

## KENNEDY QUESTIONS RULES

**Kopeczne Inquest Delayed**

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — District Court Judge James A. Boyle officially postponed this morning the inquest that was to have begun before him today into the death of Miss Mary Jo Kopeczne.

The postponement was ordered in Boston yesterday by Associate Justice Paul C. Reardon of the Massachusetts Supreme Court on a motion by lawyers for Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, in whose car Miss Kopeczne died.

THE JUSTICE also warned officials connected with the case against making public statements about it.

"I have been ordered not to proceed any further with the inquest 'in re Mary Jo Kopeczne,' which was set for hearing this morning," the soft-spoken 62-year-old Boyle said.

"Therefore, this inquest is adjourned . . .," Boyle added. "Court adjourned."

REARDON'S ORDER called for a hearing by the full seven-justice Supreme Court into constitutional issues raised by Kennedy counsel. No date was set. Reardon said the court first would study the matter and then proceed when the parties to the case were ready to go ahead.

The full court normally convenes Oct. 1. Atty. Gen. Robert H. Quinn said it appeared unlikely that there will be any action for at least two weeks. A possible appeal from whatever ruling comes from the full high court could further delay the inquest.

Reardon's order was direct-

ed at Dist. Judge James A. Boyle, scheduled to conduct the inquest ordered by Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis.

THE POSTPONEMENT was sought by Kennedy's attorneys because of rules for the inquest set down by Judge Boyle. The lawyers argued Kennedy's constitutional rights would be abridged by Boyle's refusal to permit cross-examination of witnesses.

**Kopecznes' Bid Denied**

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania judge rejected today a motion by the parents of Mary Jo Kopeczne to dismiss a petition for an autopsy on the body of the former secretary who was killed July 18 in an auto accident involving Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

In rejecting the motion by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kopeczne of Berkeley Heights, N. J., Judge Bernard C. Brominski of Common Pleas Court said he had the authority to order an

autopsy.

The Kopecznes had argued that Pennsylvania had no jurisdiction to act on the autopsy request by Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis of New Bedford, Mass.

Dinis wants the autopsy results for an inquest he plans into the woman's death.

That inquest was scheduled to begin today in Edgartown, Mass., but attorney's for Kennedy forced a postponement, probably of two weeks or more.



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JUSTICE PAUL C. REARDON of the Massachusetts Supreme Court ordered a postponement of the inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopeczne.

\* "but agreed with them that further evidence must be provided before he could allow the girl's body to be exhumed." (SF Examiner, 3 Sep, "Dismissal of autopsy turned down.")