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Ruth Koppel
20 May 1986

Kota - knowledge of furnace
Very poor
had 2 daughters - Leona + Kate
lived in small home on 15th st. near high school

home married landevelh
"did more for city than anyone else

Kate married Nystrum
" Kate was wild." Katee Kolla"
Social climber
Donna + leona. Kate dancing lessons in Chicago
leona married Kollen

Her Father was asked to invest. First investors all became
evry wealthy. Marcelas was one.

Wonderful thing that happened to Holland.
Gave work to young men in Holland.
reorganized over nation

Honest, hard-working citizen -- A.H. Landevelh

Kate got control of stock after A.H. Landevelh

Ted Cheff was the downfall of UFC.
"was kind of crooked"

When Kate died, left Cheff over $6 million

Kate gave things back to city

Over 50% of banks in Holland got gifts

Kubis - engineer (17th + College st. near)
Tabaney - Treasurer
PT Cheff's father was great sailor

Bosman - descendant of Norsemen (one of first explorers, became very rich. One of the 13)

Buss Keppe! (Ruth's uncle was one)

Ruth was professional violinist; born 3-22-1896. Her grand-
father was Holland pioneer Telena Keppe!

Katie - "kind-hearted" "wild"

Martin Slowenste - adopted

1928 accident - was Paul Landwehr's fault

Holland Furnace paid for Hollywood stars to come at Tule Fane

PT Chelsea youngest or younger than Katie's daughter Keena

6th Ave 13 Nov 85

PT Cheff lives at 186 Central Ave. Katherine (d. 1963?) died,
left him 46 million estate. Now married to Holly
Palmer (who's under 40?)

Mrs. Florence Bradford & more sources
Mrs. Trice Landwehr, telescopes