

Popular Prince Philip A Sailor By Training

Since February, 1952, Prince Philip—the tall, handsome ex-sailor whose face is now as familiar to the world as that of his wife, Queen Elizabeth—has fulfilled the rare and exalted role of Consort.

His position in precise terms of precedence can hardly be defined. But as head of his household, husband of Queen Elizabeth and father of a future king, he is certainly now the best-known citizen in Britain. Probably the most popular, too.

What is he like, this man at the Queen's side?

The Duke of Edinburgh was at one time sixth in line of succession to the Greek throne. His father was Prince Andrew of Greece, who died in 1943. His mother is Princess Alice of Battenberg, daughter of the first Marquess of Milford Haven.

He was born at Corfu, but from the start received a thoroughly British upbringing, spending most of his boyhood with his uncle, Lord Mountbatten, at whose home he quite frequently met the young Princess Elizabeth.

The young girl and the rather shy, lanky boy were good friends from the start. They exchanged presents and letters, but Philip was much more interested in boyish things and had already announced his intention of making the sea his career.

It was an easy ambition to gratify, for he had all the makings of a sailor: a willingness to work hard, a keen sense of discipline, a liking for the comradeship of men, a sense of adventure and a love of athletics.

He Won King's Dirk

Both Lord Mountbatten and Philip's cousin, the Marquess of Milford Haven, himself a naval officer, encouraged the lad, and in due course Prince Philip was admitted to the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth, where he won the King's Dirk for the best cadet.

Philip was a popular officer in the Royal Navy. But he was a strict disciplinarian. Although "one of the boys" off duty, he would stand no

nonsense at work. Even today, if he has a grievance he gets it off his mind at once and bears no malice.

It was known before 1947 that Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, RN, had been seeing more of each other than social formality would demand. And on July 9, 1957, King George VI gave his consent to the betrothal of the young Prince and Princess.

The marriage was an event of great rejoicing. So, too, was the birth of Prince Charles a year later.

What is the role of the Consort?

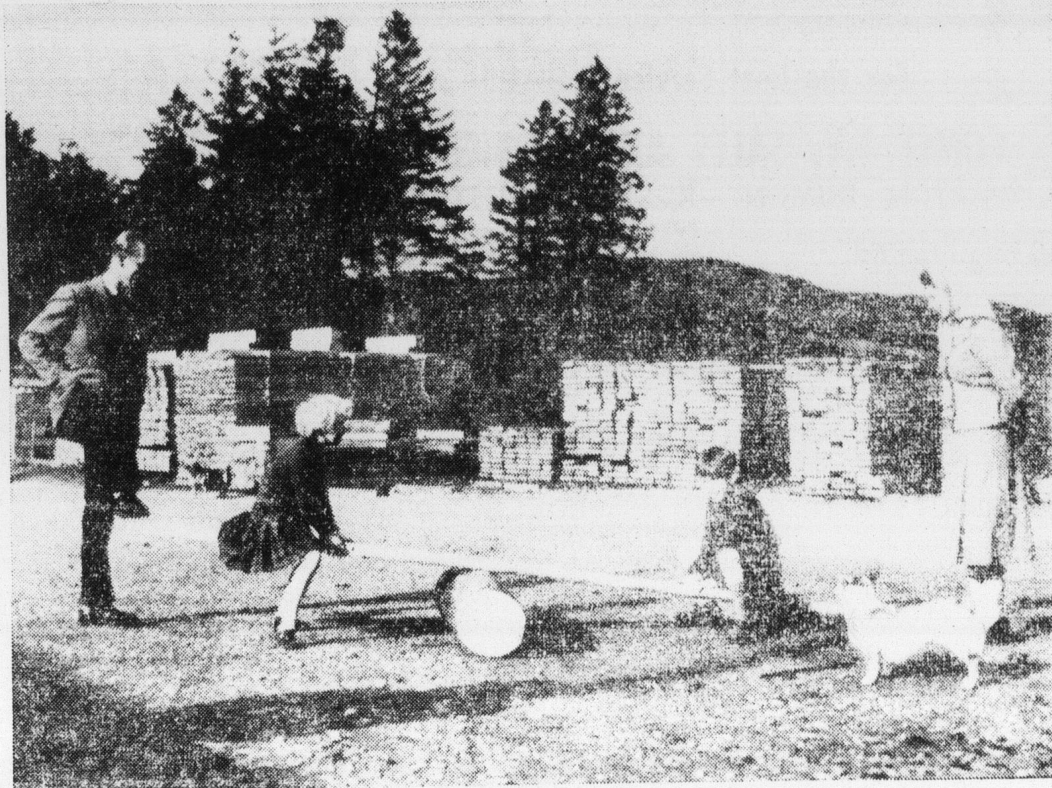
He is, of course, in no sense a king and has no special authority. But as head of his family and confidential advisor to the Queen there is plenty of scope for the qualities and talents in Philip which the British people admire so much.

