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CHRISTMAS TOYS SENT TO OSWALDS

Gifts Show Compassion for Accused Slayer's Family

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DALLAS, Dec. 13—There will be toys for the children of Lee Harvey Oswald this Christmas and aid for his widow, gifts born of compassion.

Two ministers from Fort Worth who visited the family of President Kennedy's accused assassin said today that dolls and clothing for June, not quite 2 years old, and Rachel, 2 months, had begun to arrive.

The ministers came to Dallas yesterday to tell Marina Oswald that the Grant Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, N. J., had given her \$4,000.

The check was sent to the Rev. Louis A. Saunders, executive secretary of the Fort Worth Council of Churches, the man who conducted burial services for Oswald when no one else could be found to do it.

For the visit with the family, still sequestered by the Secret Service for its protection, Mr. Saunders brought along the Rev. Gaston Foote, minister of the First Methodist Church of Fort Worth, who has visited Mrs. Oswald's home town of Leningrad.

Donations at \$12,000

The gift from Plainfield brought the contributions to the family, left destitute by the arrest and slaying of Oswald three weeks ago, to \$12,000.

Mr. Foote called the Oswald children "two of the sweetest things you ever saw." He said Mrs. Oswald, 22, was a "victim of circumstances beyond her control."

She met and married Oswald when they were both working in Minsk in 1961. She was 19 then and her parents were dead.

The ministers said she was "as grateful as any person could possibly be" for the help and understanding she has received in letters and gifts from around the country since the assassination.

Mr. Saunders described Mrs. Oswald as a sensitive, sensible and humble person. Because she has not yet mastered English, the ministers spoke with her through an interpreter.

"If people have any Christian compassion at all," Mr. Foote said, "here is a worthy place to express it."



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PAID VISIT: Marina Oswald at her home in Dallas.

Post Office Box Rented

Mrs. Oswald can now be reached directly. Box 1407, Grand Prairie, has been rented in her name.

Grand Prairie is between Dallas and Fort Worth. Mrs. Oswald's attorney, John Thorne, practices there. He has said that no money for fees will be taken from contributions. Gifts will go into a trust fund being set up for the benefit of the children.

Oswald was an atheist, but his widow told Mr. Foote that she believed in God.

She also told him that funeral services for her mother, who died of cancer when she was 15, were held in a church he had visited, the Russian Orthodox Kazan Cathedral in Leningrad.

A year ago she arranged for June to be baptized by Father Dmitri, a former Baptist named Robert Royster who now conducts services each Sunday at the St. Seraphim Eastern Orthodox Church in Dallas.

Mrs. Oswald plans to have Rachel baptized soon, Mr. Foote said.

He said that Mrs. Oswald had no interest in political theory and did not share her husband's profession of Marxist views.

Yesterday Mrs. Oswald, accompanied by Secret Service men, went shopping in Dallas for clothing for herself and her children. She was not recognized on the street.