changes Look agrees to and also has until April to put the text into final shape for hard cover publication.

PERMANENT RECORD

Look and Harper & Row have until Tuesday to reply to a State Supreme Court orders sought by Mrs. Kennedy to block publication.

Some of the details she found objectionable have, in fact, been made public in various news "leaks" to reporters covering the controversy.

But a spokesman for the

a book that will inevitably be an important part of the permanent record, read around the world and used as an authorized source for generations.

Mrs. Kennedy is not taking part in the minute discussions of the text. Her ambassador in the day-to-day, and hour-to-hour negotiations, is Richard N. Goodwin, 34, a Harvard Law School graduate who served both Presidents Kennedy and Johnson as consultant, speech writer and idea man.

"Goodwin knows the manuscript and its problems better than anyone else. He knows what is acceptable to Mrs. Kennedy and what is not," a Kennedy spokesman said.

Goodwin was reached yesterday the midtown office of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, at 110 E. 45th St. From there he apparently went to Sen. Kennedy's apartment at 870 United Nations Plaza, where discussions continued for most of the day.

Goodwin emphasized that he had read to Mrs. Kennedy every passage in the book of a personal nature or had given her a detailed summary.

"She then made the decision on what she thought was too personal, of no historical importance, and should not be included in the book," Goodwin said.

"Publishers' statements to the contrary, Mrs. Kennedy knew precisely what she was objecting to in the book."

Goodwin said that "informal contacts" were being made, but he declined to be specific about the talks, because "at this stage, it might spoil everything."

'GREAT PRESSURES'

Nevertheless, reports from publishing circles during the day were insistent that a settlement was in the making. A Kennedy family spokesman said there were "great pressures" for an out-of-court settlement before tomorrow, the day on which the defendants in Mrs. Kennedy's law suit must file. Kennedy family said that publication in the daily press was not the same as publication in

legal answers to her petition for an injunction.

The defendants are Cowles Communications, publisher of Look Magazine; Harper & Row, publisher of the hard-cover version of "The Death of a President," and William Manchester. Look intends to publish the first installment of its serialization of 80,000 words of Manchester's 300,000-word manuscript on Jan 24. The issue is now being printed in Chicago and is due to go on sale Jan. 10.