

Jackie Says Ari Saved Her

Athens

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis said she felt Aristotle Onassis "rescued me at a moment when my life was engulfed in shadows" and "he meant a lot to me."

She was quoted in an interview published yesterday by the Athens daily newspaper Eleftheros Cosmos. The paper said the interview took place Wednesday, before Mrs. Onassis left for New York.

"He brought me into a world where one could find both happiness and love," Mrs. Onassis said in the interview. "We lived through many beautiful experiences together which cannot be forgotten and for which I will be eternally grateful to him."

Mrs. Onassis declared that her ties with the Onassis family are "as close as ever."

"Nothing has changed, both with Aristotle's sisters

and his daughter, Christina. The same love binds us as when he lived."

Asked to comment on published reports that she plans to drop the name Onassis, that Onassis had planned to divorce her before he died and that she is wrangling with his daughter, Christina, over the inheritance, the widow replied: "

"I'll answer with something my husband (Onassis) often told me: "Throughout the world people love fairy tales, and especially those related to the lives of the rich. You must learn to understand this and accept it"

Mrs. Onassis told the newspaper she plans to visit Scorpis often with her children by President John F. Kennedy — Caroline, 17, and John Jr., 14. She said she wants the children "to be brought up in Greece amidst Greek culture."

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