South Africans to Decide Future At Country-Wide Election in April

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CAPETOWN (Reuters)—South Africans are preparing for one of the biggest decisions in the history of their country when more than 1,500,000 voters go to the polls April 15 to decide the future way of life for the country—and its 12,000,000 people.

The voters must choose between continuation of the predominantly Afrikan-speaking Nationalist government of the 78-year-old prime minister, Daniel F. Malan, or the mainly English-speaking United Party opposition led by 52-year-old J. G. N. Strauss, disciple of wartime prime minister Field Marshal Jan Smuts.

This will be more than an ordinary general election and more than a routine choice between two rival parties. Constitutional and racial issues involved have seriously divided the country.

Malan Nationalists nurse ideas of turning South Africa into a republic inside or outside the British Commonwealth if they are returned to power for another five years. And many of their critics feel that their "tough" policy towards South Africa's more than 8,000,000 natives can ultimately lead only to a racial storm.

Nationalists, mostly Boer stock whose families pioneered much of the country and fought the English for control of it, look to a republic as a natural and desirable state of independence quite "free" from Britain.

They have none of the sentimental or emotional ties with Britain which are still a tradition among families of British origin.

They are convinced of the need for outright control over the teeming native population of the country if the white man is to survive in the land. And they see no need to "consult" African representatives in the course of their administration as advocated by the United Party following a "softer" approach to segregation.

'Wrong Call' Brings Arrest

BERLIN (AP)—The West Berlin newspaper Telegraf reports that 16 proofreaders of the Soviet sector Tribune were arrested for sabotage after it was discovered that their paper had praised Joseph Stalin as a fighter for "war" instead of peace.

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (CP)—Officials of the elephant park here think they have finally devised a fence to keep the elephants from raiding nearby farms. They are building a 12-mile fence of heavy steel cables linked to street-car rails upright in the ground.

PRINCE PHILIP renounced all his titles when he became a British subject. Here he attends the 1952 Edinburgh horse show with the Earl of Dalkeith (right) and the earl's wife, Jane McNeill.

Philip Takes High Responsibilities In Stride as Husband of Elizabeth

There's a tradition that men of the Mountbatten family conceal a serious purpose under a ready grin. The Duke of Edinburgh is no exception. He takes in stride his high responsibilities as husband of the Queen. This story, one of a series, tells of his family background, education and naval career.

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LONDON (CP)—The Mountbattens, they say, are playboys with a purpose. The Duke of Edinburgh fits the pattern.

A Mountbatten on his mother's side, Philip has the family trademarks—love of the sea and a sense of mission under a gay exterior.

Reckless and light-hearted in his dashing naval days, he now gives strict attention to his state duties as first gentleman of the realm.

Similarly, Admiral Earl Mountbatten—"Uncle Dickie" to Philip—as a young man drove a monogrammed limousine and gave lavish penthouse parties. They said he was just a playboy. When war came, he proved himself.

The Mountbatten naval tradition was started by Philip's grandfather, a German prince-ling named Prince Louis of Battenberg. He entered the Royal navy in 1868, and rose to be First Sea Lord.

By an ironic twist, the feeling against things German that accompanied the First World War—it extended even to sausages and dachshunds — removed Prince Louis from command. The man who helped make the navy the strongest in the world had to watch the war from the sidelines.

Renouncing his German titles he chose his mother's name, Mountbatten, a compliment to the island fortress in Plymouth Sound called Mount Batten.

Apart from the Mountbatten influence, there are many notable strains in the Duke of Edinburgh's family tree. He traces his descent from Christian the Warlike, 12th century founder of the Danish-German house of Oldenburg, and can boast royal ancestors of Greek, Danish and German blood.

POWER IN DENMARK

On his father's side, under the name of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glucksberg, the family has ruled in Denmark since the 15th century. At birth, Philip was sixth in succession to the throne of Greece. He has since renounced all titles to become a British subject.

By a coincidence, the Duke and Queen Elizabeth are distant cousins. Their great-great-grandparents were Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

Philip was born June 10, 1921, at Mon Repos, his father's house on the isle of Corfu off Greece. His father was Prince Andrew, fourth son of George I of Greece. His mother, Princess Alice, now lives as a nun on another Greek island, Tinos. Philip, an only son, had four sisters, but one was killed in an air crash.

