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EASTERN STATES NEWS

The 2004 Annual Mass of the Society of King Charles the Martyr will be held at the Church of the Guardian Angels in Lantana, Florida. The date is set for Saturday, January 31, 2004.

Our Eastern States Delegate, Dr. Gunn-Walberg, reports that the Romanov Museum in Moscow continues to appeal for League members' assistance. Please contact Dr. Gunn-Walberg for information on how to send assistance. To learn more about the museum, you may visit the web site, www.monarchcenter.narod.ru

Plans are also now in the beginning stages for a return visit of HM King Kigeli V of Rwanda to his homeland. The occasion of the trip is to thank personally supporters of his who have recently restored one of his former residences. It is hoped that the trip will occur by the Spring, and that it may also be something of a "water testing" for a permanent return.

GREATER WASHINGTON DC

The 25 to 30 members in the Washington DC, Maryland, and eastern Virginia area are more than enough to start a League Branch. We encourage members in the area to contact our Eastern States Delegate, Dr. Kenneth Gunn-Walberg, to discuss organizing a new branch.

NEW YORK BRANCH

For information about future New York Branch events, or if you have suggestions, or would like to help, please contact Stephen Stephanou at 212-255-2900, or write 105 Duane Street, Apt. 52-A New York, NY 10007.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

League members in Florida and Southeast Georgia are encouraged to contact Brad Lawrence, 800 Lincoln Road, Neptune Beach, FL 32266, to find out about future gatherings of the new Branch in that area. Visitors and guests are most welcome.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH

For information about future Branch events contact Mr. Roy Green at 818-244-2389, or Mr. Charles Coulombe, 626-357-7236, ccoulomb@mail2.thinline.com

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH?

Members in the San Francisco or Northern California area who would be interested in getting together for social events and possibly in forming a new branch are asked to contact League member Joel Wallenberg at his e-mail address - yoelw@yahoo.com

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LEAGUE ITEMS IN US DOLLARS

Items advertised in the League journal *MONARCHY* are ordered directly from League headquarters in London. Payment may be made by personal checks or money orders. For your convenience, these items and their cost in US dollars, postage from Britain include: League Neck Ties - \$21, League Blazer Badges - \$21, League Lapel Pins - \$7.50, Back issues of *MONARCHY* are \$2.50 per issue. Old issues of "*THE MONARCHIST*" (our previous publication) are \$4.00 per issue.

MONARCHIST NEWS FROM IRAQ

On July 14, Sharif Ali bin Al-Hussein hosted a memorial service for his cousin, the late King Faisal II, 45 years to the day after he and 10 other members of the Iraqi Royal Family were murdered. The event received a write-up in the Boston Globe in which it was noted that there were hundreds of sheiks who attended the ceremony. A number of these were men who had celebrated the murders at the time, but with the wisdom of years now grieve the tragedy.

Sharif Ali has declined to participate in the American formed Iraqi governing council. He feels the council is compelled to submit to the will of the American military, and because of his position he ought not to be seen to be tied too closely with what many Iraqis view as an occupying force.

Now is the time more than ever for League members to write their Congressmen and the State Department to support The Constitutional Monarchy Movement of Iraq and Sharif Ali bin Al-Hussein. For background information and current news about this organization, visit its web site at www.iraqcmm.org

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Much of the material used for this newsletter is normally drawn for information sent to me by Mr. Walter Moore of Ellicott City, MD. Unfortunately, Mr. Moore recently suffered an eye injury which required surgery, and many weeks to recover. He has been unable to do his normal sleuthing for this issue. Something much missed by the editor! Please pray for Walter's speedy recovery.

REBURIAL OF KING PETER PLANNED

The remains of King Peter II of Serbia and his mother Queen Maria will finally rest in peace in their homeland. According to an interview in the Serbian newspaper "Novosti" Crown Prince Alexander said that steps are being taken to bring them home, and bury them in the crypt of Saint George's Church in Oplenac.

The plan will be done in agreement with the Government of the Republic of Serbia, which has welcomed the initiative for transfer of their remains. The grandmother and the father of Crown Prince Alexander II, due to twist of fate and international politics, spent their last days in exile, deprived of the possibility to be buried among their kin.

When exactly their remains will be transferred, depends on several circumstances, but the wish is openly expressed from Prince Alexander's home at Dedinje Palace that it happens during the celebration of the bicentennial of the First Serbian Uprising, led

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by his ancestor Karadjordje (Black George), on the day of the Presentation of Our Lord next year (Feb. 2).

In the interview, Prince Alexander said "My grandmother, Queen Maria, was buried at Windsor, in Frogmore, where Queen Victoria was buried and the other members of the British Royal Family. My father, King Peter II was buried at the Serbian monastery in Libertyville, Illinois, and it is my great wish that both of them are brought home. I am sure that many will see the transfer of their remains as the end to a very sad episode of our history".

Bad luck followed King Peter II who was ill, wandered around the world, and is remembered in Serbian history as a tragic figure. His marriage to Princess Alexandra of Greece in 1944 in London, where he took refuge after Nazi occupation of Serbia, failed. He spent his life torn, traveling in England, France and the USA, accompanied by Serbian emigrants.

