



The Sheikh of Kuwait, Sir Abdullah al-Salim al Subah

The sheik appears to be one of the more enlightened of the Eastern monarchs, living in a modest house near Al Kuwait. He is said to have simple tastes and to possess only one limousine, one wife, and two sons. The sheik's royalties on over a million barrels of oil a day are reportedly allocated this way: $\frac{1}{3}$ to run the government, $\frac{1}{3}$ for public welfare work, and $\frac{1}{3}$ for "safe-keeping" in a London bank.



The Sheikh of Qatar, Ali bin Abdullah bin Quasim Al Thani

Little is known of this oil mogul, but he is said to manage, somehow, to live "obscurely" on about \$50 million a year. Some \$10 million of this annual income goes to support some 400 assorted relatives, wives, concubines, and children of the sheik. He is a charitable man and many afternoons may be seen sitting on the steps of his white palace, distributing alms to his needy subjects.



Haroldson Lafayette Hunt

The head of the Hunt Oil Co., largest independent producer in the U.S., has only six lines in *Who's Who* but a fortune estimated at over \$2 billion and an annual income between \$40 and \$50 million. He received only a grade-school education before going to work as a ranch hand and lumberjack. He borrowed \$50 to make his first oil investment and hit pay dirt right off. Hunt is said to live simply on a 10-acre estate in Dallas; his house, patterned on Mount Vernon, is five times larger.

The King of Saudi Arabia, Saud Ibn Abdul Aziz al Faisal al Saud

With an annual income estimated at \$300 million, he lives on perhaps the most lavish scale in the world, with 24 palaces, three wives, some 80 concubines, and a personal household retinue of 10,000. The potentate has a fleet of gold-plated Cadillacs for his own use. In addition, each of his sons—he has "about" 25—receives his own limousine and chauffeur upon reaching the age of 12. Now 59, King Saud mounted his throne in 1951. Only one in 20 of his subjects can write.



Aristotle Socrates Onassis

This Turkish-born shipping magnate claims he is not the legendary man who bought the bank at Monte Carlo. He merely has a majority interest in the gambling casino, whose official name is the *Société Anonyme des Bains de Mer*. Some 30 other enterprises contribute to his estimated hoard of \$350 million, the first million of which was made in the tobacco business when he was only 23. Onassis has homes in New York, Paris, the Riviera, and South America, besides maintaining private suites on several ocean liners. But he often plays host aboard his \$2½-million yacht *Christina* to such friends as Greta Garbo and Sir Winston Churchill—not to mention Maria Callas. A brother-in-law of rival shipping tycoon Stavros Spyros Niarchos, he once remarked: "We're all trying to cut each other's throats, but every now and then we all gather around a family table and act civilized—on account of the ladies."

Nubar Sarkis Gulbenkian

"I was the apple of his eye," said this oil operator of his father, Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian—known as "Mr. Five Percent"—who netted "several millions a week" from the Iraq Petroleum Co. and was worth some \$500 million when he died in 1955. The 63-year-old heir, famous for his flowing beard, bushy eyebrows, and monocle, recently moved, with his third wife, from London's Ritz Hotel to a \$1,000-a-month apartment on the top floor of a building overlooking Green Park. The Gulbenkians' flat is said to be "informal, cozy, and very much lived in," with a 37-foot dining room and an aquarium built into a wall of the spacious sitting room. Occasionally, on the spur of the moment, Mrs. Gulbenkian may decide to fly to Paris for a new hat, "but she is always home the same afternoon."

