

Kennedys and Look End Controversy; Book OK Expected

NEW YORK (AP)—The chief counsel for Harper & Row said today the publishing firm "will be very glad" to settle the Kennedy book controversy with Mrs. John F. Kennedy along the lines of her out-of-court agreement with Look magazine.

The magazine has agreed to deletions and modifications that pertain to the personal life of Mrs. Kennedy and her children and Look will publish a four-part serialization of excerpts from the book, "The Death of a President," as scheduled.

When informed of the agreement reached last night, Edward S. Greenbaum, attorney for Harper & Row, said: "Harper & Row will be very glad to make a similar arrangement with Mrs. Kennedy."

Harper & Row officials requested a conference today with Simon H. Rifkind, attorney for Mrs. Kennedy.

Told of Greenbaum's reaction to the Look agreement, Rifkind said: "I'm glad to hear that. It shows he's interested in reaching an agreement."

Both Mrs. Kennedy and Gardner Cowles, chairman of the board of Cowles Communications, Inc., publishers of Look, issued statements shortly after the agreement was announced.

"I hope," said Cowles, "that the controversy between the Kennedy family and Harper & Row will be speedily resolved because Cass Canfield (chairman of the executive committee of Harper & Row) has been extremely helpful in the discussions concerning the serialization."

"The public should not be deprived of the opportunity to read" author William Manchester's work, Cowles added.

April Publishing

Harper & Row plans to come out in book form next April with the 300,000-word story of the assassination of President Kennedy. The firm was not represented at yesterday's meetings which led to the Look agreement.

Mrs. Kennedy said in her statement that "Look magazine has agreed to remove or modify all those passages in the magazine version of 'The Death of a President' relating to the personal life" of herself and her children.

"These paragraphs," the Kennedy statement continued, "were the sole reasons for the initiation of her legal action. Since every passage of a per-

sonal nature under contention for several months was either deleted by Look, or changed to her satisfaction, Mrs. Kennedy has withdrawn her suit."

The Cowles' statement said the changes involved approximately 1,600 out of 80,000 authorized words, but that they "in no way affected the historical accuracy or completeness of Mr. Manchester's manuscript."

Mrs. Kennedy, in what was interpreted by some as an apparent but indirect allusion to President Johnson, said in her statement:

"I have been told there are historical inaccuracies and unfair references in this book. That they have been written is unfortunate. However, it was

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clear before bringing this suit that historical judgments, even if inaccurate, could not properly be suppressed by a court of law. In time, history will deal fairly and justly with this period."

Several persons who have read the book reported that it shows a hostility by the Kennedys towards Johnson and depicts the President in an unfavorable light, which could further strain the political relationship between Johnson and Robert F. Kennedy and possibly have an adverse effect on the Democratic senator's political future.

Kennedy, vacationing in San Valley, Idaho, declined to comment on the Look agreement.

Manchester could not be

reached immediately for comment.

Mrs. Kennedy said in her statement that "no material of historical significance has been altered nor has the historical record been impaired in the slightest by the modifications and deletions."

She said that neither she nor Robert Kennedy "has in any way approved or endorsed the material in the Look articles."

"The author, William Manchester, and the publisher of Look magazine have assumed complete and sole responsibility," she said.

Cowles said:

"As the result of our discussions with Mrs. Kennedy and her representatives, Mr. Manchester's superb job of report-

ing remains intact. We wish to make it clear that neither Mrs. Kennedy nor Sen. Robert Kennedy nor any member of her family has in any way approved or endorsed material appearing in Look's serialization, for which the publishers of Look assume complete and sole responsibility," he said.

Mrs. Kennedy filed a suit in New York's Supreme Court last Friday naming Cowles, Harper & Row and Manchester as defendants. She charged breach of contract, invasion of privacy and infringement on her copyright by unauthorized use of her name in advertisements and promotion.

The suit against Harper & Row and Manchester still stands. They have been ordered into court next Tuesday for a hearing, but this could be postponed by the court if a delay is sought by the defendants while they try to work out an agreement.

Both Look and Harper & Row had been scheduled to file answers in court today to Mrs. Kennedy's charges preliminary to the hearing.

But on Wednesday, Rifkind said, Look asked for a delay

until Friday since negotiations were taking place. A settlement was in the making and the principals wanted to put off going into court which, it was felt, would lead to a hardening of positions.

The court granted the delay to Look, and to Harper & Row.

Richard N. Goodwin, a former aide to President Kennedy who is acting as Mrs. Kennedy's adviser, made the final revisions in the serialization.

Much of the material Mrs. Kennedy objected to already has been reported in newspapers and magazines.

Series on JFK Printed Under Heavy Guard

North American Newspaper Alliance

The firm which is printing the Jan. 10 issue of Look magazine containing portions of the William Manchester book has thrown a heavy guard around its Chicago plant to prevent "unauthorized personnel" from entering and smuggling out copies.

Tek Osborn of R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co. said "our security measures are such that it is virtually impossible for any outsider or anyone inside the building to take copies out." The uniformed guards are part of Donnelley's internal security force.

"We've had absolutely no thefts that I'm aware of," Osborn said. The firm is the largest commercial printer in the United States, employing 12,000 people company-wide.

"Different kinds of printing require various kinds of security measures," said Osborn. "Automotive announcements, financial printing, for example, require high-level security measures. And even our least security-conscious job is protected against its being taken out of the plant by unauthorized personnel. It's standard procedure with us. Certainly, with the Manchester serialization we are going to do everything we can to safeguard it from premature leaks."

Over at Harper & Row, public relations director Stuart Harris said the publishing firm had not installed special security measures — and he was not sure whether it would — as it prepares to print the book, due out in April.

"If we do, ours would not be as dramatic as Look's or Donnelley's," Harris said. "Of course, we're not quite as far along as they are. We have a couple of galleys here in the building that are locked up at night. There's a night guard. By the time Look comes out with the serialization, I trust that all the excitement will have died down."