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Onassis and Wife Stay on Yacht; Kennedy Children Go to Athens

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ATHENS, Oct. 21—Mr. and Mrs. Aristotles Onassis remained on the rainswept island of Skorpios today. If there were any plans to take their 1,600-ton yacht Christina into the Mediterranean for a wedding cruise, they were delayed because of heavy winds and rain.

Mrs. Onassis' children from her marriage to the late President John F. Kennedy—Caroline, 10 years old and John, 7—arrived at a hotel here to spend the night with relatives before returning to school in New York.

The 39-year-old Mrs. Onassis and her 62-year old husband, one of the world's wealthiest men, went back aboard their yacht, moored just off the Ionian Sea island, after Mrs. Onassis kissed the children good-by. The children held candles at the wedding ceremony yesterday in the Chapel of the Little Virgin.

Some reports here suggested that Mr. and Mrs. Onassis would spend only a brief time on the yacht and return soon to New York. For the time being, however, they will live aboard ship.

Yacht Once a Frigate

On the Christina, a converted Canadian frigate, champagne flowed until early this morning after yesterday's 30-minute Greek Orthodox wedding ceremony. Some costumed dancers from the nearby island of Leukas entertained.

Most of the 21 wedding guests remained overnight on the island. By this evening all had departed, despite the bad weather. For the first time since the couple's intention to marry was announced last Thursday, there were no reports of invasions by reporters and photographers in chartered fishing boats.

Mr. Onassis plans to build a huge mansion of the island, which he purchased five years ago, but the yacht offers the most luxurious accommodations available there now.

A three-room apartment makes up the yacht's private quarters, which are filled with works of art, including Mr. Onassis' most precious painting—El Greco's Madonna and Angel.

It is from this yacht that Mr. Onassis usually directs his business and shipping empire. He has more than 40 phones scattered about the 325-foot ship to link him with world capitals.

Mrs. Onassis is not expected to remain very long in one place now that she is married to a man who owns a vast transportation network as well as homes in many parts of the world.

One Athens newspaper, Ethnos, reported today that Mrs. Onassis had said that she and her husband planned to live in Greece for three or four months every year.

"The rest of the time we shall live in Monte Carlo and New York because John and Caroline must go to school," she was quoted as having said.

Accompanying John and Caroline to Athens tonight were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, Mrs. Onassis' stepfather and mother; Prince and Princess Stanislas Radziwill, her brother-in-law and sister; and Mrs. Stephen Smith and Mrs. Peter Lawford, sisters of President Kennedy.

On arrival, Princess Radziwill said that the group would probably leave tomorrow. John was heard to say from his room: "Don't let the press in."

Sacraments Denied Her

ROME, Oct. 21 (UPI) — Mrs. Onassis knowingly violated Roman Catholic Church law in marrying a divorced man and is now cut from sacraments of the church, an official Vatican spokesman said tonight. He declined to use the term "excommunicated."

"It is clear that when a Catholic marries a divorced man, she knowingly violated the law of the church," Msgr. Fausto Vallainc, chief of the Vatican Press Office, said.

"It is not a question of excommunication," he continued. "It is what is termed in canon law an irregular situation."

An irregular situation is one where a Catholic can go to church and pray but cannot receive communion or participate in other sacraments. This is less serious than excommunication, which cuts a Catholic off totally from the life of the church.