

JACKIE COMES OFF

WST-1/9/67
By LIZ SMITH

Jackie Kennedy has discovered that one way to make life bearable as a public monument is to move her base hither and yon. She christened 1966 in Sun Valley—skiing with her children and some of the Kennedys.

On the night of January 14, she was back in New York, with Mike Nichols (who is considered a "safe" escort for her since it is inconceivable to most people that the widow of a president would ever think of marrying into the theater).

They danced at Arthur to numbers like "When You Know I'm Down" and "A Little Bit of Soap." Wearing pale yellow and white that night, she turned aside requests for autographs with a smiling, breathy, "No—thank you." Earl Wilson noted that when Mike went to get his coat, Jackie "stood waiting, like other girls, for her date."

Late in January, Jackie flew with the children and the Galbraiths to Gstaad, Switzerland. She took along all the

Second of a Series

same ski things she had worn in Sun Valley, though she put aside her much-publicized bell-bottom ski pants and reverted to less flamboyant, more professional togs. She also had with her a ribbed navy maillot bathing suit and another yellow and brown lightning-stripe job that covered one shoulder.

The Associated Press reported her "disgusted" because onlookers refused to let her alone on the slopes. The first day, she returned to her chalet in tears and Galbraith begged the press and public to lay off. In time, interest waned, and she was able to spend up to six hours a day improving her skiing form, even in the sleet. One day Randolph Churchill helicoptered over from a neighboring Alp to lunch with her.

By the time the Gstaad visit ended, the children were chattering in French, Jackie's christies had improved, and

HER PEDESTAL

she had donated \$1500 to local charities as a thank-you for Swiss hospitality.

When the month ended, Jackie went to Rome and, despite assurances to friends that she was no merry widow looking for a big whirl, the Roman aristocracy went into high gear. Everywhere she went, the adoring crowds, who revere JFK's memory, cheered her. Jackie smiled and smiled and kept smiling. She ordered an ankle-length black gown at Princess Irene Galitzine's for her audience with the Pope and it was completed in a record 20 hours. Willing seamstresses worked all night.

Princess Galitzine, the famous fashion lady who put pajamas back into the drawing room, gave a small lobster dinner in Jacqueline's honor.

Later in the week, Jackie rode to hounds with 45-year-old Dino Pecci-Blunt, an old Harvard classmate of the late president. She had her audience with the Pope and he gave her medals for John and a rosary for Caroline. Then she dined at George's, a smart Anglicized restaurant on the Via Marche, with sculptor Pericle Fasini.

Turn to Page 10



Associated Press Photo

MRS. KENNEDY BACK FROM ANTIGUA

Here, she raised eyebrows in a skirt rumored to be "four to six inches above the knee." (It is doubtful if this report could have been true. It would have been out of keeping for an appearance in the Holy City.)

However, Jackie has, since then, latched onto the shorter skirts fad. A widely circulated photo taken on Dec. 2 showed Jackie coming out of Manhattan's Lafayette Restaurant with her sister, Princess Lee Radziwill. In it, her light camel beige dress and matching coat were three inches above the knee. "It was the shortest dress we've seen her in," said a Women's Wear Daily executive.

In Rome, she was also entertained by Prince Aspremo Colonna at an elegantly private dinner party for 30 at the 15th-century ochre-colored Palazzo Colonna. While in Rome, Jackie ordered a dozen pieces from the Valentino fashion collection and, like a kid who couldn't wait, she walked right out onto the street wearing Valentino's soon-to-be-famous-because-of-Jacqueline yellow coat.

Unfortunately she missed the impersonation of another Valentino by one of her favorite actors, Marcello Mastroianni, who was starring in "Ciao, Rudi." The American embassy feared her presence would cause a stampede in the theater.

To outwit the paparazzi, she boarded her return flight under the name "Gardner"; and then in Lisbon, Jackie, the children, and the Galbraiths left the airport on a whirlwind tour of the city. This held up the Swissair flight to New York for 55 minutes and gave Portuguese police and the Secret Service a tremendous collective pain.

Series of Headaches

Jackie returned to the United States to the first of a series of wrist-slaps and minor headaches. The New York Times editorialized that Mrs. Kennedy's New York office did not need the \$50,000—alotted by Congress for the third year—to handle her flood of mail, since "the emergency has passed." Some Congressmen were also complaining about the allotment.

(As it turned out, Jacqueline didn't get credit for having asked, back in 1965, that the funds be cut to \$30,000 or less, and it wasn't until April that her letter requesting the cutback was printed.)

There were things to tend to in New York. She arranged the presentation of a gold chalice to the Basilica there with President Kennedy in 1962. She had jeweler of Guadalupe in Mexico City commemorating her visit David Webb, whom she privately greets as "Cellini," mount a piece of coral that JFK had picked up off one of the Solomon Islands during the war. She seemed to enjoy movies and arranged to see private screenings with friends. ("Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was one of the films she saw in 1966.)

