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Dallas, Oct. 21 (AP)- The widow and children of policeman J.D. Tippit, killed by the believed assassin of President Kennedy, have officially received a nation's gift of nearly \$650,000.

They were given the money yesterday in a three-way court distribution, but planned no big spending spree. Half the funds are tied up in a trust fund for the children.

This was the first cash Mrs. Tippit had actually received from an outpouring of donations which followed the officer's death last Nov. 22. She, along with sons Curtis, 5, and Allen, 14, and 15-year-old Brenda, had been living on his \$225 a month police benefits.

The pretty widow didn't say what she planned to do with the money, but a new car seemed high on the list of family needs. She pointed out recently that Tippit's 1961 blue station wagon had a faulty generator.

"Besides, everytime I see it in the driveway, I think J.D. ought to be inside."

Tippit was killed by a man the Warren Commission said had just shot the President in downtown Dallas last Nov. 22. Tippit had stopped to question him. Witnesses said the man was Lee Harvey Oswald.

Since Tippit's death, the family has continued to live in a small rose brick and white frame house in suburban Oak Cliff, and Mrs. Tippit has no plans to move. She may have it painted, however, and a frayed couch and chair in the living room might be replaced.

She now has the money to finance it.

In court yesterday Mrs. Tippit received a check for \$312,916. Another check went to Mrs. Tippit and Republic National Bank as trustees of a fund for the children. A third share of \$3,716 was presented to the policemen's and firemen's fund.

This was in settlement of a friendly suit filed by the city to relieve it of further responsibility and liability as holder of the funds.

More important than money, however, as far as Mrs. Tippit is concerned, is maintaining a normal family atmosphere -- raising the children "like J.D. would have wanted."

The Tippit residence has an unlisted telephone, and she ventures into the public eye only for such occasions as receiving citations awarded posthumously to her husband.

The children are seemingly too involved with their activities to worry about the hears ahead. The Dallas A&M Club has offered the boys scholarships to Texas A&M University, but no decision has been announced.

Allen, the oldest, plays football. Brenda is involved in the usual school festivities, and occasionally gets a home permanent from her mother. Curtis starts to school next year.

Mrs. Tippit is thankful for the donations which have helped relieve her burden.

"J.D. was such a generous father and the children miss him," she once said. "But when so many people write that they are thinking and praying for you -- well, you know you've got to do your best."

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