When he became gravely ill in America, King Peter turned down his mother's wish to be buried in England: "Who will light a candle for me there? I shall stay here with my emigrant friends" – he said.

In further comments, Prince Alexander said, "I am sure the preparations for transfer of my father's and my grandmother's remains to the country will be done on time, and that efficient cooperation with all official instances will be established. I have no doubt that HM Queen Elizabeth II will take great interest in this matter, having in mind that it was thanks to her kindness that HM Queen Maria was buried in Frogmore in 1961. I am deeply grateful for the understanding I encountered regarding this issue here (in Serbia), and also in Great Britain and the USA, including our Church's dignitaries there."

IMPERIAL VIETNAMESE VISIT TO TEXAS

The following information was provided by members of the staff of the Imperial Family of Vietnam.

In mid September a delegation of the Imperial Family of Vietnam headed by H.I.H Prince Buu Chanh, H.I.H. Prince Nhiep Chinh, and H.I.H. Princess Buu Phan Lien of Kien Hoa visited the Vietnamese community in Dallas, Texas. There they attended events at a local Catholic Church, a Buddhist Temple and the Temple of the Cao Dai religion. It was also a time to build greater cooperation and strategies for the Nguyen Dynasty's goal of the liberation of Vietnam and a display of the solidarity between the Cao Dai Dai Dao and the Vietnamese Imperial Family, memorialized by the intimate relations between HIM Emperor Bao Dai

and Dowager Empress Duc Tu Cung Doan Huy Hoang Thai Hau and Dai Dao Cao Dai in the recent past.

The visits to all three religious venues were very successful. The religious leaders and concerned people warmly welcomed the Nguyen Family delegation, The people did not want to leave the Imperial delegation. Their Imperial Highnesses and the delegation stayed with them the entire day of each of the ceremonies, and many close affections and intimate sentiments were expressed.

During the Cao Dai Temple visit, Prince Buu Chanh and his family were given a number of gifts, and presented with a "Sacred Poem of God and the Divine Spirits" of Cao Daism, which was specially dedicated to the Nguyen Dynasty and the Prince. The Sacred Poem's title was Tam Khanh. It included 8 verses with each verse having 7 words ("Tha^t Ngo^n Ba't Cu' ") which expressed the prediction about the future of Vietnam in the Glory and Grandeur (Greatness) of the Nguyen Dynasty, and with a brilliant and benevolent Emperor. The Sacred Poem was solemnly presented in a large glass frame to the Nguyen Dynasty and His Imperial Highness on behalf of the seven Cao Dai Temples across the USA including Dallas, TX, Westminster, CA, Seattle, WA, Wichita, KS, Atlanta, GA, Columbus OH, and San Jose, CA.

Also on this occasion, General Van T. C., an active member of Cao Daism, and a commissioner of former RVN Government had an audience with His Imperial Highness. The two men met for two hours prior to the ceremonies. He presented to the Prince a sacred prediction and the foretelling of God and Holy Spirits of Cao Daism about the successful restoration of The Nguyen Dynasty and the Glory and Greatness of The Nation of Vietnam in the near future.

At the Dao Quang Buddhist Temple of Dallas, the Supreme Buddhist Venerable Thuong Toa Tinh Duc presented a an hour long lecture about the history of the Nguyen Dynasty and accomplishments of 9 Seigneurs and 13 Nguyen Emperors in expanding Vietnam from 16th parallel to the very south end of the continent, as well as maintaining and embellishing the Country. He also expressed appreciation and praise for the Nguyen Dynasty's noble struggle for the nation and the people of Vietnam. He dedicated to His Imperial Highness and the Delegation several sacred and enlightened poems predicting the future of Vietnam and the role of the Nguyen Dynasty in the years of 2004, 2005. He also dedicated to His Highness very good wishes in a short verse: "Viec Phuc Quoc nhieu gian lao, trac tro, xin cac Nga`i kie^n di.nh so?'m tha`nh co^ng". (The Struggle for the Restoration of the

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Nation is difficult, wishing that You are energetic and persistent to obtain the Victory).

At the Duc Me Hang Cuu Giup Catholic Church of Dallas, The Reverend Father Dinh Minh Hai offered prayers for the Nation of Vietnam and the happiness and welfare of the People of Vietnam before God and Jesus Christ. The event lasted an hour with the attendance of numerous Church members. After the ceremony, Prince Buu Chanh and the Delegation posed for photos with Father Hai and the President of The Board of Catholic Association.

At the end of September HIH Prince Buu Chanh will be flying to southern California to carry out a video project regarding the Imperial Nguyen Dynasty and declaring the Imperial Family's religious policy to protect, maintain and embellish all national religions. The historic project will be broadcast on both radio and television stations.

While in California the Prince will also be attending a solemn ceremony of the Hoa Hao religion in Los Angeles, in honor of His Holiness Duc Huynh Phu So, founder of the Hoa Hao religion and the late Lt. General Le Quang Vinh of the Hoa Hao, hero of the guerilla National Forces under the reign of HIM Emperor Bao Dai who was executed by the republican regime following the overthrow of the Nguyen monarchy. He was the spouse of Lady Tran Thi Hoa "dit" Phan, an honored member of the Imperial Nguyen Dynasty's Religious Council.

