

# How the Onassis Money is Spent

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Jacqueline and Aristotle Onassis have been spending his fortune at a rate of \$384,615 a week since their marriage.

Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Fred Sparks, aided by an accountant, spent nearly a year getting estimates on the Onassis' expenditures

from intimate friends, financiers, jewelers, interior decorators, art experts, yachtmen and others in the know. A condensation of Sparks' forthcoming book, "The \$20 Million Honeymoon," appears in the current issue of the Ladies' Home Journal.

No gifts to charity could be unearthed by Sparks, but Onassis supports about 50 Greek relatives to the tune of \$125,000 a year. His longtime friend, opera star Maria Callas, received \$40,000 from Onassis in the past year, according to the accounting.

Some of the largest expenditures were \$5 million in jewelry for Mrs. Onassis, \$2 million for taxes, \$1.9 million for insurance, nearly \$2 million for maintenance of five homes and rental of apartments and hotel suites, \$1.6 million for construction of a new villa on Skorpios Island, \$1.2 million in personal expenses for Mrs. Onassis, \$1.1 million for the upkeep of the

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yacht Christina, \$1.1 million for gifts to friends and relatives, and \$1 million for the redecoration of a seaside villa near Athens.

According to Sparks, the Onassis' 202 servants and several bodyguards in the United States and Europe cost nearly \$1.4 million annually in salaries and other benefits. Onassis' son, Alexander, has an allowance of \$100,000, his daughter Christina \$71,000, and Caroline and Kennedy Jr.'s expenses run about \$30,000 a year, he said.

An analysis of Onassis' fortune shows the couple is living well within his average annual income of \$25 million and are "putting aside a few dollars for their old age," the

article said.

The story in the Journal appeared as the Onassis were reported to be sequestered at their beach villa near Athens while Greek newspapers reported the former United States First Lady and the millionaire shipowner were having a marital spat over Miss Callas.

Mrs. Onassis' surprise weekend flight from New York to Paris, where Onassis was reported to have been seen dining with Miss Callas, and her flight from Paris with her husband to Athens precipitated reports in many Greek and English papers of marital squabbling.

The Greek daily Simerina said Onassis had promised his wife he would not see his longtime companion, Miss Callas, again, "but he broke his promise." It said Mrs. Onassis had insisted her husband accompany her to their villa at Glyfada "to settle some accounts."

Onassis' attachment to Miss Callas began in 1959 when she was married to elderly Italian industrialist Giovanni Battista Meneghini.

Meneghini said his wife, from whom he was later divorced, and Onassis were "in love like children." Onassis gave the diva a share in an oil tanker and a Paris apartment but he never married her.

The Greek shipping magnate has been seen in Paris restaurants and clubs with Miss Callas several times since his marriage to Mrs. Kennedy 18 months ago, but he said they were meetings of "old friends." A story circulated in international society circles two weeks ago that Mrs. Onassis had extracted a promise from Onassis that he would not continue this friendship.

"There seems definitely



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MARIA CALLAS  
She spends some of it

something not altogether right about their marriage at the moment," a French friend of the Onassis said.

A spokesman for Onassis in his Olympic Airlines office here shrugged off the reporters, suggesting that "they come here because now is the best time to enjoy Greek weather."