

Glenn Attempts to Cheer Up the Kennedy Children



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Betsy Smith, 9, left, and Alexandra Brock, 7, giving flowers to Harvey Frizzell, a Fairfax County, Va., policeman, outside the Kennedy home at McLean, Va., yesterday. Children asked that the flowers be given to Mary Kerry, 6-year-old daughter of the slain Senator.

MCLEAN, Va., June 6 (UPI) —John H. Glenn Jr., the former astronaut, sought to cheer up the children of Senator Robert F. Kennedy today. He played touch football and swam with them at the Senator's Hickory Hill estate in this Washington suburb.

Mr. Glenn and his wife had escorted the seven youngest children from Los Angeles, where their father was slain. The three oldest of the 10 Kennedy children flew to Los Angeles last night and were

with their mother today when Mr. Kennedy died.

With the seven-acre Hickory Hill closely guarded by the police, most of the younger children were packed up in a station wagon with their pet monkey for a mid-morning visit with neighbors.

While they were gone, Mr. Glenn played touch football with David, 12 years old, and Michael 10. Watching from a baby carriage was the youngest, Douglas, 14 months.

When the other children returned about noon, Mr.

Glenn joined them in the swimming pool.

After lunch, the boys played stickball while three horses grazed on the estate's broad lawns and three of the Kennedys' dogs mingled with the children.

The estate was sealed off by the police under the direction of James J. P. McShane, chief United States marshal, and two friends of Kerry Kennedy, 8, were unable to deliver personally a small bouquet of home-grown roses and hand-written sympathy notes.