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Taipei to Bar Book Pirates

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(AP).—Although nothing official has been said on the subject, the Chinese Nationalist Government probably will block any attempt by Formosa's busy book pirates to issue an unauthorized reprint of William Manchester's controversial book "The Death of a President."

Government leaders are well aware of the bad light in which Nationalist China would find itself if a pirated edition of the book, or material deleted from the original manuscript, were to appear on Formosa.

PIRACY INDICATED

Publishing sources in New York say material deleted from Manchester's manuscript, has been sent to Formosa for reproduction. Leading book pirating companies denied possession of such material.

Copyright protection in Formosa for Manchester's book or of any other can be obtained by a registration payment of six times the cost of a single copy to the Ministry of Interior.

Under a 1963 law, anyone pirating a book so registered is liable to a fine ranging from \$37.50 to \$225 and/or a jail term of one to three years.

OFFSET PRINTING USED

Many foreign publishers are copyrighting books in Formosa to obtain this legal protection. Others are arranging for authorized reprinting for distribution only within Formosa.

Books are pirated in Formosa by the photo offset printing method and are sold for about 10 to 20 percent of the cost of the original editions.