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## President Will Miss Extras; Kennedys' Intimate Friends

Washington is talking about the

**THE BIG CHANGE** in President Eisenhower's life—when he gets down on January 20, 1961. The cars of the office may disappear but still the Colonnade for long nights, the helicopter for sport ones, the fleet of cars, the 92-foot yacht Barbara Anne, the huge staff of servants, etc.

Said the King of Denmark when he arrived at the National Airport and thanked the President for the use of his plane, "Don't you think you will miss your plane when you retire?" Replied Ike with feeling, "I'll say I will miss it!"

**THE SURPRISING SUITABILITY** of Glenora, the place in Middleburg the Jack Kennedys have leased—even to the little sign along the driveway approaching the home that says, "Drive Slowly. Children and another one which only the Joseph Kennedys and Hubert. Auntieclauses need to now. "Drive Slowly. Grandchildren."

**THE CLOSENESS** of Bill Walton to the Jack Kennedys, leading some people to wonder if he will be the George F. Allen of this administration. . . . A fourth foreign correspondent of Time-Life and well-known Washington artist, Bill was picked by Jack to be his personal representative in helping to swing the New York election, because, said Jack he was "both tough and diplomatic." Both easy going and socially suave, he is only seen in Washington more social circles, is always viewing life from the sunny side, is invariably good company. . . . Out of the inner circle surrounding the

Kennedys Thanksgiving dinner that famous day Jackie made her impromptu trip to the hospital, Bill is also the person who found Glenora for them and who may well have an influence on the paintings and art that appear off at the White House in the future.

**THE OTHER INTIMATE friends** of Jack and Jackie. . . . In Washington there is a small group, because the truth of the matter is both have spent a lot of time in New York since their marriage. Here in the capital said a friend of Jack's, "beside of his own or his brother's house. "I will bet you haven't seen Jack out more than a dozen times in 10 years." (How right he is, only it is fewer than a dozen.)

Members of the Kennedy family seem to have so much fun together they don't need many friends. But in that group are the Charles Bartletts (who introduced them), the Ben Bradlees who live across the street, Representative Robert MacDonald of Massachusetts who was in Jack's class at Harvard and also in his wedding, and the aforementioned Bill. . . . Also friends, though perhaps not as intimate, are the Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.'s, Joe Alsop, and the Rowland Evanses.

Take a look at that list and you gather that Jack Kennedy prefers the company of political newsmen just as President Eisenhower preferred the company of big businessmen. . . . Charles Bartlett is correspondent for the Chattanooga Times, Ben Bradley is on Newsweek, Joe Alsop is a political columnist, and Rowly Evans is correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune. Besides being a former foreign correspondent, Bill Walton used to be managing editor of the New Republic. . . . It appears that the Fourth Estate, which is so intimately wedded to politics, will have new status in the coming administration.