

Suit Against Photographer

Jackie Takes the Stand



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JACQUELINE ONASSIS
 She was 'terrified'

New York

Dressed in black, Jacqueline Onassis took the witness stand in Federal court yesterday and swore that freelance photographer Ronald E. Galella "frightened and distressed" her when he took pictures of her and her children.

At one point she said she was "terrified."

For two hours, she answered questions put by Galella's attorney — always calling him "sir" — in calm, low tones and showed no signs of nervousness.

Mrs. Aristotle Onassis was called to testify after her

lawyer charged that Galella was trying to force her to pay in order to stop him from taking pictures.

Simon Rifkind, lawyer for Mrs. Onassis, said Galella's "maniac mercilessness" in picture taking was motivated by the attitude, "I'll drive you to distraction unless you play the proper role in the play entitled by the plaintiff 'The Payoff.'"

Galella's lawyer, Alfred Julien, argued that Mrs. Onassis by her charm, beauty, wealth, life-style and social standing "represents the American dream" and was consequently a highly desirable subject for photographers.

Rifkind replied that Galella "has done all he can to convert that dream into a nightmare."

He charged that Galella had "romanced maids in the employ of Mrs. Onassis" to influence them to report to him on her activities, and "paid young teen-agers to spy on her."

Galella is suing to have the former first lady enjoined from interfering with his picture taking.

Mrs. Onassis, widow of the late President Kennedy, is asking for a permanent injunction to make Galella stop "harassing" her.

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RONALD E. GALELLA
 Pursuing a dream