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ADVANCE FOR USE IN AMS OF SUNDAY, NOV. 21--NOTE DATE--FROM AP NEWSFEATURES

(EDITOR'S NOTE--"THE GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY IN LIFE IS YOUR CHILDREN," MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY ONCE SAID. TWO YEARS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF THEIR FATHER, CAROLINE AND JOHN KENNEDY ARE BEING GIVEN AS NORMAL AN UPRINGING AS THEIR FAME--AND FATE--PERMIT. THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT ON THEIR ACTIVITIES.

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JFK'S CHILDREN (720)

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NEW YORK, NOV. 20 (AP)--THEY HUNTED EASTER EGGS IN VERMONT, WENT SKIING IN COLORADO, SWAM OFF CAPE COD, EXPLORED CENTRAL PARK, ROMPED AROUND THE WORLD'S FAIR AND WENT TO ENGLAND TO SEE THE QUEEN.

CAROLINE, SOON TO BE 8, AND HER BROTHER, JOHN, ALMOST 5, THE CHILDREN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, HAVE SPENT WHAT FOR THEM HAS BEEN A FAIRLY NORMAL YEAR.

THEY ARE BOTH IN SCHOOL.

TWO YEARS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT, CAROLINE IS ENROLLED AT THE CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, SIX BLOCKS FROM HER HOME, A PENTHOUSE APARTMENT ON FIFTH AVENUE. THE SCHOOL IS RUN BY NUNS WHOSE ORDER ORIGINALLY WAS ORGANIZED IN FRANCE TO TEACH THE DAUGHTERS OF THE ARISTOCRACY--WITH EMPHASIS ON STRICT DISCIPLINE, GOOD MANNERS AND DECORUM.

JOHN-JOHN ATTENDS MORNING KINDERGARTEN CLASSES AT NEARBY ST. DAVID'S. BOTH WILL CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH.

BOTH SCHOOLS CATER TO AN EXCLUSIVE CLIENTELE SO THE KENNEDY CHILDREN DON'T CREATE AN EXCEPTIONAL PROBLEM AND ARE ACCEPTED BY THEIR CLASSMATES, A FRIEND SAYS.

THIS IS CAROLINE'S SECOND YEAR AT SACRED HEART AND A SCHOOL SPOKESMAN SAID "OUR POLICY HASN'T CHANGED SINCE SHE CAME. WE TREAT HER LIKE ANYONE ELSE."

JOHN-JOHN'S CLASSMATES GREETED WITH APLOMB A FRIEND'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WAS ABSENT BECAUSE "HE HAD GONE TO ENGLAND TO SEE THE QUEEN." JOHN-JOHN MIGHT AS WELL HAVE BEEN GOING TO THE DENTIST, A FRIEND SAID, FOR ALL THE EXCITEMENT HE CAUSED.

THE MAY TRIP TO ENGLAND WAS TO ATTEND THE DEDICATION OF A MONUMENT TO KENNEDY AT RUNNYMEDE WHERE THE MAGNA CARTA WAS SIGNED.

LONDONERS PROVED AS EAGER TO SEE THE KENNEDYS AS AMERICANS, AND JACQUELINE KENNEDY WAS FINALLY FORCED TO ASK IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT JOHN AND CAROLINE "NOT BE SUBJECT FURTHER TO THE GLOW OF PUBLICITY."

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A TOUR OF THE TOWER OF LONDON WAS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP AND JOHN SEEMED TO BE PARTICULARLY INTRIGUED BY THE CROWN JEWELS.

"TELL ME, WHO OWNS THESE?" HE ASKED A GUIDE.

"THE QUEEN," THE GUIDE REPLIED.

"VERY GOOD," SAID JOHN-JOHN SOLEMNLY SUCKING A LOLLIPOP.

THE KENNEDY CHILDREN VISITED THE WORLD'S FAIR WITH THEIR COUSINS, ANTHONY AND ANNA CHRISTIANA RADZIWILL, CHILDREN OF MRS. KENNEDY'S SISTER.

THE EXCURSION INCLUDED A RIDE ON THE CAROUSEL AND A GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH PHOTOGRAPHERS AT THE BELGIAN VILLAGE.

THE RADZIWILLS WILLINGLY STEPPED UP TO HAVE THEIR PICTURES TAKEN, BUT CAROLINE HUNG BACK AND JOHN-JOHN COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED. HE WAS SEEN LATER IMPISHLY EMERGING FROM UNDERNEATH A SECRET SERVICE MAN'S OVERCOAT AFTER THE PHOTOGRAPHERS HAD GONE.

