



The Senator is a very affectionate but firm father. As far as Jacqueline is concerned, what he says goes.

JACQUELINE KENNEDY

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ning author, shares her respect for newsmen.

Formal entertaining, on the basis of past record, would probably be held to a minimum although Jacqueline is at home at such functions. Her own Newport wedding was described as "the most impressive the old society stronghold has seen in years." There were 900 guests at the reception, and Jacqueline reportedly charmed each one.

When I asked her how she managed to run a household as hectic as hers, she told me: "I've learned that we can't have any prearranged schedule in politics. Ever since Jack forgot to tell me that he had invited 40 guests to lunch soon after we were married, I've been prepared for any emergency. I can usually count on at least six persons for breakfast, any number for lunch, and who-knows-what for dinner. It's my greatest wish—and I flatter myself that I do it well—to run a house around such a busy man."

Her Job Is to Help Him

There's no question that Jacqueline would continue to "run the house" around her husband even if it were in the White House. "I want to take such good care of my husband," she told an interviewer, "that whatever he is doing, he can do it better because he has me. Not be pulled away from it—how awful that would be! His work is so important—and so exciting."

There is no scarcity of servants in the Kennedy household, but anyone who doubts that Jacqueline is the mistress in her own home is mistaken. She has a cook, governess, maid, and gardener in her Washington home; for the summers, the governess comes with them to Hyannis Port, Mass., where a butler is the core of a temporary staff.

But all of them work under Jacqueline. She's the one who makes everything function smoothly. She runs the household on a budget. "And I'm pretty

good at sticking to it," she told me. "Neither Jack (who cares so little about money that he rarely has change in his pocket; his friends complain that they must pick up the checks) nor I are very extravagant. We live on his salary as a Senator."

Often she arranges an intimate dinner for one or two couples from among their closest friends. "Jack is tired at the end of the day, so I always try to keep our groups small," she told me. A typical group might consist of Torbert H. Macdonald, Jack's roommate at Harvard and now Congressman from Jack's old district in Boston; his wife; a Washington newspaper couple; and maybe some of the Kennedy clan.

Food Isn't Important to Kennedys

Jacqueline talks about her home excitedly except when it comes to cooking. She's not the type of woman who exchanges menus. She sets a good table (her favorite menu is "red meat, a salad, and ice cream—Jack likes it"), but like her husband she is bored with "food talk."

If the culinary reports from a Kennedy White House would be scant, news about changes in decor would be correspondingly heavy. Jacqueline's taste is evident in both her red-brick home in the Georgetown section of the capital and her small clapboard summer house in Hyannis Port.

"Both of our houses are only partially furnished," she told me. "I'll be very sad when they're finished. It's fun to browse the antique shops."

She has no favorite decor, modern or period. "The Cape home is strictly a summer house with nothing in it that could possibly be hurt by wet feet or bathing suits (both she and Jack love to swim and sail). I think we're a bit more comfortable in a house like this where we can relax."

The Kennedy house in Washington is more formal—"sort of like an elevator shaft, a different room on every floor," to use her description. "I love both homes and am happy in either one," she adds.

If the Kennedys should change their address to Pennsylvania Avenue in January, their living quarters will be conspicuous, too, for the great bulk

of reading material they'll import. Jacqueline has always read voraciously; biographies and memoirs are her favorites. Jack has often startled people by picking up a magazine during a conversation and reading an article before rejoining the talk.

Sometimes Jacqueline coaxes the Senator to a movie. "It's very relaxing for him," she told me, and added: "He likes Westerns and Civil War pictures." She sounded as if she goes along just to be with him, not because she wants to see the show.

Jacqueline Kennedy would perhaps be the most beautiful First Lady ever to grace the White House, and possibly the best dressed. She doesn't believe in elaborate costumes, but her striking figure sets off her basically simple but exquisitely tailored dresses and suits.

Jacqueline May Shake Fashion World

Since the First Lady often sets style trends, Jacqueline might touch off something of a revolution in the fashion industry. Most of her predecessors have dressed properly and maturely, if somewhat unspectacularly. Jacqueline is in the age group in which women are most concerned with dress, and she shows a marked liking for sports clothes. Her expensively tailored slacks would likely be copied by a great number of young women.

She doesn't have closetsful of clothes, although she certainly could afford to. One reason is that she doesn't like to go on shopping sprees. "I try to shop only in the spring and the fall," she told me, "but I didn't get a chance at all this year."

Another reason for her limited wardrobe is her unwillingness to accept anything that isn't exactly right for her. "When you rush to a store," she told me, "you never find what you want."

"A suit, a good black dress with sleeves, and a short evening gown" are the only major items which she feels she needs for traveling. "At first, I used to bring everything. Not now. I wore one dress every single day during the West Virginia primary campaign," she told me. "It was four years old, but I was so glad to have it."

Jacqueline naturally wants to spend as much time as possible with her husband, but she has long since accepted the fact that in public life his time is not his own and will become even less so if he wins in November. Fortunately, she has her own consuming occupations. She's interested in art and is a gifted amateur painter. And then she has her books, always constant companions.

Because she is such a retiring person doesn't mean she would be a First Lady in name only. Her influence would be felt, but gently. For all her shyness, she's vivacious, forceful, and engaging.

Her guiding principle she stated simply: "His (Jack's) life is my life." So it seems she would be her husband's First Lady, his wife, and the mother of his children first and foremost. How she can best do all of this will dictate what kind of First Lady she would be.

The primaries gave Jackie first taste of campaigning.

