

## Money Irked Kennedys, Author Says

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (UPI) — Author William Manchester said yesterday that the Kennedy family's objections to the book, "The Death of A President," did not arise until they learned Look Magazine was paying \$665,000 for serialization rights.

Mr. Manchester, in an interview published in this week's Newsweek Magazine, said Mrs. John F. Kennedy was "concerned over the sum of money and what she felt was commercialization." He said the family was "all for the book — but no magazine serialization."

A "mushroom cloud appeared over Hyannisport" — the Massachusetts home of the Kennedy family — when the President's widow learned from Sen. Robert F. Kennedy of the Look payment, Mr. Manchester said.

### SETTLEMENT

The long hassle over publication of the 654-page book — to be released in April — was settled out of court last week when Mr. Manchester and Harper & Row, the publisher, agreed to

strike from the book about 3600 words relating to events Mrs. Kennedy felt were strictly of a personal nature.

Mr. Manchester said during a subsequent attempt to come to terms with Sen. Kennedy over the Look controversy, the Senator "was so irrational. He was concerned about the money now."

A Kennedy advisor, Richard Goodwin, "tried to emasculate the Look galleys," Mr. Manchester said. "At one point nearly 50 per cent of the third installment was edited. It would have been unprintable."

### FOR THE RECORD

"He was editing largely for political reasons — material about Bobby and (President), Johnson. My position was that political material was vital for the historical record and was not negotiable. Personal changes were something else," Mr. Manchester said.

Look magazine also settled its dispute with the Kennedys out of court by deleting certain passages — Mr. Manchester said 1600 words — and the second

installment of its serialization appears on the newsstands this week.

He said the first time he talked to Sen. Kennedy about writing the book, the Senator said, "I don't want anybody to make a killing out of my brother's death." Mr. Manchester said he told him: "I'm not going to negotiate about your brother's death — you dictate your terms."

Mr. Manchester said his last meeting with Sen. Kennedy was at the Senator's home in Virginia. "Bobby being Bobby, he had to go swimming. He would ask me a question, then duck underwater and I would wait for him to surface in the pool before answering. His head was underwater most of the time," Mr. Manchester said.

Sen. Kennedy, in a statement last night, said of the interview:

"It all finally comes down to the fact that Mr. Manchester gave his word and then broke it. No statement or interview, or description of events, however dramatic, can alter that plain fact. For that reason, I will have no further comment."