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PITTS BURGH, PA., MARCH 29 (AP)-KAUFMANN'S DEPARTMENT STORE, WHICH BEGAN SELLING WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S "DEATH OF A PRESIDENT" MONDAY, HALTED SALE OF THE BOOK TODAY UNTIL THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION DATE OF APRIL 7.

A STORE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ACTION WAS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO A TELEGRAM FROM PUBLISHERS HARPER & ROW NOTING THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION DATE.

THE SPOKESMAN REPORTED SALES HAD BEEN "JUST FAIR." "APPARENTLY EVERYONE BUT THE CUSTOMER WAS EXCITED OVER THIS," HE SAID.

GIMBELS AND WALLECK'S BOOK STORE, WHICH HAD FOLLOWED KAUFMANN'S IN PUTTING THE BOOK ON SALE, SAID THEY WOULD WITHDRAW IT, TOO, IF ALL PITTS BURGH STORES DID SO.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR HARPER & ROW SAID AS FAR AS THEY KNEW, ALL PITTS BURGH STORES HAD STOPPED SELLING IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLICATION DATE.

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