

Know-How of Politics Bred Into Kennedy by Close and Lively Family

**President-Elect
3 Generations
From City Slums**

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Franklin D. Roosevelt once addressed the Daughters of the American Revolution, with mischievous exaggeration, as "fellow immigrants." But it is John Fitzgerald Kennedy who Tuesday won the distinction of becoming the first United States President directly descended from immigrants who settled in city slums. He is just three generations, a little over 100 years, out of the east Boston shanties of potato famine refugees.

John Kennedy has made it on a winning heritage. The two grandfathers who scrambled from poverty to lace curtain respectability set up a momentum of success. It was put under a new head of steam by the father who never quit fighting to prove a Boston Irishman could be as good, and as rich, as any proper, or Protestant, Bostonian.

Politics Bred by Nature

The substance and know-how of politics, and the ideal of public service was bred by both nature and design in his close and lively family. They learned politics in the cradle, talked it at the dinner table from childhood, and haven't stopped enjoying it. This is the family tree of Jack Kennedy's heritage:

Patrick J. Kennedy, born in Boston in 1862, 12 years after his father fled impoverished Ireland, was a saloon keeper and ward boss who prospered, became a political power in the city and sent his son Joe to Boston Latin School and Harvard.

John F. Fitzgerald, born in Boston in 1863, was the first native American of Irish descent to become mayor of Boston. His daughter, Rose, was sent to convent colleges in New York and Europe.

"Honey Fitz," a bouncy, gregarious political natural, lived to sing "Sweet Adeline" the night his lanky, shy young grandson won his first election to Congress.

That was the night John F. Kennedy trounced out of the U. S. Senate the grandson and namesake of Henry Cabot Lodge, who had beat Fitzgerald in the same contest in 1916.

Joseph Patrick Kennedy, son of Patrick, courted Rose Fitzgerald, daughter of Honey Fitz, for seven years and married her, in 1914, in a ceremony performed by William Cardinal O'Connell in his private chapel.

Tore Through Barrier

Joe Kennedy, two years out of Harvard, was well on his way to earning his first million before he became 37, which was how he'd planned it. Then 26, he had the year before become the youngest bank president in the coun-



A WINNING HERITAGE—President-Elect John F. Kennedy, shown above with his wife, Jacqueline, has won the distinction of being the first United States President directly descended from immigrants who settled in city slums. (UPI Telephoto)

try. In 1917 he took a top managerial job with Bethlehem Steel Company's Quincy ship-building yards. After World War I, he tore through the galling familiar barrier—"only Protestants need a p p l y"—was a staple of Boston want ads—to win a high post in a Boston investment banking firm.

From there, Kennedy struck out on his own, for a profitable flyer in the motion picture industry and a career of stock market manipulation that was to see his millions safely through the 1929 crash, to make more money in whiskey and real estate. Fortune magazine estimated his wealth in 1957 at more than \$200 million.

He had moved his family to New York in 1926, partly because he needed a bigger base of operations, partly because he hoped to save his children from the discriminations and prejudices that chafed him for all his success in Boston.

Joe Kennedy had had little interest as a young man in following his father's political footsteps. He became, in 1932, a supporter and contributor to Franklin D. Roosevelt's pre-convention campaign. Roosevelt named him first chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, an appointment some said was like naming Jimmy Walker to clean up New York. But he presided successfully over the outlawing of market practices that had helped to make him rich, and went on to become, again with notable success, the organizing chairman of the Maritime Commission. In

1938, Roosevelt named him Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, London, which had snubbed John Adams' wife, took the phenomenal Kennedys to its heart.

Broke With Roosevelt

But his two years were full of controversy. He broke with Roosevelt during FDR's third term campaign, taking positions that were branded appeasement and isolationism in relation to the European war.

Kennedy was reported to have entertained some hope of becoming Roosevelt's successor. There is little doubt he intended that his oldest son would grow up to be president.

Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., who was to be killed in World War II, was born at Hull, Mass., in 1915. John F. Kennedy arrived a year and a half later, on May 29, 1917, at the family's

Brookline home. Four girls, Rosemary, Kathleen, Eunice and Patricia, followed before the third son, Robert F. Kennedy, was born in 1925, followed by Jean and Edward F., last of nine, in 1932.

Kennedy once told a reporter he had set up million dollar trust fund for each of his children so any of them "financially speaking, could look me in the eye and tell me to go to hell." It was in no sense an abrogation of parental responsibility for their upbringing.

Kennedy demanded his children give the best to everything they undertook and compete to win with each other and the world, at work or play.

When Jack wrote from prep school that he guessed he had been fooling around too much and now planned to work a bit harder, his father replied:

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"I would be lacking even as a friend if I did not urge you to take advantage of the qualities you have. It is very difficult to make up fundamentals that you have neglected when you were very young and that is why I am always urging you to do the best you can. I am not expecting too much and I will not be disappointed if you don't turn out to be a real genius, but I think you can be a really worthwhile citizen."

Quieter Than Joe

Jack remained somewhat in Joe's vigorous shadow as he followed him through school and college. Quieter, more introspective than his brother, Jack leaned toward a career in writing or teaching, and would perhaps have stuck with that choice had Joe lived for the political career he intended. The father made it clear he hoped and expected Jack to step into the ambitions of his older brother—"If I had been killed, it would have been Bobby," Jack said. But he made the decision to enter politics, a year after his brother's death, after long thought and on personal conviction.

He had found a brief experience in newspaper work "too passive. Instead of doing things, you were writing about things you did things."

The other children consider Jack the most intellectual of them all. One sister has suggested he became an omnivorous reader, particularly of history.

Older friends remember that when things were quiet in Patrick Kennedy's saloon, the owner could usually be found with a book behind the bar, reading American history.

STATE DOMAIN

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Quotes From the News

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Washington—Republican campaign chairman Leonard Hall, on Richard M. Nixon's future:
"Frankly, I can't imagine Dick Nixon not in politics."

Washington—Vice President Richard M. Nixon, to a crowd of 500 who cheered him and waved placards saying "Nixon in '64" after he landed at Andrews Air Force Base:
"This is the nicest thing that has happened to me during the entire campaign."

Washington—Sen. Mike Mansfield, (D-Mont.), pledging support for the Kennedy legislative program in 1961:
"What he wants we'll do—or break our necks trying."

Hyannis Port, Mass.—Robert Kennedy, campaign manager and brother of John F. Kennedy, on the possibility of a TV "great debate" for his brother in 1964:
"Certainly the president will not debate someone who wants to be president."

Activities Set at YMCA on Holiday

Several activities are planned at the Medford YMCA for students.

Tournaments in ping pong, checkers and chess with prizes for first, second and third place winners will be held throughout the day in the boys lobby.

In the gymnasium, there will be contests in throwing a football through a ring, football entering for accuracy, baskets per minute, and free throws made out of 20 shots.

The swimming pool schedule includes a recreational swim for all members between 10 a.m. and noon, men and high school boys swimming between noon and 1 p.m., grade school boys and girls recreational swimming between 1 and 3 p.m. and junior and senior high school recreational swimming between 3 and 4 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained from the YMCA at Spring 2-6295.

FILES DIVORCE SUIT
Los Angeles—Actress Joan Fontaine filed a divorce suit Wednesday against her third husband, producer Collier Young, whom she married in 1952. Miss Fontaine accused Young of causing her "grievous mental and physical suffering."

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