



Zog Can Forage For Himself, but What of Lilibet?

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UNCLE SAM isn't one bit worried that he can't hang the latchkey out at Prospect House for King Zog of Albania. After all, Zog invited himself, and when he arrives in a couple of weeks nobody in official life here will take a bit of notice.

But the lack of a guest house in which to entertain royalty in the style to which royalty is accustomed does put protocol in a spot with the coming of Princess Elizabeth of England and her husband, Prince Philip, in October.

Last week when Uncle Sam's lease was up at Prospect House and he moved out United States-owned china and linens and handed the key back to private custody, everybody asked the same thing. Where will the future Queen of England lay her weary head? And it will be weary after all the round of entertaining planned for her here.

As one stoic said: "President Truman asked 'em. He must know where he's going to put 'em."

SOMEBODY ELSE, who's "in the know" about these delicate matters, sums it up this way:

"After all, they are coming on the personal invitation of President Truman. Seems natural that they will stay at his house, doesn't it?"

President Truman's current house is, of course, Blair house. And so, if present tentative plans stand, England's royal couple will spend a night or two in a small, old-fashioned bedroom at Blair House. Then they will move on into more luxurious and more com-

modious quarters at the British Embassy.

All of these makeshift arrangements, of course, have been necessitated by the sale of Prospect House to Representative Thurmond Chatham of North Carolina. Right about the time Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh are here, Congressman Chatham will probably be giving his first party in the fine old Georgetown mansion that Uncle Sam leased furnished from Mrs. James Forrestal as official guest house to visiting VIP's.

BUT FOR Ahmet Bey Zog, 56-year-old Balkan Beau Brummel, there won't be any stay at Blair House. Or at the embassy or the legation of his country, either. Actually, Albania has no diplomatic headquarters here. Long ago it vanished into that shadowy hinterland of Iron Curtain ghost countries.

Zog is said to be coming here "incognito." Now, that term is right out of the pages of a cloak and dagger novel, and that's the way his life has been. Just before the last war, Italy absorbed Albania, and in the dead of night King Zog and Queen Geraldine, snatched up their two-day-infant Crown Prince Iskander from his cradle and fled into friendly Greece.

From there on Zog flitted about in exile, a professed anti-Fascist and anti-Comunist, while his country became a pawn between the Fascists and the Communists. At the moment, Zog, who has been living in Egypt, knows little more about Albania than anyone

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Ex-King Zog of Albania Arrives as a Sightseer

Former King Zog of Albania, who has been living in exile in Alexandria and Cairo since 1939, arrived at Idlewild Airport yesterday accompanied by four aides.

"My trip is strictly private and is only to see the United States," he said in French through an interpreter. "It is a big country and I want to see as much of it as possible."

Zog was president of Albania from 1926 to 1928 and king from 1928 until 1939, when his country was overrun by the Italian and German armies. Albania is now ruled by a Communist government headed by Gen. Enver Hoxha. King Zog believes that Albanian patriots are restrained from overthrowing the Communist dictatorship only

by fear that civil war would expose the country to invasion by the neighboring armies of semi-Communist Yugoslavia and non-Communist Greece.

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