From the first, his life was eventful. When he was still an infant revolution threatened Corfu, and the late King George V sent a Royal Navy detachment. Philip was removed to St. Cloud, a suburb of Paris, where he attended an American school called The Elms. At nine he went to Cheam in Surrey, one of Britain's oldest preparatory schools.

SAW HITLER MENACE

The next stop was an unorthodox school in Germany, founded in 1920 by Prince Maxmilian of Baden. The school was run by Dr. Kurt Hahn, an anti-Nazi, and as the Hitler menace ripened Philip and Dr. Hahn both left Germany. The teacher established a new school at Gordonstoun, on Moray Firth in Scotland, which Philip soon joined. He stayed in Gordonstoun until March, 1939, when he entered the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth as a cadet.

Through his school life he was treated as an ordinary boy. His classmates at Cheam, once recovered from surprise at seeing Philip minus coronet and robes as their childish fancy had anticipated, regarded him as one of themselves. At Gordonstoun he mingled freely with sons of fishermen and farmers. His last school report said he had the "strongest sense of service" in the school. He was placed 16th of 34 entrants to Dartmouth and won the King's Dirk as best cadet of his term.

When war broke out, Philip was commissioned an officer in the Navy and was posted as a midshipman to the battleship Ramillies. He later served with the cruisers Kent and Shropshire and with the battleship Valiant.

IN FAMOUS BATTLE

In March, 1941, he was searchlight control officer on the Valiant at the battle of Cape Matapan, fought in darkness.

"It was," he said later, "as near murder as anything could be in wartime."

The Prince was mentioned in dispatches and his captain, Admiral Sir Charles Morgan, commented: "Thanks to his alertness and appreciation of the situation, we were able to sink in five minutes two eight-inch Italian cruisers."

In 1942 he transferred to the flotilla-leader HMS Wallace, becoming her first lieutenant—"Jimmy the One" in naval parlance. Then he was posted to a new destroyer, Whelp, with her joined the Pacific fleet, and was present at the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay. His first navy job in peacetime was an instructor in one of the Royal Navy's stiffest training courses. Later he obtained his first command, as captain of the frigate Magpie in the Mediterranean.

From his record, there is no doubt that Philip was an exceptional sailor. That ability, plus his underlying seriousness, qualifies him as a member of a family which, in the words of the weekly newspaper The Observer, "has been the talk of three European generations, giving headaches to statesmen from the days of Bismark to those of Roosevelt, alternately charming, annoying and splendidly serving their contemporaries."

Ex-King Farouk Verifies Rumors About Separation

ROME (AP)—Ex-king Farouk of Egypt is having mother-in-law trouble.

In a bitterly-worded statement Thursday the portly playboy virtually admitted that he is separating from his 19-year-old wife, Narriman, and that his mother-in-law is to blame.

Narriman left Farouk in Rome to fly to Switzerland with her mother.

Farouk's statement said bitterly that her decision to leave was "ably abetted by her mother, who was obviously in touch with Egyptian political elements."

It's the first word from Farouk about rumors that something was amiss with his marriage.

Rumors gained ground with the arrival of Narriman's mother. Some said she went to Rome to persuade Narriman to return to Egypt with her baby son who is heir to the Egyptian throne since Farouk's abdication last summer.

Farouk did not go to the airport to see Princess Narriman off.

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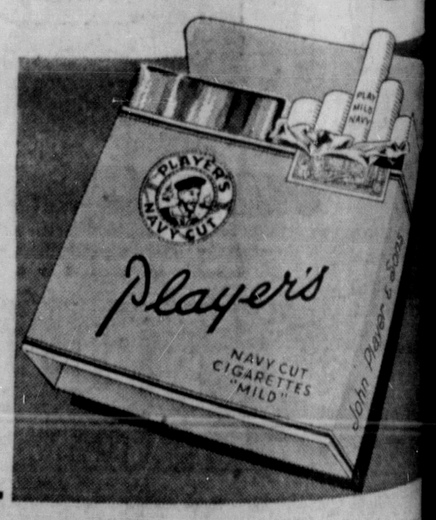
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