

Kennedy's Own Book Sparks Another Row

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Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and Harper & Row, publishers of William Manchester's controversial "The Death of a President," are now involved in a dispute over publication of a book of the Senator's speeches.

Harper & Row's winter catalogue, which came out last November, had announced publication of Kennedy's speeches on national and world affairs.

But yesterday, Evan Thomas, vice president of the publishing firm, said the project had been dropped from the winter schedule.

"The first indication that there would be a delay came last December when the Senator failed to send us the introduction to the book," said Thomas. "We sent some inquiries to Washington, but received no reply."

"He got a reply to everything he sent," a Kennedy aide said. "If he didn't, it was simply because the Senator didn't have time. Some material was not furnished. It was not completely buttonholed."

Thomas said: "We shall always be ready to publish the new book if Mr. Kennedy wants us to. They are good speeches and ought to be published. But if he takes them somewhere else, I suppose we won't be broken-hearted."

The decision to drop the book from the winter schedule was made "late last October or early November," according to Frank Mankiewicz, Kennedy's press secretary.

Mankiewicz said that Thomas "would agree with me that this is the first time there's been any discussion" since last fall

to postpone publication.

The press secretary denied reports that the publication was postponed because of the dispute over the Manchester book, due out in April, and embroiled in legal action because of Mrs. Kennedy's dissatisfaction with treatments in magazine serializations.

The proposed book of Kennedy speeches would have to be brought up to date now, Mankiewicz said, because "there are speeches the Senator has made through mid-October that would have to be included." These, he said, would include Kennedy's recent speeches on the Vietnam war.

But sources close to the Senator said he had withdrawn the book from Harper & Row as a result of the dispute that erupted when Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy instituted legal action against the publishing firm in a demand for certain deletions in the Manchester book.

Some of the deletions were

made and the suit was dropped.

But the furor shook the old friendship between the Kennedys and the publishers, which had put out the works of the late President Kennedy, and three previous books by Robert Kennedy.

When Mankiewicz was asked if the manuscript, which is still in Thomas's possession, would be offered to another publisher, he said: "We really don't know yet. Eventually, the book will come out, but it's too soon to say when or who will publish it."

Harper's winter catalogue spoke glowingly of the promised book. "All these speeches impart a clear-eyed, creative approach to grave issues, a strong sense of reality, courage and commitment and, most importantly, the conviction that youth and the young spirit everywhere will face up to the process of revolutionary change to ensure equal opportunities for all."

La. Mystery Quiz

New Orleans, March 1 (AP)—District Attorney Jim Garrison's office subpoenaed a "James Lewallen" to appear today in connection with Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

No information about Lewallen was revealed by the DA's office in the brief announcement.