

German Stern Cuts Material In JFK Serial

HAMBURG (Germany) — (AP) —The West German magazine Stern in a surprise announcement said today it is voluntarily cutting some sections of its serialization of "The Death of a President" that the family of the late President John F. Kennedy has found objectionable.

Stern spokesman said the cuts amount to 122 lines out of a total of 7911 in the German serialization of William Manchester's book.

The cuts, he said, affected only passages dealing with what Mrs. Kennedy had told Manchester about her "personal concerns" at the time of the assassination.

NOT IDENTICAL

But, he added, Stern has no intention of submitting itself to what he called the "political censorship of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy." Stern's cuts are not identical with those of Look and other magazines to which Look had sold foreign rights, the spokesman said.

Two days ago a Hamburg civil court ruled that Stern could continue to publish the uncut serialization of the book.

Look magazine had filed the Hamburg suit in an effort to halt Stern from printing what it contended was an unauthorized version of the serialization.

CARRIED EXCERPTS

Stern had printed three installments of the book and in them was material that the Kennedys wanted omitted.

Before Stern's announcement, the Soviet magazine Literaturnaya Gazeta (Literary Gazette), a weekly

put out by the Soviet writers' union in Moscow, carried excerpts from the uncut version of the book which had appeared in Stern's last issue.

"The text which appeared in Look magazine has been changed on the demand of the Kennedy family," said a preface to the excerpts in the Literary Gazette. "Stern magazine refused to make any changes."

The excerpts in the Soviet magazine described events on the day before President Kennedy's assassination.

But the Soviet magazine left out all references in Stern's version to Lee Harvey Oswald, his stay in the Soviet Union and his Russian-born wife.

Oswald's Mother Cries Slander

NEW YORK — (UPI) — Mrs. Marguerite Oswald has threatened to file a slander suit against author William Manchester for describing her in "The Death of a President" as the mother of an assassin and a "shifter of bodies and bedpans."

Mrs. Oswald held a news conference yesterday at the shop of an autograph dealer who sold one of her son's letters for her and said nobody has proved in court that Lee Harvey Oswald shot President John F. Kennedy.

She said she would not accept a description of herself as the mother of an assassin unless it is modified by "alleged" or "suspected."