

KENNEDY IS ASSAILED BY EDITOR OF STERN

HAMBURG, Germany, Jan. 30 (AP)—Henry Nannen, chief editor of the magazine Stern, said today that Senator Robert F. Kennedy had acted with "hectic clumsiness" in trying to have political passages deleted from the serialization of the book "The Death of a President."

Stern is publishing the serialization in Germany. It announced originally that it would publish portions that Look magazine had agreed to delete from its serialization of the book by William Manchester.

Last week, however, Mr. Nannen announced that he would delete material that Mrs. John F. Kennedy considered to be personal.

In an editorial in the current issue of Stern, Mr. Nannen wrote that he planned to publish what he called politically and historically interesting passages that Senator Kennedy wanted cut out.

Referring to the New York Democrat, Mr. Nannen asked: "Did he really believe he could manipulate from the Manchester report the whole clash between the Kennedy clan and Johnson backers, just so that Johnson would keep the presidential chair warm for him for another four years?"

Mr. Nannen said the changes requested by Mrs. Kennedy were touching and understandingly feminine but that he could not comply with them originally because they had been coupled with those of Senator Kennedy.