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Royal wedding!

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She said 'YES!' with a kiss

The next page in the storybook romance of Prince Thomas of Germany and Princess Dr. Jean of England shows wedding bells. Sun Media's European Bureaus have learned a joint statement from London and Berlin is to be made after the couple enjoys a private Valentine's Day celebration today at the Horse and Hound in Hyde Park.

MIDSUMMER NUPTIALS

To be announced is a July 29 wedding, ending speculation that has swirled around the royal pair in the last several months. It heightened when they were photographed swimming together in the Red Sea, off the coast of Yemen three weeks ago.

The ceremony will be at a royal island resort in St. Thomas, where the princess was born. Guests and media from around the world will attend what an anonymous senior official from Westminster Abbey calls "a traditional and elegant, but not excessive" event.

Prince Thomas and Princess Dr. Jean are both 35 years old. They are a match, by all accounts, made in heaven.

HEART FOR THE POOR

Princess Jean, an obstetrician-gynecologist is known for her work reducing maternal deaths during childbirth in the world's poorest countries. Her Save the Mothers project has recently attracted the attention of the United Nations, which, in partnership with the World Bank, is expected to look at proposals to base an international centre headquartering the princess's work.

An opinion journalist and proponent of human rights, Prince Thomas is expected to continue to use his media influence to raise awareness of Third World issues. The prince is a student of economics, philosophy and English literature, and has become a recognized commentator on cultural trends, writing in international publications with what critics call a thoughtful style.

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IN LONDON
AND
MARTIN LUTHER VON GOETHE
IN BERLIN

ROYAL HOUSES UNITED

The wedding will tie the House of Chamberlain with the Hohenstaufen Dynasty, which enfolded the prince's royal Mennonite Froese lineage. England's Queen Margaret and the Weimar Republic's King Guenther have both endorsed Thomas' and Dr. Jean's courtship since they were first seen together publicly in the spring of 2000, watching Victoria Day fireworks at London's River Thames. Since then, the couple has captured the imagination of a public that is perhaps longing to see a 21st century Camelot.

SPLENDOR IN COMMON CLOTHING

It's widely agreed the royals have the admiration of family and friends for foregoing the comforts of aristocracy. The prince and princess have pursued a variety of interests and both maintain a remarkably youthful countenance. Raquelball is among their joint pleasures. Princess Dr. Jean, who studied baby-catching at Oxford University, has a keen interest in medical ethics and has lectured extensively on the issue.

Almost a foot shorter than the prince, the attractive brunette was named by the medical journal *Babes Today* in 2000 as one of the 10 prettiest doctors ever. She is known to have boundless energy and a pleasant nature with people of all lots.

Thomas left royal affluence to study in Cologne and Strasbourg, before spending time in several Dominican monasteries. He enjoys the symphony, particularly Bach, in his native Berlin.

Quicker than the princess, he's fond of Germany's 19th-century romanticists. It's said the young blonde, blue-eyed prince epitomizes the idiom that "the little spark of the soul" (das Funkelein) is the innermost part of the human being.

He has a heritage of Mennonite nobles serving in mainstream culture. Princess Dr. Jean is also not the first modern English royal to engage broader society. Her cousin, Owen Chamberlain, shared the Nobel Prize for physics in 1959 for his work with the Manhattan nuclear project.

FAITH AND HOPE

It's believed the wedding will feature, among other traditions, the Chamberlain family crest, an eagle displayed proper, with the dexter claw resting on an armillary sphere. The family's imperial motif is spes et fides, or faith and hope. Prince Thomas

was reportedly quite inspired



Prince Thomas:
Relaxing while riding.
(File photo courtesy of Reuters)



Princess Jean:
Pretty doctor has never been happier.
(File photo courtesy of Babes Today)

After their marriage, the prince and princess will likely ride away on Schatz, the royal horse Thomas gave Jean for Christmas. Schatz, or 'Treasure,' is also a pet name the young sweethearts are fond of calling each other.

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