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In Book Battle

Jackie Eyes Injunction

NEW YORK — (AP) — Negotiations to settle the dispute over the book "The Death of a President" neared crisis point today, with little sign that either side would give ground short of a court hearing.

Don Congdon, literary agent for author William Manchester, said his client is determined to resist changes in the book demanded by Mrs. John F. Kennedy, who alleges invasion of privacy and breach of agreement.

"He is trying to protect his integrity," said Congdon. "You must understand, this book is his offspring."

INJUNCTION

A source close to the Kennedy family indicated that if Manchester holds firm, Mrs. Kennedy and her brother-in-law, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, (D-N.Y.) will press their petition for an injunction to block publication.

"Nobody — that's both sides — relishes bringing this to court," the source said. "Hopefully it will be settled. But it revolves around personal things that Mrs. Kennedy thinks are not a part of history."

"There will be no partial injunctions here. That means it's all or nothing if there is a trial — either Mrs. Kennedy wins or they do."

A hearing on the Kennedy suit against Manchester, a 44 year old former newsman, and two publishers is set for

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next Tuesday before a Manhattan judge of the New York Supreme Court.

Mrs. Kennedy, who originally commissioned the book, is reported to be



Seemingly undaunted by the raging book controversy, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy leaves a New York theater

last night on the arm of Kingsbury Smith, European director of the Hearst Headline Service. They saw "Cabaret."

demanding deletion of large sections of the Manchester book — by one account, up to 10,000 words — which she contends are too intimately personal for publication.

LOVE LETTER

Sections to which she objects include quotations from a love letter to her husband and an account in her own words of the last night they spent together before an assassin's bullet cut him down in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Co-defendants with Manchester are Look Magazine, which planned an 80,000-word serialization of parts of the book in an issue scheduled to reach the newsstands Jan. 10, and Harper & Row, the publishing firm which arranged to bring out the full 300,000-word hard cover version in April.

Look estimated today its losses, if it is restrained from publishing the serial version, would run \$3 million to \$5 million in advertising and sales.

BIG LOSSES

Defeat in court would be costly to Manchester, too. Under his contract selling se-

rial rights to the magazine for \$665,000, he is liable for the expenses of any court action.

Additionally, Manchester would be deprived of possibly millions of dollars in further earnings. Dell Books is reported to have bid \$1 million for paperback reprint rights alone.

Mrs. Kennedy's younger brother-in-law, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, (D-Mass.), said in an interview on Boston station WHDH-TV "I'm hopeful that someday the book will be published."

Kennedy said last night he thought Mrs. Kennedy and his brother felt the same way, but declared:

"She wanted to have the events surrounding 1963 to be recorded for history. She wanted to be able to reveal to someone that she did have a sense of confidence in, and who was an excellent writer, her innermost thoughts, so that he would be able to have background, perspective to write the history of this period of time."

HER WISH

"But it was also her very earnest hope and wish that

her very personal recollections, which aren't really necessary to historical accuracy in this event, that she would have a say in what was to be used in this sense.

"And that's really what she is most sensitive to and I think she is trying to protect and that is the very detailed right of privacy in this respect."

The Kennedys say that under an agreement reached before he started writing the book, Manchester gave them a right of veto on content and publication time.

Manchester claims that this agreement was superseded by a go-ahead in a telegram last July from Robert Kennedy. The Senator denies that anything in the telegram could have been construed as a waiver of the family's rights to review the manuscript and to say when it could be published.