

The Knight brothers believed in owning newspapers in cities with strong growth potential. To underscore their belief in the bright economic future and growth of Miami, in 1963 they opened as a signature architectural statement the new Miami Herald building on Biscayne Bay.

It took years to plan and design the state-of-the-art newspaper plant James Knight envisaged on a technical scale never before attempted by a newspaper. Construction began in 1960 on what would then be the largest building in Florida. On February 13, 1963, the first of seven new presses went into production.<sup>11</sup> The newspaper moved into its new facility in March, 1963, not missing a single edition. Management had an open house for employees and their relatives and friends on Sunday, March 31, 1963, with over 3100 touring the Herald's new headquarters. John and James Knight hosted a grand opening for the public in April, 1963, with 10,000 people filing through to admire the Herald's magnificent new Modernist structure.<sup>12</sup>



***Beryl and John Knight greet Isreal Curtis, the Herald's first black press man, with his nephew Ken Curtis and Enid Curtis (Pinkney) at the Herald Building's 1963 grand opening***

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<sup>11</sup> Photo caption written by Alvah H. Chapman, Jr. from Chapman Archives

<sup>12</sup> Miami Herald April 1963 Dedication Issue