

May 5th 1971 Wed.

My dear darling Parkinson Family. I will start by saying that Evie and Max arrived safe, sound but tired. Wif, Kathie and I were at the airport to meet them, what a happy, happy reunion. We were all so happy to see each other. We talked a mile a minute all the way home. They both looked fine and had a wonderful time in New York with our Michael.

Our wedding plans for our Kathie are on schedule. One more event to go, the reception Friday and then it will be history. Friday April 30th at 7:30 A. M. was their civil ceremony they had to have here, but we didn't count. We came home, had breakfast and then Kathie, Bill and Darline Stewart Furness left in the VW for Switzerland. Darline is Kathie's best friend from Los Angeles who flew in Tuesday morning to be here with Kathie. It was a surprise and you should have seen Kathie's face when she saw Darline. She cried and cried. Darline's husband works for Pan Am and she could come round trip for about \$75.00. She is a choice girl and we love her to pieces. She went back home Sunday. Max, Evelyn, Wif and I left about 11. A. M. It was a beautiful day. We arrived in Switzerland in time for me to shop around for a watch. I found a beauty. An Omega. We all stayed at a darling Motel close to the Temple, had dinner at a very nice German place and had a ball. Sat May 1st at 7. A. M. we were all at the Temple. We went through a session and then went in the sealing room for the marriage and sealing of Kathie and Bill. The only marriage that really counts. There were 30 people there to witness the marriage. Several American and German friends from Frankfurt and five couples from Kaiserslautern. John Russon and his new wife are in Europe on their honeymoon and they arranged to be there. They are friends from home.

It was a beautiful ceremony. Kathie wore her wedding dress and looked lovely. After we took pictures in front of the Temple with wedding dress and veil and then her going away outfit. Bill had the wedding breakfast at the beautiful Schweizerhof Hotel in Berne, not too far from the Temple. There were 22 people there. It was just perfect. After the Bride and Groom left on their honeymoon. The four of us drove to Interlaken. We had all been invited to dinner at some Swiss friends of ours, but Max and Evie were so tired they went to bed. We stayed at a darling hotel. Sunday we all went to church. The weather wasn't too good, but that didn't stop us. We drove up the mountain to Grindelwald to see "Jungfrau", the beautiful mountain in Interlaken. It was cloudy so we didn't see all we wanted to. (We plan to take the family there this summer) After we drove to Luzern, had dinner, looked around a bit then we drove to Zurich. We found a nice place for the Browns and we left for home about 5. P. M. We found all well at home. It is hard for Wif to be away for very long. He gets so nervous about all his boys.

We haven't heard from the love birds (and I told them to call each night and tell us what they are DOING) They should be back in Frankfurt Thursday. The reception is Friday. All is coming along I hope we will be ready on time. The week end is going to be a bear, but am sure we will live through it. Friday is the reception, Saturday we will be in meetings most of the day, Sunday Elder Monson will be here to dedicate our New Chapel, Monday we are having a all mission conference with E. Monson, take him to the airport after lunch then maybe we can rest for a few minutes.

The Browns were going to Salzburg and Vennia, then come here either Thursday or Friday in time for the reception. They will stay with us over the week end, and then next Tuesday the Browns and me (or is it I?) are going by train to Holland to see the Tulip Festival. We will be there two nights. Then I will come home by the self and they will go to Denmark. Wif has helped them with their trip and they are following it to the letter.

I want to thank each of my wonderful family for all your sweet letters, cards and you all have been so generous with your gifts. Kathie will write each one soon if she hasn't already. She has been very good with her thank you notes, but don't think she will do much while on her MOON?

We have received our release from the First Presidency and it was HONORABLE. By this time I think you will have seen our replacement in the church news. Wif knows him and I think I have met her. He is president of the Pasadena Stake. They will be here about July 12th, which is just fine for our schedule with our family. We have ordered our bus. We get so excited when we think that it is