IN THE KENNEDY TRADITION, JOHN AND CAROLINE ARE LEADING ACTIVE OUTDOORS LIVES, ENJOYING HORSEBACK RIDING, SWIMMING AND SKIING.

THEY SPENT THE SUMMER AT HYANNIS PORT WHERE CAROLINE COMPETED IN LOCAL HORSE SHOWS AND SWIMMING MEETS. JOHN, A LITTLE YOUNG FOR COMPETITION, PREFERS PLAYING ON THE BEACH AND WATER SPORTS TO RIDING.

"HE'S A REAL KENNEDY," A FRIEND OBSERVED. "HE'S FEARLESS IN THE WATER."

THE WINTER MONTHS WERE HIGHLIGHTED BY TRIPS TO SKI RESORTS AT ASPEN, COL., AND STRATTON MT., VT.

CAROLINE AND JOHN NEVER WANT FOR PLAYMATES, DRAWING ON A READY SUPPLY OF KENNEDY COUSINS.

THE TRIP TO BOSTON AUG. 24 FOR RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING'S BIRTHDAY PARTY WAS A TYPICAL KENNEDY OUTING. SEVENTEEN YOUNG KENNEDYS, ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR GRANDFATHER FORMER AMBASSADOR JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, TRAVELED FROM HYANNIS PORT BY CHARTERED BUS TO WISH THE 70-YEAR-OLD CARDINAL, AN OLD FAMILY FRIEND, A HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

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LIFE HAS SETTLED INTO A MORE NORMAL ROUTINE FOR THE CHILDREN SINCE THEY MOVED TO NEW YORK LAST YEAR. THEIR GEORGETOWN HOME, WHERE THEY LIVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER KENNEDY'S DEATH, WAS BESIEGED BY CURIOSITY SEEKERS.

NEW YORKERS HAVE ALLOWED THEM TO PLAY IN CENTRAL PARK, VIRTUALLY UNDISTURBED. THEY ARE NOTICED AS THEIR MOTHER TAKES THEM HORSEBACK RIDING, BOATING OR WALKING, BUT THEY ARE LEFT ALONE.

THE CHILDREN'S UNCLE, SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY, D-N.Y., TRYING TO HELP FILL THE VOID LEFT BY THEIR FATHER'S DEATH, SEES THEM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

JOHN-JOHN GOT A TASTE OF POLITICKING LAST YEAR WHEN UNCLE BOB TOOK HIM ALONG WHILE MAKING POLITICAL CALLS DURING HIS SUCCESSFUL SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN. HE SEEMED TO ENJOY IT, TODDLING ALONG HAPPILY HOLDING HIS UNCLE'S HAND AS THE CANDIDATE ATTENDED TO BUSINESS.

FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY SAY CAROLINE HAS DEVELOPED A MORE SERIOUS NATURE IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AND IS A QUIET AND PENSIVE CHILD, ARTISTICALLY INCLINED LIKE HER MOTHER. JOHN, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS A TALKATIVE, RAMBUNCTIOUS YOUNGSTER WITH BOUNDLESS ENERGY AND CURIOSITY.

JOHN WILL BE 5 NOV. 25 AND CAROLINE 8 NOV. 27TH.

PAMELA TURNURE, MRS. KENNEDY'S PRESS SECRETARY, SAYS SHE KNOWS OF NOTHING SPECIAL BEING PLANNED FOR THE CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS.

MRS. KENNEDY WANTS TO SHIELD HER CHILDREN FROM PUBLICITY, MISS TURNURE SAID, SO THAT THEY MAY LIVE AS NORMAL LIVES AS POSSIBLE.

"SHE TRIES TO KEEP INFORMATION ABOUT THEM TO THE VERY MINIMUM--QOW OLD THEY ARE GOING TO BE, WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO SCHOOL," MISS TURNURE SAID.

CONGRESS THIS YEAR PASSED A BILL GUARANTEEING MRS. KENNEDY AND HER CHILDREN TWO MORE YEARS OF SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION.

JOHN-JOHN HAS NEVER KNOWN WHAT LIFE WOULD BE LIKE WITHOUT A SECRET SERVICEMAN DISCREETLY GUARDING HIM.

MRS. KENNEDY TRIES TO BALANCE HER LIFE BETWEEN HER CHILDREN AND SPECIAL PROJECTS. "I DON'T WANT MY CHILDREN RAISED BY NURSES AND SECRET SERVICE MEN," SHE HAS SAID. "THE GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY IN LIFE IS YOUR CHILDREN."

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