

A familiar Balkan custom makes an unusual newsreel ^{story} picture in London - the official betrothal ceremony of Prince Tomislav of Yugoslavia and Princess Margarita of Baden, at the Serbian Orthodox Church.

Over five hundred, ^{exiled} Serbs, ~~living in London~~ shared this link with home.

~~And at this Blessing of the Ring ceremony~~ The Priest carried his traditional gift of a shirt - an offering from the future Bride.

A happy moment as everyone present filed past the engaged couple, offering their congratulations.

With Prince Tomislav was his mother, Queen Marie of Yugoslavia - while the Bride-to-be is the Duke of Edinburgh's niece.

Another unusual feature was the blessing of a special cake - for the ~~ceremony was held on the~~ Feast Day of St. Sava. / S (DOWN)

The Cake was ~~first~~ cut - and then turned, before being distributed to the congregation - amid further good wishes for the happy couple - who are to be married in the Spring.

Meanwhile, here's a London wedding that revived memories of a more leisurely era when the Bride and Groom left St. George's, Hanover Square in a landau • ~~for the reception.~~

This romantic send-off was not due entirely to petrol rationing. For the Bride, Janice Pike, (who married Mr Frederick Tottman), was following her family tradition of horse-and-carriage weddings.

A very charming sentiment, too, that echoes the modern ditty - "love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage!"