She went at least once a week to work in the cluttered, crowded 400 Park Ave. offices which are the clearing house for Kennedy memorabilia.

On March 17, like any good Kennedy, she put on a Kelly green coat and stood on tiptoes at 57th St. to watch the St. Patrick's parade, breaking from the ranks to kiss the marching Bobby and then pose with him. After that, she and Arthur Schlesinger Jr. braved the crush to get back east to The Colony for eggs Benedict and calf's liver.

She had rented a 10-acre country estate in Bernardsville, N. J., for week-ends with her children and, when in town, she took them to the park or to theater matinees like "Half a Sixpence." One night in Arthur, again with Mike Nichols, she tried on a Beatle cap.

Ready for More Travel

By April, Jackie was ready for more travel—this time to Argentina for Easter. She and the children flew down to stay with former foreign minister Miguel Carcano and his daughter. The Carcanos are longtime friends of the Kennedy family and JFK visited their Cordoba estate

in 1941. Jacqueline said she wanted the children to see it.

There were radiant pictures of her in a white turtle-neck sweater, and John made news when he shucked his clothes for nude swimming. But John wasn't the only one—the Argentine magazine Gente stationed lensmen so they got pictures of Jacqueline changing her swimsuit in some bushes. The rear views printed caused a sensation in South America. Naturally, United States papers refused to reproduce them.

Speculations about romance and remarriage plagued her. An astrologist said she would never remarry, but This Week magazine said she would wed sometime in 1967. British seer Maurice Woodruff predicted her betrothal to a "non politico," though the children's former nanny, Maud Shaw, claimed she wouldn't marry again. On the eve of her visit to Spain, society columnist Joseph X. Dever recalled a prognostication that she would wed a Spanish diplomat.

The predictions were annoying, but Jackie was beginning to get used to them, and anyway the worst was yet to come.

TOMORROW

Jackie kept too busy to reply to her critics. Among other things, she became involved in a book being prepared by William Manchester.

Say Connally Opposed JFK Trip to Texas

DALLAS, Jan. 9 (UPI).—Texas Gov. John Connally did not want President John F. Kennedy to come to Texas in November 1963, The Dallas Times Herald said yesterday.

"I reminded him," the paper quoted Connally as saying, "he had not made a political appearance in Texas since the 1960 campaign and that if he spoke at four fund-raising dinners, he would be accused of coming to Texas just to take back a lot of money."

William Manchester, in his book "The Death of a President," said Kennedy was urged by a number of persons not to make the trip. The author did not mention Connally as one of those urging that the trip not be made.

Connally, when he was unable to change the president's mind, insisted that he be given complete control of arrangements, the Times Herald said in a copyright story.

The paper said it was the

governor who insisted that the Dallas luncheon be held at the Trade Mart, against White House opposition.

The president was fatally shot, and the governor seriously wounded, en route to the Trade Mart.

Manchester said the White House accepted the Trade Mart "to appease Connally." In his book, being serialized by Look magazine, Manchester also said Mrs. Kennedy disliked the governor.

She is quoted as saying:

"I just can't stand him all day. He's just one of those men—oh, I don't know, I just can't bear his sitting there, saying all these great things about himself. And he seems to be needing you all day."

Connally, who had not read the book when he was asked for recollections, said his associations with the Kennedys were "very pleasant" although brief.

"We didn't say 10 words in the car other than idle chatter—'look at that sign' or 'the wind sure is blowing.'"

"Nellie (Mrs. Connally) and I were very solicitous of her. I changed seats with her a couple of times so her hair wouldn't blow (in rides in San Antonio and Houston). On the plane, really nothing was said," Connally recalled.

Bonn Magazine Runs Uncut Kennedy Story

HAMBURG, Germany, Jan. 9 (UPI)—About 2 million copies of the magazine Der Stern today were en route to West German homes and newsstands carrying the uncensored serialization of the controversial book "The Death of a President."

The magazine disclosed yesterday it had rejected a last-ditch appeal by Sen. Robert F. Kennedy to remove certain passages from its serialization of the William Manchester book. It said Kennedy complained in a telegram that publication would cause his family "dis-

Under German press law, Sen. Norbert Sakowski said, the only legal action that could be taken against Der Stern would be to prove that statements in the serialization of the Manchester book were false or libelous.

Der Stern, largest magazine in West Germany, paid \$72,500 for serialization rights. Look gave Der Stern its serialization of the book before it agreed to delete about 1,600 words found objectionable by Mrs. John F. Kennedy and others in the slain President's family.

Henry Nannen, chief editor of Der Stern, declared the telegram he received from Kennedy said:

Der Stern's news editor, Norbert Sakowski, said copies of the magazine today were being shipped to homes and 48,000 newsstands and would go on sale tomorrow morning. He said if the Kennedy family wanted to stop distribution, "it would be too late now. They would have to sue all 48,000 peddlers in order to stop sales of the edition."

