

A KENNEDY FRIEND JOINS STERN TALKS

Magazine Will Be Asked to
Revise Its Serialization

By JOHN CORRY

An executive of Cowles Communications and a friend of Mrs. John F. Kennedy will join in asking Stern magazine in Germany today to revise its serialization of "The Death of a President."

William Attwood, the editor in chief of Cowles, flew to Hamburg Wednesday night. William J. vanden Heuvel, who is a political associate of Senator Robert F. Kennedy as well as a friend of Mrs. Kennedy, left here last night.

Mr. vanden Heuvel said that Cowles Communications, which publishes Look, "had the basic legal problem with Stern." Mr. vanden Heuvel will be in Hamburg, he said, "to sit in on the discussions as a representative of Mrs. Kennedy."

Look sold the German serialization rights of "The Death of a President" to Stern for \$7,200. Subsequently, Mrs. Kennedy filed a suit to prevent Look from publishing its installments.

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The suit was dropped, however, when Look agreed to modify some, but not all, of the passages that Mrs. Kennedy found offensive. It was also understood that Look would see that foreign installments of the serialization conformed to the American version.

Nonetheless, in its first installment, which it published last Monday, Stern included a letter that Mrs. Kennedy had sent to President Kennedy. Look had deleted it.

Mr. vanden Heuvel said he hoped he and Mr. Attwood could "convince the German publishers, who are the only ones in the world who have not agreed to honor their agreement with Look about the text, to honor it."

"I am hopeful," he said, "that this can be done."

So far, Look has sold the serialization rights to "The Death of a President," William Manchester's account of the assassination of President Kennedy, to magazines in 25 countries.

Release Date Questioned

Besides a stipulation that it control the textual matter, Look says, it was also agreed that foreign installments must follow their publication in Look by five to seven days. Stern, which published half the installment that appeared in Look and will publish the rest next week, appeared simultaneously with Look.

Further, a Look executive noted, Stern would have appeared before Look if Look had not advanced its publication date from last Tuesday to Monday.

This was done after The Chi-

cago Daily News broke the release date for news stories on the installment and published articles about it last Saturday.

One source in the dispute also objected to Stern's treatment of the installment. He said the German magazine had used pictures of Mrs. Kennedy moments after the assassination. They show her apparently trying to scramble over the rear seat of the Presidential limousine.

The department warned inspections stations throughout the state to "brace for an onslaught" of about 2.7 million additional inspections between January and the end of March because of the new law.

No particular problems are expected "unless everyone waits until the last few days" of each month to have their inspections completed, a spokesman said. Automobile owners were urged to make appointments at their local inspection stations to avoid delay.

The inspection list includes brakes, lights, steering wheels and front-end alignment. Headlamps, for instance, must be in good condition and set so as to prevent dazzle or glare. No tolerance on brakes or lights is permitted although a minor leeway is allowed on wheel play and alignment.