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A Last Summer on the 'Christina'?

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This summer may be the last that Jacqueline Onassis and her children will have the use of the yacht "Christina."

A source close to the Onassis family in Athens said last week that it is "doubtful" that Christina Onassis and her stepmother will want to spend the money necessary to maintain the converted destroyer under the terms of the late Aristotle Onassis's will.

Miss Onassis inherited three-fourth ownership of the yacht. Mrs. Onassis inherited the other 25 per cent.

Maintenance costs for the 350-foot yacht run \$500,000 a year, according to the longtime family friend. Mrs. Onassis's share of that upkeep would come to \$125,000, half the annual income left her by Onassis.

If the two women are unable or unwilling to keep the Christina, Onassis left instructions that it be turned over to Greece's head of state for official use.

Artworks and antiques aboard the "Christina" may be removed by the women only with the provision that they commission someone to provide exact copies to replace the originals. The "Christina" is a floating art gallery, with paintings that include El Greco's "Ascension."

Whether or not Christina Onassis decides she needs the mobility of an ocean-going palace, she shows every sign of emulating her father's peripatetic lifestyle. She is currently on an inspection tour of every tanker she

owns, setting down on deck in a helicopter with the avowed purpose of shaking hands with every single seaman who sails for her.

House Parties

Vice President and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller are planning a series of house-warming parties to show off their new official residence on the Naval Observatory grounds when they move in after Labor Day.

Joe Canzeri, the former hotel executive who runs their Pocantico Hills estate in New York state, was down last week to plan the logistics.

Because the Rockefellers want all their guests to have a chance to wander through the newly refurbished rooms, the parties will take place outdoors under a huge tent.

The entire Congress will be getting invitations for the parties, which will feature music and a buffet.

Canzeri, who once ran the Royal Victorian Hotel in the Bahamas, is more than a social secretary. He is president of the Rockefeller family's Greenrock Corp., which operates Pocantico.

White Revival

President Ford, who had the sartorial independence to wear a white dinner jacket to the opening of the Metropolitan Opera at Wolf Trap Farm here last week, may succeed in abolishing a style trend that started with John F. Kennedy during the days of the "New Frontier."

Because JFK preferred to wear all-

black formal attire all year long, white became something that only high-school seniors wore to proms in Washington.

White fell into such disfavor that Brooks Brothers here still doesn't sell "more than one a month" in the summer after 15 years.

Ford was almost the only ranking male guest in white the other night. Almost all the senators, including Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy, wore black.

But the President, if he persists, may soon have others following suit.

Lyndon Johnson's former social secretary, Bess Abell, hopes Ford holds out. "It makes more sense in our tropical, humid summers, to wear white," she says.

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A Separation

Convicted Watergate conspirator John Ehrlichman, living in Santa Fe since April, is apparently out of touch with his family.

Ehrlichman's wife, Jean, still living in their hometown of Seattle, ran into an old friend at a party here recently and indicated that the couple's separation is more than geographic.

Mrs. Ehrlichman was quoted as saying that her husband has not been "in communication" recently with his family. "We had a wonderful marriage for 25 years, and I would have stuck by him forever if he had wanted me to."

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