

# McCarthy Weds Jean Kerr; Couple Gets Pope's Blessing

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## Notables Attend St. Matthew's Ceremony; 2,500 Gather Outside of Cathedral

Senator McCarthy and Miss Jean Kerr, his one-time Girl Friday and long-time sweetheart, were married today in a glittering ceremony especially blessed by Pope Pius.

Vice President Nixon led 1,000 notables who crowded into St. Matthew's Cathedral to watch the low nuptial mass. Outside, a good-natured crowd of 2,500, mostly women, milled about on the sidewalks and spilled out into the streets.

Miss Kerr, a college beauty queen and former employe of Senator McCarthy, answered the nuptial questions with a faint but firm, "I do."

Senator McCarthy's voice was as husky as ever, but was barely audible to the front-row spectators as he, too, spoke the vows, climaxing a stormy five-year romance with Miss Kerr.

The Rev. William J. Awalt of St. Matthew's Cathedral then pronounced the couple man and wife. But before he let them leave the church, he read this message from the Vatican:

"Our Holy Father cordially imparts to Joseph R. McCarthy and Jean Kerr on the occasion of their marriage his paternal apostolic blessings."

The couple then walked into the bright autumn sunshine to greet their well-wishers on the street, and head for a reception at the nearby Washington Club on Dupont Circle.

### Tear in Bride's Eye.

On the top step of the cathedral stairs, Senator McCarthy paused to brush a tear from the eye of his smiling bride. But, despite the pleadings of a horde of photographers, he would not kiss her.

Vice President Nixon, who had a seat near the front of the church, was one of the last to emerge after the ceremony. Many persons in the crowd pressed forward to shake his hand.

"A beautiful ceremony," he said. "The bride was lovely. But then, I've never seen a bride who wasn't."

Apparently, while driving to

the wedding reception, Senator McCarthy gave his bride that kiss the photographers had missed. He wiped a smear of lipstick from his face as he entered the Washington Club.

### Long Receiving Line.

At the reception, Senator McCarthy and his bride, with members of the wedding party, stood for more than two hours in a receiving line to greet the guests.

It was estimated that 600 persons an hour passed through the line, indicating that more than 1,200 went to the reception.

Midway through the reception the couple took time out to cut a tiered wedding cake and pose for pictures. They then resumed their places in the receiving line.

The 26-year-old bride wore a full-skirted, white satin gown with a cathedral train. She carried white orchids.

The 43-year-old bridegroom, a rough-and-tumble politician, wore striped trousers and a morning coat.

The couple planned a three-week wedding trip, including a tour through the State of Wisconsin, which twice has elected Senator McCarthy on the Republican ticket.

Among guests at the ceremony today were Postmaster General Summerfield and Deputy Attorney General William Rogers. President Eisenhower could not go because, the White House explained, he had "other engagements." But inside the church were three White House aides—Jack Martin, former administrative assistant to the late Senator Taft of Ohio; Maj. Gen. Wilton Persons and Sherman Adams.

Mr. Adams arrived only one minute before the ceremony began—and found that his front-row pew was taken. Amid some confusion, he found a seat in the back of the cathedral.

### Nixons Hurry Inside.

Mr. Nixon, accompanied by Mrs. Nixon, also was among the late arrivals, hurrying up the church steps too fast to pause for photographers. In the church, they sat next to Allen W. Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Democratic as well as Republican Senators and Representatives attended, along with some erstwhile Democratic officials such as J. Howard McGrath, former attorney general. The congregation also included a former boxing champion, Jack Dempsey.

An hour before the start of the ceremony, more than 1,000 persons gathered on the sidewalks near the cathedral.

### Receives Applause.

When Senator McCarthy arrived, accompanied by his brother, William D. McCarthy of Chicago, and Roy Cohn, an assistant counsel of his Senate Investigations subcommittee, he drew prolonged applause. Several cried, "Good luck, Joe."

Miss Kerr, accompanied by Wilbur Johnson, a family friend, arrived at the Cathedral at 10:55 a.m. She smiled as the crowd again cheered. She walked slowly up the steps without heeding repeated pleas by photographers that she turn around and wave.

In conducting the nuptial low mass, Father Awalt was assisted by the Rev. Augustine Maloney.

### Bridal Trip Cut Short.

Senator McCarthy, who was involved in one of his typical Senator hearings as late as yesterday, said he wanted a four-week wedding trip, but would have to cut it short in order to get back to his Communist investigations.

The bride's attendants include Mrs. Robert E. Lee, wife of the counsel to the House Appropriations Committee, matron of honor; and Mrs. Garvin E. Tankersley, former publisher of the Washington Times-Herald, and Mrs. John Clements of New York City.

Chosen to give her in marriage was Mr. Johnson of Kearney and Fanwood, N. J., a patent attorney for the Western Electric Co.

### Brother Is Best Man.

The Senator selected his brother William as best man, and another brother, Howard McCarthy of Appleton, Wis., as an usher. Also among the ushers were Mr. Cohn and Ray Kiermas, the Senator's administrative assistant.

For the wedding, the bride chose a gown of candlelight satin and chantilly lace, princess style, with a deep-shoulder neckline with iridescents and fashioned with long lace sleeves, an empire bodice and a very full skirt of alternating panels of lace and satin, ending in a cathedral train.

Her finger-tip veil of silk illusion was draped from a Mary Queen of Scots headdress of lace to match her dress and trimmed with pearls and iridescents.

Her bouquet was of white orchids.

Her attendants had ballerina-length frocks of silk shantung in

three shades of rose and bouquets of pink cymbidium orchids.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Kerr, mother of the bride, chose a gown of pale gray nylon net and deep red velvet hat with orchids attached to her pocketbook.

Mrs. Roman Kornely of Appleton, sister of the bridegroom, had a ballerina-length gown of slate blue with rounded neckline, and a hat of deep blue.

The Senator, best man and ushers, were in cutaway coats and striped trousers with Ascot ties.

For travel, the bride selected a dressmaker suit of heavenly blue, navy shoes, honey beige hat and gloves and a navy pocketbook. An orchid corsage from her wedding bouquet completes