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NIGHT LEAD MANCHESTER BOOK (250)

NEW YORK, JAN. 5 (AP)-STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SAUL S. STREIT SCHEDULED TODAY A JAN. 18 TRIAL OF MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY'S INJUNCTION SUIT AGAINST PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK, "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT."

HOWEVER, EFFORTS CONTINUED, TO REACH AN OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENT BETWEEN MRS. KENNEDY AND THE FIRM OF HARPER & ROW, WHICH PLANS PUBLICATION IN APRIL OF AUTHOR WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S 300,000 WORD BOOK.

STREIT TOLD NEWSMEN:

"NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED. THEY ARE BEING CONTINUED. IN THE EVENT NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT COMPLETED, THE PARTIES WILL GO TO TRIAL."

MRS. KENNEDY SEEKS A PERMANENT INJUNCTION AGAINST PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK, UNLESS HARPER & ROW AND MANCHESTER AGREE TO DELETE CERTAIN SECTIONS SHE CONSIDERS TOO PERSONAL. THE BOOK DEALS WITH HER HUSBAND'S 1963 ASSASSINATION.

LOOK MAGAZINE, WITH SERIAL RIGHTS TO THE BOOK, AGREED TO DELETIONS IN AN OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENT AND WILL BEGIN A FOUR-PART 50,000-WORD SERIES IN NEXT WEEK'S EDITION.

IN ANSWERING MRS. KENNEDY'S COMPLAINT, HARPER & ROW'S ATTORNEY, EDWARD GREENBAUM, CONTENDED ANY INJUNCTION "WOULD BE CONTRARY TO PUBLIC POLICY AND CONSTITUTE AN ABRIDGEMENT OF, AND INTERFERENCE WITH, THE RIGHTS OF THE AUTHOR AND THE RIGHTS OF THE DEFENDANT HARPER AS PUBLISHER."

ON BEHALF OF MANCHESTER, ATTORNEY CARLETON ELDRIDGE SAID MRS. KENNEDY "HAS, BY HER COURSE OF CONDUCT AND HER APPROVAL OF, AND ACQUIESCENCE IN THE COURSE OF CONDUCT OF OTHERS, WAIVED ANY ALLEGED PERSONAL RIGHT OF CONSENT AND APPROVAL OVER THE PUBLICATION OF WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S BOOK."

MANCHESTER SAID THE LAWSUIT IS BASED ON AN ALLEGED BREACH OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN HIMSELF AND SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, D-N.Y., MRS. KENNEDY'S BROTHER-IN-LAW. THE CONTRACT, THE KENNEDYS MAINTAIN, GAVE THEM THE RIGHT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE BOOK BEFORE PUBLICATION.

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