



CHRISTMAS TRIP — Jacqueline Kennedy, accompanied by her children, John Jr., and Caroline, emerge from their home in Washington en route to Andrews AFB. From there they flew to Palm Beach, Fla., to spend the Christmas holidays.—UPI Telephoto

Mrs. Kennedy And Children Spend Holidays In Florida

PALM BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—The widow of President John F. Kennedy and her two young children arrived at the scene of some of the family's happiest times Wednesday night for a "quiet and sad" Christmas.

Black-clad Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, Caroline, 6, and John Jr., 3, flew to this winter resort from Washington on an Air Force jet. They were accompanied by Princess Lee Radziwill, Mrs. Kennedy's sister, and several Secret Servicemen.

The family stepped from the plane into a waiting car and went directly from the West Palm Beach airport to the walled-in, seaside mansion of C. Michael Paul, leased last year by the Kennedys.

The arrival was in sharp contrast to last year's gathering of the Kennedys here for the Christmas holidays. On that occasion, Mrs. Kennedy and the children met the President on his return from a conference in Nassau with Harold Macmillan who at that time was British foreign minister.

Hundreds of spectators had watched as Kennedy greeted his wife, scooped Caroline and John Jr. into his arms and walked happily to a big, white convertible which Caroline, to the delight of the crowd, helped her father steer out of the airport.

The return of the slain President's family was their first since a reunion of the Kennedy clan here last Easter.

"Christmas will be a quiet and sad day for the rest of us, but for the children's sake, Santa Claus will come," said a family spokesman.

Miss Ann Gargan, niece of former ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, the late President's father, said the children would open their presents at the Paul home Christmas morning and then go to their grandfather's house for a private Mass and dinner.

The elder Kennedy's ocean-side villa is about a mile south of the Paul mansion where the late President and his family relaxed in the sun in periodic escapes from Washington winters.

Jack Ruby Receives Money Aid

CHICAGO (UPI)—A brother of Jack Ruby said today there has been "a very good response from all over the country" from persons wanting to help pay the costs of Ruby's trial.

Ruby is being held in Dallas for the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of President Kennedy, Oswald was shot on Nov. 24, two days after Kennedy was slain.

Ruby formerly lived in Chicago.

The brother, Hymen Rubenstein, said 300 telegrams and 2,000 letters have been received from "friends and sympathizers from all over the country."

Some enclosed checks or cash, and others made pledges, Rubenstein said.

"There are a few crackpots," Rubenstein said, "but most are very sympathetic with my brother Jack."

Rubenstein said all money and pledges were being turned over to a certified public accountant in Dallas.

The Rubenstein's family lawyer, Michael Levine, said Wednesday that Ruby's two Dallas night clubs will be sold to raise funds for his defense.

Levine would not say when the clubs would go on sale, or what the price would be. Levine emphasized the clubs were not owned by Ruby, but other members of the Rubenstein family, Ruby only managed them.

Ruby is scheduled to go on trial Feb. 3.

Angry Schoolboy Shoots Two Teachers

GROVES, Tex. (UPI)—A 15-year-old schoolboy, angry because he was dressed down for causing a disturbance at a school Christmas assembly Wednesday, shot and wounded two teachers with a shotgun.

One of the teachers, Carlos Rojo, 35, a part-time instructor at the Woodlawn Junior High School, took a full charge of buckshot in the right arm and abdomen. Doctors said the stomach wound was slight but that Rojo may lose several fingers of his right hand.

The other teacher, David Garrett, 34, of Beaumont, Tex., was treated and released.

The incident began at the school's morning Christmas assembly when a teacher ordered the youth to go to the office of Principal Lyndell Griggs for creating a disturbance.

The boy angrily refused and stalked out of the school.

He dashed to his home, about a mile away, and told his mother he was going to shoot Griggs. He grabbed the shotgun and nine shells, despite his mother's attempts to stop him.

The frightened woman called police as soon as the boy left.

Still carrying the gun, the youth charged into the school's deserted hallway, where he slipped and fell. The gun discharged and the youth fled outside, crouching behind a parked school bus.