To see photos of the visits, please visit <http://www.geocities.com/vietmonarchy/intro.html> .

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NEWS FROM AFGHANISTAN

On August 9, supporters of King Mohammad Zahir Shah announced the formation of a movement to press for the restoration of the Afghan monarchy. Named the "National Unity Movement", it is led by one of the King's cousins, Sultan Mahmoud Ghazi. "Apart from forming the movement today, participants also asked for the return of the constitutional monarchy," Hakim Noorzaye, deputy head of the newly formed group, told reporters. "We want a democratic system without imposing our wish on people. We call on the government to launch a referendum and to let people decide what sort of government they want."

In announcing the new movement, Mr. Noorzaye also resigned from his post as deputy head of intelligence in the government of US-backed President Hamid Karzai. He also criticized the current administration as "a tool of warlords" and charged that a commission it appointed had already opted for a presidential system in new constitution

being secretly drafted. The constitution is supposed to be put to the Loya Jirga for approval in October to allow for general elections to be held next June.

About 1,800 supporters of the King came to Kabul from all over Afghanistan for the launch of the movement. The restoration call came just hours after the King arrived in Kabul from France, where he had been recovering from a broken leg. It is the strongest call yet since he returned to Afghanistan last year after nearly three decades in exile that followed his overthrow by a cousin in the 1973 coup.

President Karzai greeted the King with an embrace in the morning. Aides supported him as he walked slowly down the stairs from an Ariana Afghan Airlines to review an honour guard. Some analysts have said that while restoration would be popular in rural areas, especially in the south where the King's reign is looked back upon as something of a golden age, it appears that the government has been moving towards a strong presidential system.

RELATED NEWS – In related news from August 6, a prominent Afghan royalist announced plans to contest next year's elections and denounced the country's constitutional drafting process as undemocratic and called for a referendum to decide on the future political system.

Sayed Ishaq Gailani, head of the National Solidarity Movement of Afghanistan and son of the influential Pir Sayed Ahmed Gailani, a leader of the mystical Sufi branch of Islam, told a major press conference of reporters that it was absurd to be heading for polls next June with no idea what sort of system the country would have. Saying that he doubted it would be possible to hold elections as scheduled because of uncertainty surrounding the type of political system Afghanistan would eventually adopt.

"I wonder why President Karzai doesn't launch a referendum to find out what sort of system people want. The government should have asked the people whether they want a caliphate, an emirate, a monarchy or a presidential system, and, if so, what kind of presidential system," Gailani said. "Had we a constitution, an election law and a law for political parties stating how they can take part in elections, then yes. But none of these have been completed."

Mr. Gailani, 49 whose umbrella movement has around 50 small political parties, doubts the government's commitment. "They are probably dragging out the process so they can stay in power longer," he said, but added he remains determined to participate.

Mr. Gailani also said that the King should have been restored to the throne after the Taliban's fall in 2001 rather than become a figurehead "father of the nation" on his return. "I never agreed that he should

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have come to Afghanistan as the father of the nation. He should have come as ruler of Afghanistan. People throng to him and have confidence in him."

Mr. Gailani said he would like an Afghanistan with an elected parliament, but stressed that the republican system since the overthrow of the monarchy in the 1970s had proven a disaster. "People have faced nothing but trouble, injustice and war," he said. "People believe a monarchy could save them from these troubles."

We ask members to continue to write the Embassy of Afghanistan to support the option of a Constitutional Monarchy being presented to the next Loya Jirga. The address of the Embassy of Afghanistan is 2341 Wyoming Avenue, NW Wash DC 20008, 202-234-3770. Members are also urged to write to their elected representatives to urge that the United States not block the restoration of the Monarchy.

BOOK "REVIEW"

One of the great deficiencies of written history is the subject of Monarchists here in the United States; specifically the Loyalists who fought for the King in the American War of Independence. On a trip this summer through Western Nebraska, your editor was pleasantly surprised to come across a book titled "The Loyal Americans". This discovery came, of all places, at the Museum of the Fur Trade, just outside of Chadron, Nebraska. The book itself turned out to be the official guide book for a traveling history exhibition in 1983 put on by the Canadian War Museum and the New Brunswick Museum. The book and exhibit detailed the "Military Role of the Loyalist Provincial Corps, and their settlement in British North America, 1775-1784."

While most of the books' 130 pages are devoted to descriptions and photos of artifacts displayed, there are eight excellent essays included which tie the subject together nicely. The essay titles include "The Foundations of Loyalism", "The Evacuations", and "The Loyalist Tradition", and several dealing with the resettlement of Loyalist troops in what was to become Canada.

Despite the age of the book, and the cost (\$15.95) it was well worth reading. It is the only book this writer has ever seen on the topic. To contact the Museum of the Fur Trade, call 308-432-3843, or write, 6321 Highway 20, Chadron, NE 69337.

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