

1: George I of Greece - Wikipedia

Internationally, George maintained a strong relationship with his brother-in-law, the Prince of Wales (eventually King Edward VII of the United Kingdom), and sought his help in defusing the recurring and contentious issue of Crete, an overwhelmingly Greek island that remained under Ottoman Turk control.

When Spiridon Louis , a shepherd from just outside Athens, ran into the Panathinaiko Stadium to win the Marathon event, the Crown Prince ran down onto the field to run the last thousand yards beside the Greek gold medalist, while the King stood and applauded. The announcement that Greece was finally at war with the Turks was greeted by delirious displays of patriotism and spontaneous parades in honor of the King in Athens. Volunteers by the thousands streamed north to join the forces under the command of Crown Prince Constantine. By the end of April , the war was lost. For a time, he considered abdication. It was not until the King faced down an assassination attempt on 27 February with great bravery that his subjects again held their monarch in high esteem. The King tried to shield his daughter; both were unhurt though the coachman and a horse were wounded. The gunmen an Athens clerk called Karditzis and his assistant fled into the Hymettus hills but they were spotted and arrested. Both were beheaded at Nauplia. Greece was effectively in day-to-day control of Crete for the first time in modern history. Nevertheless, Prince George resigned in after a leader in the Cretan Assembly, Eleftherios Venizelos , campaigned to have him removed. To save the King the embarrassment of removing his sons from their commissions, they resigned them. Eventually, the military league joined forces with Venizelos in calling for a National Assembly to revise the constitution. King George gave way, and new elections to the revising assembly were held in August After some political maneuvering, Venizelos became prime minister of a minority government. Meanwhile, through diplomatic means, Venizelos had united the Christian countries of the Balkans in opposition to the ailing Ottoman Empire. George was on vacation in Denmark, so he immediately returned to Greece via Vienna, arriving in Athens to be met by a large and enthusiastic crowd on the evening of 9 October. Three days later King George rode in triumph through the streets of Thessaloniki, the second-largest Greek city, accompanied by the Crown Prince and Venizelos. While out on an afternoon walk near the White Tower on 18 March , he was shot at close range in the back by Alexandros Schinas , who was "said to belong to a Socialist organization" and "declared when arrested that he had killed the King because he refused to give him money". The order was instituted by Constantine I in in memory of his father. Coat of arms of the Kingdom of Greece The distinctive Greek flag of blue and white cross was first hoisted during the Greek War of Independence in March

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Most Greek travellers whom I have met have told me that after the first period of admiration and enthusiasm they had usually experienced a time of revulsion, generally while travelling in the interior, which was in turn succeeded by a more reasoning afterglow which was permanent. I cannot say that I.

Wikipedia The King and his family spent much of their time at Tatoi , a 10,acre estate outside Athens which the King purchased in the s. Along with the main palace, King George established a winery and a Danish-styled dairy farm. He established the Royal Cemetery on the grounds, following the death of his daughter, Princess Olga, in King George also acquired Mon Repos , a villa on the isle of Corfu, in , which the royal family used as a summer residence. Attempts to return the isle of Crete to Greek control went unsuccessful, which caused great tension among the Greek people. Eventually, in , the Ottomans ceded Thessaly. The political climate in Crete remained tense, with the predominantly Greek population revolting against Turkish rule in The Great Powers stepped in, ordering both Greek and Turkish forces to withdraw, with Crete being under international control. While the Turks agreed, the Greek Prime Minister refused and sent troops to take the island. When forces crossed the Macedonian border, war broke out. By the end of April, the war was over, with Greece losing swiftly and severely. Following the defeat, King George lost much of his popularity and support from the Greek people, even considering abdication. But the following year, in February , an assassination attempt was made on the King and his daughter Maria, while riding in an open carriage. Fortunately, both were unharmed, and he received an upswell of support from his subjects. This time, the Greek forces were victorious, and on November 12, , led by Crown Prince Constantine, they took the city of Thessaloniki in what was then Macedonia. Three days later, the King arrived and rode through the streets accompanied by his son and the Prime Minister. Wikipedia With his Golden Jubilee approaching, King George planned to abdicate following the celebrations planned for October However, his life would end several months before he had the chance. On March 18, , while on a walk in Thessaloniki, King George was killed when an assassin shot him at close range in the back. The King died instantly. His body was returned to Athens, where it lay in state for three days in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Athens. Learn more about royalty, past and present here and share your thoughts on our forums.

