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Mrs. JFK Ready For Court Battle

NEW YORK (AP) — Mrs. John F. Kennedy says she is prepared to relive her grief and shock after the assassination of her husband in order to legally block publication of a book about the tragedy.

The outlook for her is horrible, she said.

The book, which the Kennedy family had authorized, is "Death of a President," by William Manchester. It describes the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963, and the events in the days immediately afterward.

Mrs. Kennedy calls it "tasteless and distorted."

"As horrible as a trial will be," she says, "it now seems clear that my only redress is to ask the courts to enforce my rights."

Her attorneys said they are preparing papers seeking a temporary injunction to stop the book's publication and would file them in two or three days. Summonses already have been served on Harper & Row, book publisher, and Cowles Communications, Inc., publishers of Look magazine.

The magazine, which reportedly paid Manchester \$650,000 for the serial right to his book, scheduled publication of the first article for Jan. 10. Harper

& Row plan to bring out the book next April.

The impending lawsuit, and a mention of "inaccurate and unfair references to other individuals" in a statement by Mrs. Kennedy about Manchester's book, may throw some light on long-standing reports of friction between the Kennedys and President Johnson. It assertedly began on the plane that brought Kennedy's body from Dallas to Washington after the assassination.

A friend of the Kennedy family said Manchester's book depicts Mrs. Kennedy as having been "upset because LBJ kept the plane on the ground too long in Dallas, waiting to be sworn in as president."

Another version of this incident is that Mrs. Kennedy and Kenneth O'Donnell, special assistant to the assassinated President, boarded the plane and ordered the pilot to take off at once. Johnson reportedly countermanded the order.

Sources close to the Kennedy family said Manchester's book contains "other things that involve LBJ which are distorted and unfair."

Fallout Increases

LONDON (AP) — Fallout on Britain from nuclear blasts decreased by more than 50 per cent in the first six months this year as compared to 1965, the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority reported. It said the third Chinese nuclear blast, on May 9, added very little.