Griggs, Garrett and school counselor Earl Jeffery came out to see what had happened but scurried back inside when a charge of buckshot hit Garrett.

The youth ran around the school and went in a back door. Rojo was standing in the hall and saw the shotgun.

"Don't do it," he yelled and tried to wrestle the gun from the youth. It discharged, hitting Rojo.

By then police had arrived. They took the youth to the sheriff's office at nearby Beaumont and later to the Beaumont juvenile home. Dist. Atty. W. C. Lindsey said the boy made a statement. Lindsey did not know what action would be taken in the case.

Tree Erected

SALEM (UPI)—The Christmas season blossomed in Salem Tuesday.

A 30-foot decorated tree was erected in the Capitol Rotunda, a Nativity scene was in place in the Capitol Mall, greenery decorated the front of the statehouse, and offices inside sprouted seasonal decorations.

Ex-Demo Boss Draws Arrest

SALEM (UPI)—The former Polk County Democratic Central Committee chairman, Leslie Vernon Bahr, 41, Salem, was arrested Tuesday night on a charge of embezzling more than \$15,000 from a Salem firm.

Sheriff's deputies, who arrested Bahr, said he was indicted on a charge of embezzling the money from the Truck Sales and Service Co. here during a 21-month period while employed as a bookkeeper.

Ambassador Charged With Wasting \$200,000 On Worthless Panama Road

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A House committee staff report charged today that a former U.S. ambassador may have wasted more than \$200,000 in foreign aid funds by ordering a road built in Panama without detailed engineering studies.

Staff investigators of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who looked at the road first hand, said they bogged down in a mudhole less than a mile from the start.

They said the 20-mile road, designed to link the central provinces of Panama with the Atlantic Ocean, is "now largely a trail" and impassable for the most part to motor vehicles.

The ambassador, who the report said ordered its construction against the advice of U.S. aid experts, was Joseph S. Farland.

He resigned in a huff last August.

Farland has said that one reason he quit was a controversy with aid agency officials in Washington over the handling of a U.S.-insured private housing project for Panama. Farland said he thought the project "stinks."

The congressional investigators also reported on that matter. They said the plan to build low-cost housing for low-income families changed somehow over a period of 20 months into a \$10 million project for upper middle income homes, much to the consternation of many Panamanians.

The project calls for the construction of 1,200 single-family houses which would be sold for \$8,333 each on a 174-acre site in Panama City.

The Gilbane Construction Co. of Rhode Island was set to be the prime contractor. A loan of \$8,750,000 at 5 1/2 per cent interest was to be made by two U. S. labor organizations — the Bakery & Confectionery Union and Amalgamated Lithographers of America. The aid agency's guarantee would cover \$8.1 million of the loan.

Early Kidnapings Tried

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Two earlier attempts to kidnap Frank Sinatra Jr. and the near-success of the crime were related today by a cellmate of one of the three suspected kidnapers.

"Once in Arizona, we just missed connections," John William Irwin, 42, was quoted as telling Robert Dale Howard, 27, Lakewood, Calif., before his transfer here Tuesday from a San Diego, Calif., jail.

Howard, who is serving a six-month term for failing to support his family, was interviewed by a reporter for the San Diego Union, which carried the copyrighted story.

Irwin also was quoted as telling Howard that the two younger suspects, Barry Worthington Keenan and Joseph Clyde Amstler, both 23, spirited Sinatra Jr. through roadblocks in the Lake Tahoe area where the youth was kidnaped Dec. 8.

Howard said Irwin maintained he was in Los Angeles while the other two did the actual kidnaping. He said Irwin was the one who made the calls to Frank Sinatra Sr.

Group Slates Holiday Party

Retired Teachers in a recent meeting at the YMCA planned for the Christmas party to be held Dec. 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the YMCA.

There will be a history of the organization covering the past eight years by Ann Ogle.

The group also sent cookies for Christmas to the Camp White domiciliary at Medford.



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