

Mrs. Kennedy Speaks of 'Horrible' Trial

Fight Brews Over JFK Book

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (UPI) — Jacqueline Kennedy would rather endure a "horrible" trial than live with the official book about her husband's assassination as written. Its publisher insists that blocking its publication would be censoring history.

The Kennedy family handpicked William Manchester to set down the events of November, 1963. Mrs. Kennedy charges the historian with breach of contract and within a few days plans to file a suit against Manchester, Harper & Row, Inc., and Look Magazine, which bought the serialization rights.

Her attorney, former Federal Judge Simon Rifkind, said yesterday he would ask a state supreme court for an injunction restraining the publication of "The Death of a President" and its serialization, scheduled to appear in Look starting Jan. 10.

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"As horrible as a trial will be, it now seems clear that my only redress is to ask the courts to enforce my rights and postpone publication until the minimum limits of my family's privacy can be protected," Mrs. Kennedy said in a rare statement issued at her Fifth-av office.

William Attwood, editor in

chief in all publications of Cowles Communications, Inc., which owns Look, announced the magazine's intention to begin its serialization on schedule Jan. 10.

"We feel strongly that it would be improper to withhold this significant document from the American people," he said. "To do so would amount to a censorship of history."