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## NIGHT LEAD KENNEDY (270)

BONN, GERMANY, JAN. 16 (AP)-A LEADING SOCIAL DEMOCRAT URGED THE MAGAZINE STERN TO DELETE PARTS OF "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT" MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY FOUND OBJECTIONABLE. STERN'S PUBLISHER HENRI NANNEN REJECTED THE REQUEST.

STERN HAS BEGUN PUBLISHING LOOK MAGAZINE'S SERIALIZATION OF THE BOOK BY WILLIAM MANCHESTER WITHOUT THE DELETIONS LOOK AGREED TO, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE KENNEDYS. SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, D-N.Y., ASKED STERN TO MAKE THE DELETIONS.

DR. ULRICH LOHMAR, CHAIRMAN OF THE BUNDESTAG COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE, CULTURE AND PUBLICATION, WROTE NANNEN SAYING "I SEE NO CONVINCING POLITICAL OR JOURNALISTIC ARGUMENT TO DISREGARD MRS. KENNEDY'S WISHES."

"BY ALTERING YOUR DECISION, YOU COULD ADD TO CLARIFICATION OF THE LINE BETWEEN INFORMATIVE AND SENSATIONAL JOURNALISM. BESIDES, SUCH A DECISION COULD INFLUENCE THE (FORTHCOMING) DEBATE IN THE BUNDESTAG ON LIMITING REPORTS ABOUT THE PRIVATE LIVES OF CITIZENS."

IN HIS REPLY, ANNEN WROTE LOHMAR:

"YOU HAVE NEGLECTED THAT WHICH IS EXPECTED OF EVERY JOURNALIST: TO STUDY THE FACTS BEFORE REACHING CONCLUSIONS...IN MY REJECTING CENSORSHIP OF WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S REPORT BY THE KENNEDY FAMILY, I AM IN ACCORD WITH THE BIG GERMAN AND AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS. ALL CONDEMN THE ACTION OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY AGAINST MANCHESTER'S BOOK.

"IT IS NOT TRUE THAT THE DELETIONS DESIRED BY THE KENNEDY FAMILY TOUCH ONLY ON PERSONAL FEELINGS OF MRS. KENNEDY. THAT WOULD MEAN THAT MRS. KENNEDY REGARDS HERE NEGATIVE REMARKS ABOUT PRESIDENT JOHNSON AS NONPOLITICAL."

NANNEN SAID THAT STERN WAS NOT ALONE IN PUBLISHING THE ENTIRE SERIALIZATION. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

"HOW ELSE COULD I COUNTER THE IRRESPONSIBLE TALK OF 'SENSATIONAL JOURNALISM' OTHER THAN BY PRINTING THE UNABRIDGED MANCHESTER (SERIALIZATION)," NANNEN SAID. "THERE ARE OBJECTIVE STANDARDS FOR GOOD TASTE. WILLIAM MANCHESTER NEED HAVE NO FEAR OF THEM."

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