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JACKIE STALKS AWAY FROM PHOTOGRAPHER MEL FINKLESTEIN
He was attempting picture as Mrs. Onassis left Swedish film

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Judo on Photog

NEW YORK — (AP) — A newspaper photographer says Jacqueline Onassis flipped him to the sidewalk with a judo hold after he took her picture outside the movie theater showing "I am Curious (Yellow)," the Swedish sex film.

Mei Finkelstein of the New York Daily News said Sunday night that Mrs. Onassis "grabbed my right wrist . . . put her leg out and flipped me over her thigh."

But the doorman of Cinema 57 Rendezvous on West 57th Street said Finkelstein slipped while taking a picture of the former Mrs. John F. Kennedy.

Tipped Off

Neither Mrs. Onassis nor a family spokesman could be reached for comment.

Finkelstein and other photographers were waiting in the lobby of the theater because the management had notified them that Mrs. Onassis and her husband, Aristotle, were viewing the film.

They spotted Mrs. Onassis walking through the lobby from her seat to the lounge and began taking pictures. Then they headed for the door.

Mrs. Onassis caught up with Finkelstein just outside the theater. He shot another picture as she moved toward him.



MRS. JACQUELINE ONASSIS HALTS PHOTOG

Another lensman didn't come off so lightly
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"I thought she was going to say something," Finkelstein said. "I never figured she would do anything physical."

Stalks Off

Finkelstein, 37, said he is 5-foot-10 and weighs 168 pounds.

Mrs. Onassis, wearing a short leather skirt, dark stockings, a ribbed sweater and a multicolored scarf with zodiac signs over her head, stalked off after the incident.

An hour later, her husband emerged from the theater, apparently unaware of the disturbance, and left with two bodyguards.

The doorman, Bernardo Rojas, said, "No, she didn't push him. He tried to pass in front of her and he slipped."

Finkelstein said he had taken Mrs. Onassis' picture "hundreds of times before."