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Hamburg, Germany, Dec. 22 (AP)- The magazine Stern announced today 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 Jan. 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 yesterday to change or delete passages relating to the personal life of Mrs. John F. Kennedy and her two children.

Nannen declared the contract between Stern and Look made no provision for any changes or cutting of the text. Stern paid Look \$72,000 for serialization rights.

After talking with Mrs. Kennedy's attorneys in New York, a source close to the family said:

"We do not know anything about the Stern statement except Look represented to us that they had made no agreement with permitted Stern or any other publication to which Look had sold rights to publish any text other than that which appears in Look Magazine."

A Look spokesman said later "it is our responsibility. We will take very appropriate action." He did not elaborate.

In New York later, Editor-in-chief William Attwood of Cowles Communications, publisher of Look, said "Look and Cowles will go to any length to prevent the publication by Stern of any part of Mr. Manchester's book that has not been approved" by Mrs. Kennedy. Attwood said he is sending Look's syndicate manager, Joseph Wurzel, to Germany immediately to talk with Stern's editor.

Nannen's statement said he did not think the Kennedys could halt publication in West Germany by court action because only that which is false or damaging to a person's honor can be blocked under the law. He added that neither of these grounds apply to the serialization.

Then he mentioned that the prestige of President Johnson might be ~~injured~~ injured by observations in the serialization, and added:

"I can understand that Sen. Robert Kennedy would like to avoid this dispute (with Johnson) for the sake of his political career, but this can be no reason for not reporting the complete, unmodified historical truth."

In a statement issued on the settlement with Look, Mrs. Kennedy said the magazine agreed to remove or modify all ~~xx~~ passages in the magazine version relating to the personal life of her and her children.

"These paragraphs," she added, "were the sole reasons for the initiation of her legal action."

Then in what may have been ~~an~~ an allusion to Johnson, she said:

"I have been told there are historical ~~xxf~~ inaccuracies and unfair references in this book. That they have been written is unfortunate. However, it was clear before bringing this suit that hisyo5ical judgments, even if inaccurate, could not properly be suppressed by a court of law."

The serialization is an 80,000-word excerpt from the 300,000-word "Death of a President," by William Manchester, to be published by Harper & Row. Look magazine said under the agreement with Mrs. Kennedy, deletions from its serializati n amounted to about 1,600 words.

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