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Royal Romances in the Near East

Although there is an official censorship clamped upon the one-sided romance of the recently divorced 29-year-old King Farouk of Egypt, and Narriman Sadek, the beautiful 16-year-old daughter of an Egyptian civil servant, authentic press dispatches have presented the full details, including an interview with Zaki Hashem, 27, one of the Egyptian delegation to the United Nations council at Lake Success, to whom she was affianced.

The dispatches state that Zaki and Narriman, who have known each other since childhood and were engaged in a Moslem ceremony in preparation for what the Cairo press called "the wedding of the year," to which more than 500 guests had been invited, went into a jeweler's shop and was seen by Farouk who was in a concealed balcony.

The king was so infatuated by the girl's striking beauty, that he sent for her. She was "stunned" when told she would be his bride. She protested and said she loved Zaki. This failed to cool the king's ardor and she has since been a prisoner in the home of her father.

Although the royal family, including Prince Mohammed Aly, heir to the throne, and Princess Fawzia, the king's sister, have strongly protested the marriage, the king is determined.

His family fears repercussions throughout the Arab world, for one of Allah's commandments is "thou shalt not usurp thy brother's fiancée." The royal wedding is said to be fixed for February 11, Farouk's 50th birthday.

Zaki had been advised to marry some one else before he returns to Lake Success and replied: "I'll go because I feel I'm going crazy here. But I will marry no one else. I still love Narriman and I know she still loves me."

Among the somewhat similar royal romances described in the Old Testament is one of those of King David related in II Samuel (11) after the destruction of the children of Ammon by Joab, and during the siege of Rabbath, while the monarch tarried at Jerusalem, which is related as follows:

And it came to pass in an evening, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, And not this Bath-sheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him.

Uriah, when he heard of it, refused to return to his home and David sent him with a letter to Joab ordering, "Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle and retire ye upon him, that he may be smitten and die." Which he did, and "Uriah the Hittite died," which greatly pleased David.

When Bath-Sheba heard that Uriah, her husband, was dead, she mourned for him, but "David sent and fetched her to his house and she bore him a son." But the thing David had done displeased the Lord and he pronounced this curse:

"Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will rise up against thee out of thine own house."

The first result was that the son that Bath-Sheba had borne David was stricken and died and David was very penitent. Bath-Sheba, however, bore him another son, "and he called his name Solomon and the Lord loved him." David's romance took place in BC 1035, Farouk's in AD 1949, and 3,000 years haven't changed the nature of those who sit in the seats of the mighty.

New York Offers Example for Salem

Those fighting to push through plans for a beautiful capitol group of buildings in Salem can take heart from what's happening in New York City regarding the United Nations headquarters.

New York is going to beautify the east side of the city where the United Nations development is going. What is now one of the city's worst traffic bottlenecks, right at the U.N. headquarters location, will become an example of proper traffic control. Engineers have devised reconstruction of the present traffic system around the U.N. venture. If New York can do it for such a "capitol" of the world nations, certainly Salem can figure ways to permit traffic to flow through, under, or over the proposed capitol zone running north from the state capitol to D street.

New York likewise is going to provide a "wide and beautiful approach" to the U.N. headquarters. Extensive tree planting and ornamentation of the entire project is planned. In Salem, there has been opposition to the proposed mall to run north between the extending line of state buildings as they are constructed. New York, perhaps more experienced in the value of trees and beauty around public buildings, realizes the importance of including a park system with the U.N. headquarters, however.

It is interesting to note, also, that New York likewise considers it important to plant trees along the street leading to the international headquarters. Too often in Salem the attitude is that "progress" calls for the elimination of trees, with no plan of replacement. New York figures otherwise.

Proper planning will make the U.N. headquarters a spot of usefulness, dignity, and beauty when it is completed in 1951. The same can be said over the long years in the case of the capitol group of buildings in Salem, if the proposed plan is followed.

The city of Salem and state of Oregon shouldn't miss the opportunity that is here for a governmental group that will be the pride of the state. The outlines for such a capitol group have already been submitted. The city council should act to extend the capitol zone from the capitol to D street, as suggested.

Cold Now? Wait 50,000 Years

Spokane, Dec. 30 (AP)—Cold? Ha, says Dr. H. P. Hansen of the Oregon State college botany department—come back in about 50,000 years.

Along about then, Hansen told the Pacific Northwest Scientific association yesterday, the entire Pacific northwest will be covered by an ice coat many feet thick.

He bases his prediction on the old—but scientifically proven—saw that history repeats.

BY BECK

Life's Little Dramas



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Gene's Rival

By DON UPIJOHN

The Paul Bunyan ax, vaunted football trophy of the Williamette Bears, is getting to be a much traveled instrument. Somebody from Walla Walla swiped it and took it to Whitman college shortly after the game here with that school last November. In due course it came back only to be swiped again by some unknown party who sent it to Berkeley, Calif., where it was painted up anew and has been returned to Willamette — express collect. We'd say if the ax still continues to be coveted in the same fashion it will soon equal Salem's other great and noted traveler, Gene Malacki, who wangled trips to Boston and back and to Istanbul, Turkey, and return. But it will still go some to excel Gene in publicity garnered.



