

AMS BUDGET

NIGHT LEAD STERN-KENNEDY (500)

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMBURG, GERMANY, JAN. 25 (AP)-STERN MAGAZINE AGREED TODAY TO CUT PASSAGES OF A PERSONAL NATURE OF ITS SERIALIZATION OF "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT" AND ITS EDITOR SENT MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY A MESSAGE SAYING, "I AM SORRY TO HAVE CAUSED YOU DISPLEASURE."

HENRI NANNEN, EDITOR IN CHIEF, SAID 122 LINES WERE CUT FROM THE SERIALIZATION AND THEY REPRESENTED MRS. KENNEDY'S "PERSONAL STATEMENTS OF FEELING" AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION OF HER HUSBAND.

A HAMBURG COURT TWO DAYS AGO REFUSED TO PREVENT STERN FROM PUBLISHING AN UNEDITED VERSION OF THE SERIALIZATION. THE ACTION HAD BEEN SOUGHT BY LOOK MAGAZINE, WHICH MADE DELETIONS AT THE REQUEST OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND TRIED TO PREVENT STERN FROM PUBLISHING THEM. LOOK HAD SOLD THE SERIALIZATION RIGHTS TO STERN FOR A REPORTED \$72,500.

NANNEN TOOK NOTE OF THIS IN A TELEGRAM TO MRS. KENNEDY INFORMING HER OF THE DECISION.

"WHAT I COULD NOT DO UNDER EITHER POLITICAL CENSORSHIP, NOR PRESSURE OF LEGAL ACTIONS I GLADLY ... DO VOLUNTARILY. THE NEXT STERN ISSUE OF WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S 'DEATH OF A PRESIDENT' WILL NOT CONTAIN THE PERSONAL PASSAGES YOU OBJECT TO. I AM SORRY TO HAVE CAUSED YOU DISPLEASURE."

A MAGAZINE SPOKESMAN SAID MRS. KENNEDY HAD REPLIED TO NANNEN'S TELEGRAM BUT DID NOT MAKE IT PUBLIC. IN NEW YORK, HOWEVER, IT WAS REPORTED MRS. KENNEDY REPLIED:

"I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE DECISION TO DELETE PERSONAL PASSAGES AS I REQUESTED. THIS MODIFICATION OF DER STERN'S POSITION IS APPRECIATED BY SENATOR KENNEDY AND ME."

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A STERN SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED NO REFERENCES OF A POLITICAL NATURE WOULD BE DELETED FROM THE SERIALIZATION. HE ADDED THAT THE

MAGAZINE HAD NO INTENTION OF SUBMITTING TO "POLITICAL CENSORSHIP OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY."

A STATEMENT ISSUED BY LOOK MAGAZINE IN NEW YORK SAID THAT "WE ARE NATURALLY PLEASED AT THIS TURN OF DEVELOPMENTS." A SPOKESMAN SAID LOOK WOULD NOT DECIDE WHETHER TO DROP OR APPEAL THE CASE AGAINST STERN UNTIL IT RECEIVED THE RULING OF THE HAMBURG COURT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAGAZINE SUBMITTED ITS MANUSCRIPT TO A PANEL COMPRISED OF GOLO MANN, A HISTORY PROFESSOR; KURT BIRRENBACH, A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MEMBER OF THE BUNDESTAG AND PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN COMMITTEE FOR THE KENNEDY LIBRARY; AND WERNER HOEFER, A TELEVISION NEWSMAN.

THE PANEL, SAID STERN, CONFIRMED THE MAGAZINE'S CONTENTION THAT NO PASSAGES OF A POLITICAL OR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE HAD BEEN CUT, BUT ONLY "PERSONAL STATEMENTS OF FEELING" BY MRS. KENNEDY.

NANNEN HAD MAINTAINED THAT POLITICAL REASONS, MORE THAN PERSONAL ONES, WERE BEHIND THE KENNEDY FAMILY'S REQUEST TO CUT THE TEXT.

THREE STERN INSTALLMENTS OF THE SERIES HAVE ALREADY APPEARED ON GERMAN NEWSSTANDS WITH MATERIAL THAT MRS. KENNEDY ASKED TO BE DELETED.

IN MOSCOW A SOVIET MAGAZINE ALSO HAS PUBLISHED EXCERPTS, WHICH IT SAYS IT TOOK FROM STERN, OF THE UNCUT VERSION OF MANCHESTER'S BOOKS. THE WEEKLY MAGAZINE LITERATURNAYA GAZETA (LIBRARY GAZETTE) WENT ON SALE TODAY AND IN ITS ARTICLE DESCRIBED EVENTS IN DALLAS THE

THE WEEKLY MAGAZINE LITERATURNAYA GAZETA, (LITERARY GAZETTE) WENT ON SALE TODAY AND IN ITS ARTICLE DESCRIBED EVENTS IN DALLAS THE DAY BEFORE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

IN A FOREWORD THE MAGAZINE DREW ATTENTION TO THE LEGAL SUIT BETWEEN STERN AND LOOK AND CONCLUDED: "HERE WE OFFER TO THE READER'S ATTENTION SOME EXCERPTS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF STERN MAGAZINE."

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