3: ***** KING GEORGE, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, ATHENS *****

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4: Greece Under King George

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Queen Sophia and King Constantine I surrounded by their five eldest children l-r: Paul, Alexander, George, Helen, and Irene. Wikipedia As a child, George and his family lived in a villa in Athens and enjoyed time at Tatoi Palace. His education was primarily military-based, attending the Hellenic Military Academy in Athens. At the age of 18, George continued his military training with the 1st Infantry Regiment of the Prussian Guard in Berlin, where he stayed for several years. All would change on March 18, 1913, when his grandfather was assassinated, and his father ascended to the Greek throne. George became Crown Prince and Duke of Sparta the traditional title for the heir to the Greek throne, although rarely used within Greece. Instead, his younger brother, Alexander, was placed on the throne. George went into exile in Switzerland with his father and most of his family. King Alexander died on October 25, 1920, having contracted septicemia following a monkey bite, and soon after, King Constantine was returned to the throne. George and Elisabetha, The couple had become engaged in October 1913, after having known each other for many years. George and Elisabeta had no children, and would eventually divorce in 1924. Like his brother, Alexander, George was also a puppet-king for Revolutionary Committee and lived in constant fear of their actions. Just days later, a group of pro-royalist military officers attempted to stage a coup, but were quickly defeated. Although not responsible for the coup, King George II was blamed for it, and there were public calls to abolish the monarchy. They lived for a few weeks in a wing of Cotroceni Palace, before taking a small villa in Bucharest. On March 25, 1924, Greece declared itself a Republic, and the monarchy was abolished. King George was stripped of his Greek citizenship and all of his assets in the country were confiscated. King George and Queen Elisabetha on right with the Romanian royal family, late 1920s. He soon began to travel, spending about half the year between visiting his mother in Florence, and friends in London. He was careful to avoid saying or doing anything that could be considered political, stating simply that he considered himself to be one of the Greek people, and should the country choose to bring him back to the throne, he would abide by their wishes. He was close with the British royal family, and in 1925, attended the wedding of his cousin, Princess Marina, to the Duke of Kent. By this time, his marriage to Elisabetha had deteriorated, and she had undertaken several affairs. George, too, had begun an affair. In early 1926, he met Joyce Wallach, the wife of an aide to the Governor of India. After returning to London, George was surprised to find that he was no longer married. Elisabetha had been granted a divorce in Bucharest, citing desertion as the grounds for divorce. In reality, she had already vowed not to return to Greece and there was growing sentiment to restore the monarchy. The marriage was dissolved on July 6, 1926. On November 3, 1924, a referendum resulted in an overwhelming majority supporting the restoration of the Greek monarchy. George, along with his brother Paul, began making arrangements to return to Athens. Following visits to France and Italy, they arrived in Greece on November 25, 1924. Although met with significant support, George found his country broken and in need of reform. More changes in leadership in the government led to the dissolution of the Hellenic Assembly and new elections to be held in January 1924. The further unrest led to a general strike planned for August 5, 1924. The day before the strike, Metaxas advises King George to once again dissolve the Assembly, but without calling for new elections, and the suspend parts of the constitution, basically allowing for a dictatorship. Facing increased political turmoil and a growing rise of communism, King George agrees and allows for what became known as the 4th of August Regime under Prime Minister Metaxas. Once again, King George becomes a puppet-king, but this time at least has the support and respect of his Prime Minister. Having little power or even formal role, King George begins the task of restoring the Royal Palace in Athens, which had been looted and left in disrepair. With no money provided, George undertook the project "and the costs " himself. Another project the King undertook was to bring home the remains of his relatives who had been buried elsewhere. In November 1924, he and Prince Paul traveled to Florence to retrieve the remains of his parents, and his grandmother, Queen Olga and had them all interred at

the Royal Cemetery at Tatoi Palace. Four years later, he arranged for the remains of his aunt, Grand Duchess Alexandra Georgievna of Russia, to be returned – fulfilling a promise he had made to his grandmother many years before. The Greek Royal Family was evacuated to Egypt, but soon needed to find another place to settle. He eventually settled in Cairo where his government-in-exile had settled in . Despite his promise that following liberation he would restore the Constitution and hold elections within six months, many in Greece did not trust him and fought against his return. With the establishment of a rival Communist-led government, it was decided that a referendum would be held to determine the fate of the Greek monarchy. King George was forced to appoint the Archbishop of Athens as Regent. The archbishop quickly appointed a new government which was very anti-monarchy. The King, frustrated and tired, leased a house in London, expecting to live out the rest of his life in exile with his mistress. However, the following year on September 1, , a referendum was finally held, and the majority supported the return of the King. Several weeks later, King George II returned to a country rife with political uncertainty and facing economic collapse. Wikipedia, photo by krischnig His return would be short-lived. Several hours later, it is announced that he had died of arteriosclerosis. Learn more about royalty, past and present here and share your thoughts on our forums.

5: The 10 Best Restaurants Near King George, A Luxury Collection Hotel

The Royal coat of arms of Greece under the Glücksburg dynasty, created after the restoration of King George II to the throne in , to the exile of King Constantine II in and finally until the abolition of the monarchy in

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