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Book Battle

Moving to Germany

NEW YORK — (AP) — An official of Look magazine said today he plans to go to West Germany to try to dissuade the magazine Stern from publishing the original version of Look's serialization of the book, "The Death of a President."

Meanwhile, Mrs. John F. Kennedy, one of the principals in the book controversy, and her children, Caroline and John Jr., will leave Monday for a vacation in Antigua in the British West Indies.

They plan to return Jan. 5.

BEFORE HEARING

Mrs. Kennedy's planned departure is one day before a scheduled hearing on her court suit against William Manchester, author of the book, and Harper & Row, the publishers, seeking to block publication of the book in its present form.

Mrs. Kennedy reached an out-of-court settlement with Look Wednesday after the magazine agreed to make requested deletions and modifications of passages she considered too personal. Sections of the serialization reportedly unfavorable to President Johnson will remain.

NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiations are continuing with Harper & Row in an effort to reach a similar agreement.

Manchester and Harper & Row were scheduled to file papers in Manhattan Supreme Court today answering Mrs. Kennedy's charges.

But the court granted an extension until next Tuesday, indicating a settlement is possible.

The Look official, Joseph Wurzel, syndicate manager, said he had been trying to reach Henri Nannen, editor in chief of Stern, by phone, but Nannen apparently is in Switzerland for Christmas.

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No Deletions in German Version Of Kennedy Book

Hamburg

The West German magazine Stern announced yesterday that it will publish the original version of Look's serialization of "The Death of a President" and predicted the Kennedy family could not stop it.

The Stern issue with the first installment is due January 17,

Henri Nannen, editor in chief of the illustrated magazine, said Stern's rights were not affected by Look Magazine's agreement in New York Wednesday to change or delete certain passages.

A Look spokesman said later "It is our responsibility. We will take every appropriate action."

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