

Baby Due in February

Joan Kennedy's Miscarriage

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Hyannis, Mass.

Joan Kennedy, wife of Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy, suffered a miscarriage last night at Cape Cod Hospital, hospital authorities reported.

She was taken to the hospital shortly before 8 p.m. by Mrs. Stephen Smith and Mrs. Ethel Kennedy.

Dr. Leonard Smith said Mrs. Kennedy was resting comfortably. She was expecting the child in February.

Dr. Smith performed a dilation and curettement, which is a cleaning of any tissue left following the miscarriage.

The Kennedys have three other children, Kara, Edward M. Jr. and Patrick Joseph.

Senator Kennedy, who was on a family overnight camping trip to Nantucket Island off the Massachusetts coast, flew to Hyannis when notified of the miscarriage.

He was accompanied by

U.S. Congressman John Culver of Iowa, a classmate of Kennedy's at Harvard.

A family friend said Mrs. Kennedy had planned to go on the camping trip but didn't feel well when the party left yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Kennedy's pregnancy was made known a month ago, the night her husband went on national television to explain his conduct in the automobile accident in which Miss Mary Jo Kopechne, a

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JOAN KENNEDY AT TANGLEWOOD
A public performance three weeks ago

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Washington secretary, drowned.

Others in yesterday's overnight camping party, the family friend said, included Kennedy's cousin, Joseph Gargan, Mrs. John Culver, two of Senator Kennedy's children, and John F. Kennedy Jr., son of the late president.

STATEMENT

Word of Mrs. Kennedy's pregnancy came July 25 through the senator's press aide, Richard Drayne, after speculation arose about Ken-

nedy's statement in the television address that his wife's health was the only reason she did not accompany him to the sailing regatta the week before—hours prior to the fatal accident.

Reporters in Hyannis Port called Drayne to ask the reason for the reference to the senator's wife's health, Drayne later reported that Kennedy told him:

"Joansie is going to have a child."

Mrs. Kennedy has had two other miscarriages since her marriage.