In the complex administration of the Royal Household, in the management of the Royal estates and the arranging of countless State ceremonies, his understanding and support are of great value.

Incidentally, one does not become a "Prince" Consort automatically. Seventeen years elapsed before Queen Victoria conferred this title upon Albert, her husband. She knew her people too well to confer the title of Prince upon him until he had established himself, firmly and irrevocably, in the affections of the British people.

But unlike "Albert the Good," Prince Philip did not have to endure a period of "probation" to enjoy the people's trust and confidence, for they know he loves Britain and the Empire. They know, too, that the knowledge he has acquired since becoming Consort will enable him to support and sustain the Queen in the years ahead.

"If the (teacher or leader) is indeed wise, he does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom, but rather leads you to the threshold of your own."—Kahlil Gibran.



THE ROYAL FAMILY ON HOLIDAY AT BALMORAL

The Queen looks on smilingly as the Duke helps Princess Anne to raise her brother on the see-saw during a visit to a sawmill on the Balmoral Estate.

Queen's Horses Inspiring Sight

You catch your first glimpse of them through the trees as you take a mid-morning stroll in Hyde Park—a flash of swords and breastplates, a nodding of white and scarlet plumes. Every day of the year the Household Cavalry on their coal-black chargers leave Knightsbridge Barracks at 10.30 a.m. for the ceremony of Mounting the Guard at Whitehall (Except Sundays, when, rather surprisingly, they set out an hour earlier.)

Many visitors yield to the inclination to follow in the wake of the jingling cavalcade, and as they pass Buckingham Palace another fine sight meets their eyes: the massed scarlet ranks of the Foot Guards performing the intricate mysteries of Changing the Guard before the Queen's London home.

One comes across the Queen's Horses and the Queen's Men on many other occasions. On Royal Birthdays the Royal Horse Artillery in their dashing uniforms and plumed busbies fire a salute in Hyde Park. Other proud figures which one sees from time to time are the Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard—old soldiers all—in their Tudor uniforms; the State Trumpeters, gorgeous in gold braid; and the Highland Regiments with kilts and plaids of traditional tartan.

Finish Schools Look For Jobs

This spring 63,000 Negro high school graduates will be looking for jobs.

Poised for graduation from high school in May and June, some 1,700,000 youngsters stand on the threshold of their first jobs. The largest senior class in history, including an estimated 144,000 Negroes, will send into the nation's labor force roughly 544,000 young men and women, many seeking lifetime careers, though equipped only with a secondary education. In their ranks will be some 63,000 Negro youngsters. Roughly 40 per cent of all the graduates will go on to full, or part-time college. Between 10 and 20 per cent will join the Armed Forces. Half the girls will marry at age 18. Of those entering the labor force, many will take pre-selected jobs at minimum pay, but with good chances for advancement. Others will find their first work unattractive and boring. Non-white graduates, most of all, will find that factors other than those facing the average young worker will be set them as they begin the search for a livelihood. But properly prepared students will discover there are profitable careers without college.

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