

Matchmakers Already Speculating On Romantic Future of Princess

By EDDY GILMORE

LONDON (AP) — Britain's blonde Princess Anne is well on her way to becoming one of the world's most eligible young women.

True, she will not be 15 until next Aug. 15, but already the matchmakers are speculating on what the romantic future holds for the one-time tomboy of Buckingham Palace.

Anne has plenty of competition for in present-day Europe there is a plethora of unmarried princesses and they far outnumber the princes.

While Queen Elizabeth's only daughter is but fourth in line of succession to the throne—last and Anne's father, Prince Philip, took the young man sailing with Anne and Charles last summer the Swedish crown princess was in Britain again consulting with Anne and her brother, Charles.

Asked about this name-linking last and Anne's father, Prince Philip, spoke at Sweden's royal banquet in August. They both children, it's all very ridiculous.

But blue-eyed Princess Anne, in King Constantine in September took as his bride and queen, 18-year-old Anne-Marie of Denmark, youngest daughter of King Frederik IX. Children born to them will come before Irene in the royal succession.

It was at the marriage of Constantine and Anne-Marie that the would-be matchmakers went to work on Anne of Great Britain, who was a bridesmaid at the Athens wedding.

While a great concentration

of kings, queens, princesses was taking place at the Greek capital, the Stockholm newspaper Express said:

"It would be ideal to have a queen like Anne of Carl Gustaf's side." The British matchmakers should Princess Anne marry a king-to-be.

Prince Charles, 18, is heir to the Swedish throne. "Everything is being done," there is a plethora of unmarried princesses and they far outnumber the princes.

The crown princess are being linked with that of Ulrik, Haxthausen, a young Danish diplomat now in Paris. But suggestions of a romance have been vigorously denied by Denmark's royal court.

Princess Benedikte is a quiet brunette, passionately fond of horseback riding. As far as is known, she has never been involved in an affair of the heart with a young man.

The Dutch royal family has two unwed princesses, Marie-Astrid, 21, and Christine, 17.

The other Dutch Princess, Irene, married Don Carlos of Bourbon last April and this kicked up such a commotion that a Dutch minister commented that the thought of marrying the remaining trio of princesses frightened him.

Don Carlos is a Roman Catholic. To marry him, Irene became a Catholic and renounced her right to the throne.

The young Dutch Princess, formerly called Marijke and now known as Christine is handicapped by poor eyesight and of the pretender to the Spanish

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only recently entered high school. Don Juan Count of Beldolosa, Don Juan is the son of Spain's last ruling monarch.

The princesses are Maria Pilar, 31, a smart-looking young woman with no known beaux; Arturo Rativa School of Nursing, and enduring herself to her friends as Just Chris.

She is pretty, shorter than her sisters and tending towards plumpness. Her married sisters are Birgitta, 27, Margaretha, 30, and Desiree, 28.

Greece's Crown Princess Irene is a willowy blonde with a girlish figure. She is highly intelligent, well read, devoted to her mother, Queen Mother Frederika, and a good dancer and conversationalist.

Her name has frequently been linked with that of Crown Prince Harald of Norway.

Italy, now a republic, has a number of pretty and young princesses from royal days, those who attract the most attention live abroad and visit Italy only occasionally.

The best known are Princess Maria Gabriella and Princess Maria Beatrice, daughters of former King Umberto who now lives in exile in Portugal.

Maria Gabriella is 24, tall, slender, with a quick intelligence and, with a good sense of dress, highly attractive.

Maria Beatrice is 21 and lives chiefly in Paris, spending most of her time with students of the Sorbonne.

She and the student son of a well-to-do Milan family were reported to be in love. But if love has bloomed it hasn't been in public.

Liabon is the year-around home of two single royal princesses. They are the daughters of the pretender to the Spanish

Count of Paris, pretender to the non-existent French throne. The count has two married daughters and two single ones. The latter are Anne de France, 28, and Chantal de France, 18.

Anne recently completed her studies and now has no special occupation. Chantal is still in school. Both go out frequently.

A family spokesman said no marriage are in prospect and 'when they become engaged we will announce it.'

In the Bourbon line is the family of Prince Xavier de Bourbon-Parma, father of Don Carlos, who married Princess Irene of Holland. The prince also has two unmarried daughters, Marie des Neiges, 25, and Marie-Cecile, 28, who makes parachute jumps as a hobby. Said to be pretty and imaginative, both girls stay out of the public eye in their travels between the family's two chateaux in the country and a Paris apartment.

In addition, there are four eligible French princesses from two families, the House of Orleans and the Bourbon-Parma family. The latter, with ties to Louis XIV, considers itself of higher royal rank than the Orleansists.

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Both are known in European social circles to be anxious to marry their offspring to the bluest of bluebloods, royalty if possible.

The contemporary mainstay of the House of Orleans is the

\$1 Million Grant For Roads Here Still Discussed

OTTAWA (CP)—Final agreements have not yet been signed for a \$10,000,000 Atlantic Development Board grant for highway construction in the Atlantic provinces. Transport Minister Pickett said in the Commons Monday.

Details have been worked out with the governments of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for use of the \$3,000,000 each will receive, Mr. Pickett said in a written reply to Hugh John Flemming (PC-Victoria-Carleton).

In Newfoundland and Nova Scotia the provinces would pay 50 per cent of the cost of special highway sections, the minister said, and in New Brunswick the proportion would be 75 per cent federal and 25 per cent provincial. The proportion to be borne by the province was negotiated separately with each government but final agreements have not yet been signed.

"As soon as this has taken place the details of locations and estimated expenditures will be available."

Discussion with Prince Edward Island about use of that province's \$1,000,000 grant still proceeding, Mr. Pickett said.

GENEVA (Reuters)—A six-man delegation from Quebec province's superior council of labor has arrived here on the first leg of a study tour of industrial relations and collective wage agreements in Western Europe. The delegation, headed by Carrier Fortin, Quebec labor minister, began Monday a three-day visit at the headquarters of the International Labor Organization.

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