Don Upjohn

Lewiston, Mont. (UP)—A couple of Lewiston citizens stopped in a bar last night to have a couple of short ones—and escape the seven-degrees-below-zero cold outside. While they were indulging, a Chinook—warm wind—blew in. In 35 minutes the temperature rose to 36 above. When the men finished and stepped outside into the comparatively warm weather, they were amazed. "Gosh," said one man after a few steps in the slushy snow, "those drinks sure warmed me up."

Mayor Is Wise Husband—Or Is He?

Miami, Fla. (UP)—William M. Wolforth, new Miami mayor, does not expect his wife to question his choice of a city hall secretary. Wolforth chose his mother-in-law.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Full Year Must Pass Before You Can Drink Toast to Mid-Century

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—If you plan to stay up tomorrow night to toast the dawn of the mid-century, be sure to put plenty of ice in your drink.

Why? Because you will still have 365 more days to wait. Yes, that's right. The 20th century won't officially reach the half-way mark for another year.

—on the New Year's morn starting 1951, not 1950.

It sounds crazy, and I think it is crazy—but that's the truth of the matter.

I know because I like most everyone—I assumed that our century would be half-gone at the close of this month. And I wrote a piece that began:

"The 20th century reaches the halfway mark January 1—but halfway to where?"

Well, I couldn't have stirred up more of a hornet's nest if I'd denounced Santa Claus as an itinerant bum. Readers and editorial writer across the land wrote, some in pity, some in anger, pointing out I was as wrong as sin.

"There is no year zero," they said in substance. "The twentieth century began on January 1, 1901. It will be 50 years old on January 1, 1951, and it will end on December 31, 2000."

And a check showed these write-in readers were right in their remarks as usual. At least the naval observatory in Washington, the Hayden Planetarium, the World Calendar association and Webster's unabridged dictionary all bore their arguments out. The mid-century actually doesn't arrive until the end of next year.

But most people tend to think the other way. The present fuss was as nothing to the furore that arose at the end of the last century.

There was a national controversy then. Most people thought the night of December 31, 1899,

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Acheson, Johnson Feud But Bend Backward to Get Along

By DREW PEARSON

Washington. — Here is the inside story on reports of friction between two of the most potent Truman cabinet members — Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson.

Actually there have been differences of opinion between them on three important policies, but both men are now leaning over backward to get along with each other. The three policies are:

- 1) Sending a steel mill to Yugoslavia, which Johnson opposed but Acheson favored;
- 2) Occupying Formosa with U.S. troops, which Johnson favored but Acheson opposed;
- 3) General American policy in the Far East, where Johnson believes the United States should have vigorously supported Chiang Kai-shek.

Acheson has particularly resented Johnson's barking into the Far Eastern situation; and the belief has been expressed around the state department that Johnson's interference could not be entirely divorced from his law firm which once represented the brothers-in-law of Chiang Kai-shek and the Soong dynasty.



Drew Pearson

One small part of the Johnson-Acheson irritation came when the secretary of defense balked at giving the secretary of state a special White House plane to fly to the Big Three foreign ministers conference last November.

Johnson offered his cabinet colleague the President's one-time plane, the "Sacred Cow," but the Sacred Cow does not make as much speed at the Independence or the Dew Drop. So, without arguing any further with the secretary of defense, the secretary of state quietly rented a special plane from American Airlines.

This cost the taxpayer around \$12,000 and was the first time a cabinet member has rented a special plane, since air force planes are available at considerably less cost.

Shortly after Acheson returned from Europe, Walter Winchell broadcast an item that Washington in 1950 would not be big enough for both Acheson and Johnson.

Acheson didn't know anything about the broadcast—until 9 a. m. next day, when he got a phone call from Johnson asking if he could come over to see him right away. Acheson agreed; and Johnson, arriving a few minutes later, asked:

"Did you hear what Walter Winchell said last night?" Acheson hadn't, but thought it was interesting that the secretary of defense should go to so much trouble to say he had nothing to do with inspiring the broadcast.

As a matter of fact, if either of the men departs, it will probably be Johnson—not because he isn't doing a good job; he is. But he has occasionally stepped on Truman's toes.

Johnson is doing one of the most difficult jobs ever tackled by any administration—pruning the military budget and at the same time putting across unification.

However, Johnson, in his zeal to get things done, doesn't always clear his appointments with either the democratic national committee or the White House secretariat.

Result has been a steady trickle of well-placed anti-Johnson venom in the President's ear. This, plus perhaps the fact that Truman may see a 1952 presidential rival in the dynamic secretary of defense, explains why he dropped the remark to intimates that someday he's going to "get rid of that so-and-so."

Truman, however, has been known to fly off the handle and then forget about it.

MORSE IN MEXICO

Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon republican, had a friendly and helpful talk with President Miguel Aleman of Mexico the other day which may help to clear the ground for a "limited loan" to one of the most important democratic strongholds in the western hemisphere.

