

PARIS AND BANGKOK SEE ROYAL WEDDINGS

Bangkok - city of 500 temples and capital of Siam - is the fairy-like setting for a Royal wedding - witnessed by only a dozen privileged guests. Wed with traditional Eastern mysticism are King Phumiphon of Siam and Princess Sirikit. Only recently returned from Europe, the American-born King met his 17-years-old Princess while at school in Switzerland. After the ceremony (which was without vows and without a wedding ring) the King accompanied by his bodyguard, tours the capital - to receive his people's acclamation. His bride - a daughter of Siam's former Ambassador to Britain - stays behind in the Palace, a Queen in name only.

In Paris Princess Fatima of Persia weds an American student. Performing their ceremony, is the Grand Imam of Persia. Among the witnesses - Rita Hayworth - the Princess Ali Khan.

This is the second time in three months Princess Fatima has wed her bridegroom Vincent Lee Hillyer of California.

The Aga Khan is there to see them married according to the Laws of Islam.

After the 12-minute service, Princess Rita said that she, too, may shortly become a Moslem.

With the 25-years-old American having changed his name to Ali and joined the Moslem community, Princess Fatima will have her Royal prerogatives restored by her brother the Shah.