"I appeal to you on my behalf and on behalf of Mrs. John F. Kennedy to take all necessary action to conform Der Stern publication of Manchester installments to final Look text. I assure you that there is no material of historical significance in deleted passages, which

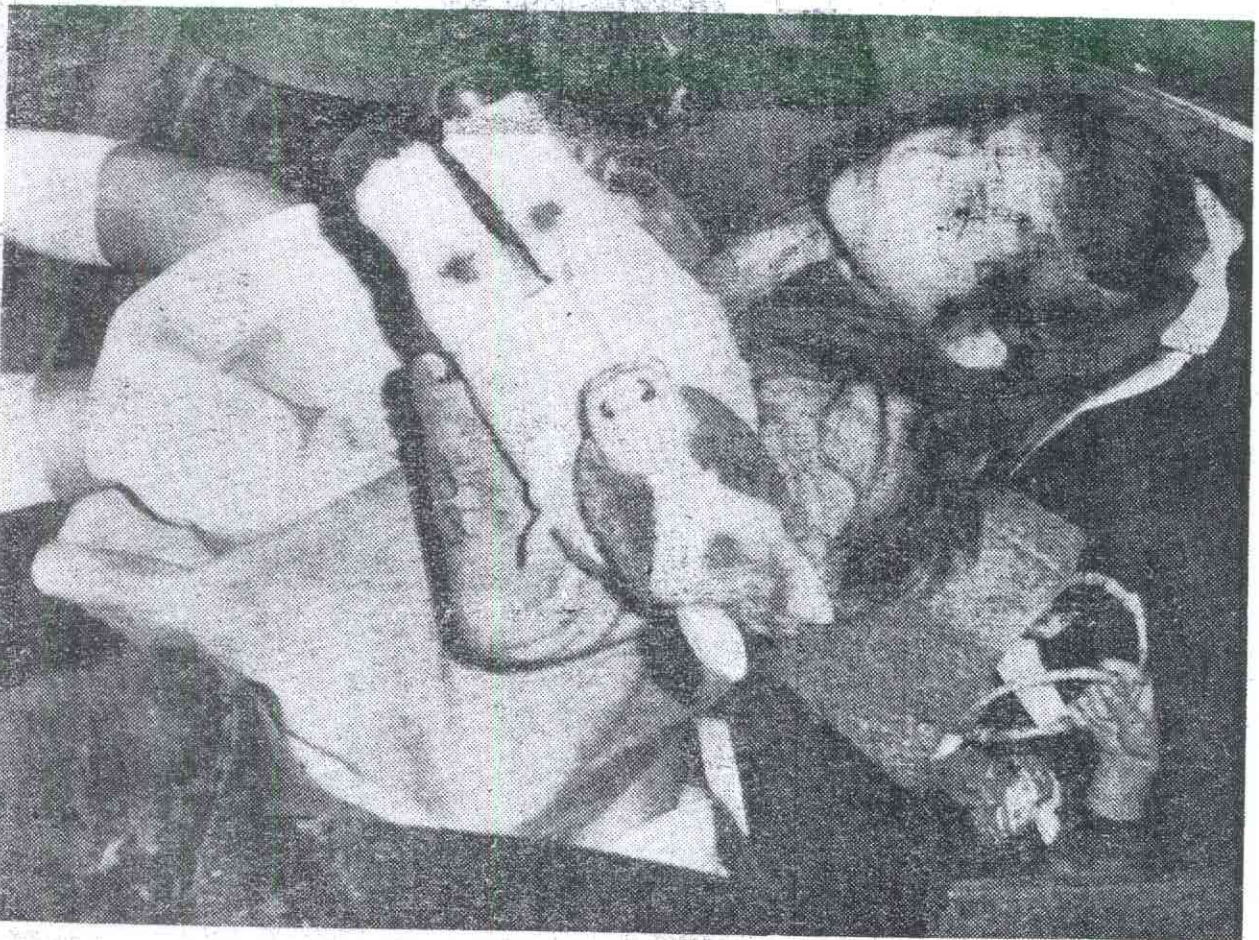
relate only to personal matters which would cause distress to Mrs. Kennedy and entire Kennedy family."

EDITOR'S REPLY

Nannen replied, however, "If I were of the opinion that Manchester's portrayal could hurt the feelings of Mrs. Kennedy or her children, Stern would not publish this report."

"Apart from this, I beg you to understand that German readers, who for 12 years experienced a censored press, are very sensitive to interference in the independence of an author."

"Therefore, it appears to be in mine, as well as in your and Mrs. Kennedy's interests, if Stern now publishes the uncut and uncensored version."



Associated Press Photo
Caroline Kennedy, 9, returns home from vacation in Antigua

Jackie, Children Home

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy was back home today after a two-week vacation on the Caribbean Island of Antigua in the British West Indies.

Accompanied by her children, Caroline, 9, and John, 6, Mrs. Kennedy flew home yesterday with the same pri-

vacy and secrecy that had surrounded her holiday.

The family arrived at La Guardia Airport aboard a private turboprop plane and were whisked away by secret servicemen in a four-car convoy to their home at 1020 Park Ave.