OPEN FORUM

Bus Line's Rural Service

To the Editor: What were their (city bus line's) promises and to whom were they made? They were made to the suburban public when the city bus lines took over suburban traffic. And the promises? We will give you as good or better service than you had before.

How are they keeping their promises? By discontinuing, beginning January 1, service on Swegle-Fruitland and Silver-ton-Fisher lines.

Two years ago... Mr Wyatt and family... managed to give us one hour service... the people who bought and built homes depending on their service.

What puzzles a good many

BY CLARE BARNES, JR.

White Collar Zoo



Personnel Director Interviews Girl Applying for Job

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Princess Yasmin Glimpses Interesting Life Lying Ahead

By DeWITT MacKENZIE (AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

Well, we all can breathe easier now that Princess Rita's baby has been born.

The tension of the watching world has been almost as tough as that of the floor-pacing father. The unceasing vigil maintained by the press in Switzerland reminds me of the birth of



DeWitt MacKenzie

John Jacob Astor III in 1912. The late John Jacob Astor went down with the Titanic when she hit an iceberg, but his young wife, who was expected to be rescued.

Naturally the public waited with bated breath for the advent of the millionaire baby. The New York Express established a round-the-clock watch over the Astor mansion to record the event, and I did my turn for AP. The newspaper gang didn't fancy the assignment much, as witness one chill morning about 3 o'clock when a melancholy scribe arose and addressed his colleagues:

"Gentlemen of the press, this maternity watch will go down in history as a smut on our escutcheons as newspapermen." Few births in our time have attracted anything like as much attention as that of Princess Yasmin (Arabic spelling for the lovely jasmine flower). Why? Undoubtedly much of the interest centers in her mother's fame as a motion picture actress. Miss Rita Hayworth was a world figure long before she married Prince Ali Khan and thereby became Princess Rita.

Then, of course, a good deal of glamour surrounds Ali Khan, heir apparent to the spiritual leadership of the great Moham-medan sect known as the Is-ma'illis—a position now held by his father, the Aga Khan III. Moreover, the Aga Khan is reputed to be one of the world's richest men. Little Princess Yasmin can use big diamonds for marbles if she wants to. So could Mama Rita.

Speaking of diamonds, when the Aga Khan celebrated his diamond jubilee as head of the Isma'illis, his faithful followers weighed him against diamonds—not once but twice—and gave

him the value of the stones in cash. And he weighed 243 1/2 pounds—quite a few carats, that. It should be added that the Aga Khan gave his fortune to charitable causes among his people. He already has so much wealth he probably can't even count it up.

The Aga Khan traces his descent direct from the Prophet Mohammed. He also claims descent from the royal house of Persia, from remote times. The Aga Khan I fled Persia after a falling out with the Shah, and settled in Bombay under protection of the British. That has been the home of the Aga Khans since then.

However, the Aga Khan has no principality and no temporal rule. His is purely a spiritual leadership—a caliphate, so to speak.

Only a male can succeed to the spiritual leadership. Thus Princess Yasmin can be heiress only to social distinction and riches.

So far as Princess Rita is concerned she has indicated that she intends to continue her motion picture career. Prince Ali is said to approve of that. Whether she would have to abandon her career if her husband became head of the Isma'illis is an interesting question. If she did continue, her position would be unique.

In any event, while the Aga Khan has his official duties to carry out he spends much time in Europe where he has palatial residences. His string of race horses long has been world famous. Should Prince Ali Khan succeed to the caliphate he presumably would follow his father's footsteps and spend much of his time in Europe and America, an arrangement which would make things much easier for his American wife and Princess Yasmin. Life in Bombay can be very trying to foreign born folk.

On the whole Yasmin has an interesting life ahead of her.

'Beware of the—Lion!'

Chester-le-Street, England, Dec. 30 (AP) — Farmer James Walton is putting a new sign up over his gateway: "Beware of the Lion."

He bought a lioness as a watchdog. "We're in a lonely spot here," he said, "and some people don't take much notice of dogs."

The lioness, Simba, is a cub now. She stretches out in front of the fireplace and likes people to tickle her tummy. When she is a big beast, Walton plans to cage her near the gate.

Local authorities said they had no objection as long as Simba is kept under control.

Eye-Poppin' Jane Russell Steals Show From 'Dubs'

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30 (AP)—Eye-poppin' Actress Jane Russell's appearance in a strapless evening gown stole the show from five New England college boys who made the world's first male debut here in a swank "dub collition."

The boys, trying to crack society with a male version of a female coming-out party, were plunged into the background when the buxom screen star sauntered onto the scene.

Smiling fetchingly, the curvaceous Miss Russell set a gold paper crown atop Burns' head, then kissed him on the right cheek as the predominantly female audience, sitting on the floor and on hard chairs, whooped approval.

Burns blushed. He proved himself worthy of the "dub of the year" title by failing to return the kiss. Instead he quipped, "Doncha wish you were up here, huh?"