

Dopesheet - the wedding at Asker Church - January 12th 1961.

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Asker Church outside Oslo at 5PM January 12th:

The torches throwing their light on hundreds of people waiting for a glimpse of the Princess Astrid on her wedding day.

The sister of the Bride, Princess Ragnhild, Mrs. Lorentzen and her husband ship owner Erling Lorentzen have come from Rio - where they live.

Princess Margaret of Great Britain coming here with her husband Anthony Armstrong Jones, the princess - dressed in a deep blue velvet gown with a white fur stole.

And so, just a minute before 5 PM -

The Royal Car with the Bride and her Father.

The Princess was beautifully dressed, in a simple white gown of lace and tulle, embroidered with silver, wearing a short veil fastened to a lace crown.

She was heartily cheered - and her smile warmed everyone of those who had been waiting for all these long and chilly hours.

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Inside the Church - the organ was playing "Purpose" by the Norwegian composer Nordraak, while the candles were throwing a soft light over the waiting guests and the flowers that decorated the pews, the altar, and the aisle. The bridegroom, Johan Martin Ferner, was already waiting, together with his best-man and his family.

The doors opened, and His Majesty The King escorted his daughter.

Bridesmaids were the King's granddaughter Ingeborg Lorentzen, the bridegroom's two nieces, and the little bridesman was the King's grandson Håkon Lorentzen.

The bride was carrying a bouquet of white Lillies-of-the-Valley, frezia, and orange-coloured roses.

Over 500 guests attended the ceremony, about two hundred of those were going on to the wedding-dinner held at the King's residence at Skaugum.

The floral decorations were white and rose carnations and roses, orchids, and lillies-of-the-valley.

The bridegroom was seated to the right of the church, together with his bestman and brother, Finn Ferner (his parents and sister-in-law, Mrs. Finn Ferner).

Following the ritual of the Lutheran Church, the bride was seated on the left, together with her father, brother, the Crownprince Harald, her sister, princess Ragnhild Mrs. Lorentzen

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and her brother-in-law, mr. Erling Lorentzen, According to Norwegian custom, the bride also has a best-girl, her old friend Mrs. Elisabeth Bahre.

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The weddingceremony over, the Princess returned to her seat as princess Astrid, fru Ferner.

She made a deep reverence to her father, before leaving the church at her husband's arm.

No-one knows so far where the honeymoon will be spent, but after their return to Oslo, the young couple will live in mr. Ferner's bachelor-apartment, until their house, a wedding present from the King, is ready sometime in the spring.

The guests included 3 royal princesses who have all married men form non-royal families.

The oldest is King Olav's aunt, Dagmar Castenskiold, the other two, of course - princess Ragnhild and princess Margareth.