

JOHNSON CALLED KIND TO KENNEDYS

Magazine Describes Moves
to Ease Plight of Widow

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (UPI)—In the days after the assassination of John F. Kennedy President Johnson gave in to many "unusual demands" by the Kennedy family, a news magazine reported today.

U. S. News and World Report, in a copyrighted article, said Mr. Johnson went along with every request made in that period by Mrs. Kennedy.

The report described the book, "The Death of a President" by William Manchester, which was commissioned by the Kennedys, as "an outward manifestation of a deep, bitter and continuing vendetta that has been going on between warring factions of the Democratic party ever since that fateful day in Dallas."

The magazine said Mr. Johnson was "indignant" over rumors arising from the Manchester manuscript, "feeling that he has no recourse, no proper forum, no legitimate way to set the record straight in connection with derogatory reports that have gained wide credence."

The Kennedy family has taken legal action to block publication of the book, but "President Johnson and his friends have never accepted for a minute the idea that the Kennedys have 'lost control' of the Manchester manuscript," the magazine said.

Instances Listed

It listed the following instances in which it said President Johnson had gone out of his way to make the days after the assassination easier for Mr. Kennedy:

¶Mrs. Kennedy remained in the White House for 14 days after President Kennedy's death. When President Roosevelt died in 1945, Eleanor Roosevelt

moved out the next day.

¶Mr. Johnson carried out Mrs. Kennedy's request that a White House kindergarten set up for her children be continued until the school term ended in late December.

¶Mr. Johnson agreed to allow the East Room of the White House, where the President's body had lain, to remain idle and draped in black for 30 days, though it meant postponing a Christmas party for underprivileged children.

¶Mr. Johnson worked across the street from the White House in the executive office building for days to avoid inconvenience to the Kennedy family.

¶Mr. Johnson, at Mrs. Kennedy's request, renamed Cape Canaveral for the late President despite the objections of the city of Cape Canaveral and the Chamber of Commerce of Cocoa, Fla.

Negotiations Interrupted

By MARTIN ARNOLD

Negotiations between representatives of Mrs. John F. Kennedy and Harper & Row, Publishers, Inc., over the publication of "The Death of a President" were virtually suspended yesterday until after the long weekend.

Simon H. Rifkind, Mrs. Kennedy's attorney, said that the "lawyers are disappearing to spend the holiday with their families."

Mr. Rifkind, a former Federal judge, and Richard N. Goodwin, an adviser to Mrs. Kennedy, attended meetings yesterday at the office of Carleton G. Eldridge Jr., the attorney for the book's author, William Manchester, at 200 Park Avenue.

Mr. Manchester is in a Middletown, Conn., hospital with a mild case of pneumonia. A source close to the negotiations said that "no lawyer likes to work a case without easy access to his client, and with Mr. Manchester in the hospital there is no easy access."

Mrs. Kennedy Sues

Mrs. Kennedy brought suit for a temporary injunction against the publication of the Manchester book on the ground that it included material that was

too personal in nature and not of historical value.

On Tuesday both sides agreed to forgo any legal action until mid-January so that they could continue to negotiate on the revision of the manuscript. Mrs. Kennedy's application for a temporary injunction is technically still pending, although she has said she would not press for it.

After the lawyers met Wednesday in the office of State Supreme Court Justice Saul S. Streit, Justice Streit said he would meet with them again Jan. 5. If no agreement has been reached by then, he said he would set a date for a trial in the case, probably sometime in the middle of the month.

The trial would involve Mrs. Kennedy's request for a permanent injunction barring publication of the book.

Publishers Pledge Delay

"Harper & Row has voluntarily given assurance to Mrs. Kennedy that the book will not be published before April, 1967, the date the book was scheduled for publication prior to the institution of the lawsuit," the publishing company reiterated yesterday in a statement.

A source close to the parties of the dispute said that there was a possibility that there would be some negotiating today, but that no settlement would be reached before Tuesday, after the New Year's holiday.

Negotiations over the revision of the manuscript have been halted because of Mr. Manchester's illness.

Mrs. Kennedy is seeking to have parts of the manuscript deleted or modified. That is the basis of her suit against the publisher.

The hearing on her suit against Mr. Manchester has been put off until Jan. 16, when it will either have been settled or joined with the Harper & Row suit.