

Casualties of war—Aga Khan's millions

FEW PEOPLE following the battle for East Pakistan have more at stake than the 34-year-old Aga Khan.

Almost a third of the Moslem spiritual leader's personal £70 million fortune is tied up there. Much of it is already lost. Even if an independent Bangla Desh settles down to peaceful existence after the struggle industries not yet in ruins are likely to be nationalised.

The main centres of his industrial investment, Khulna and Dacca, have also been main centres of the fighting.

Through his Industrial Promotions organisation the Aga Khan has funnelled huge amounts into the country.

EXTENSIVE

He controls the Ismaili Pak Insurance co-operative bank and a major insurance company which has been completely disorganised by the conflict.

Parts of his extensive housing estates have been destroyed. But his biggest single financial disaster so far is the closing of his jute mills employing 2,000 people.

There are two combines. Crescent Jute Mills and People's Jute Mills, each valued at £8 million before the trouble.

Even if they become operational again, losses already suffered and war damage runs into millions.

Khan's millions

William Hickey

The latest and greatest

It is a disaster for the whole of the Aga's family. His uncle Prince Sadruddin and his grandfather's two widows, Princess Mohammed and Princess Andrea, all have substantial holdings.

Even the Aga's holdings in West Pakistan are affected by the war. His plans to rebuild Honeymoon Lodge, the hill-top mansion in Karachi where his grandfather was born, have been shelved. And there is little prospect of him raising \$4 million needed for a new hospital which has been one of his ambitions for years.

Perhaps a little wistfully will the young Aga Khan think back on the big speech he once made in Dacca: "The tapestry of Islamic history, the jewels of civilisation."

Today the civilisation and his properties lie in ruins.

THE Prime Minister's sailing mentor, Sir Maurice Laing, 83, likes to change his yachts as often as motor-enthusiasts buy a new car. Construction company chairman and Bank of England director Sir Maurice—the first man to hand the tiller to former "deck-hand" Edward Heath—thoroughly dislikes anything out of date; particularly when it comes to his ocean-going vessels.

His philosophy is: "If I'm going to stay in the game I've got to have the best yacht."

Now, just 19 months after his present £25,000 sloop *Sasha* was launched at Cowes, he is—already—working out details of a new boat.

The reason for all this frequent chopping and changing are the rules of the Royal Ocean Racing Club.

Says 64-year-old Clare Lallow, whose West Cowes shipyard built both Ted Heath's *Morning Cloud* and *Sasha*: "The thing is these rules are continually amended and Sir Maurice likes to take advantage of any changes."

Work is likely to start on the new boat in the spring and will be designed by New York-based Olin Stephens, the man responsible for *Morning Cloud*.

Party time

YOUNG people apparently consider themselves minors at heart until they are 21. Certainly they



Security-conscious Gillian Hills—studying a new line in art

GILL'S OTHER LINE

After making two films in a year and landing a part in a major television series most young actresses would be content to relax over the festive season. Not 25-year-old Gillian Hills. She has enrolled for a college course in lithography and etching.

University professor's daughter Gillian says: "I was born in Cairo and brought up in about a dozen countries, as my father moved from post to post. I suppose the nomadic existence made me very security-conscious."

"Everyone knows how insecure acting is so I have decided to be prepared for the possibility of suddenly finding myself out of work. Since I've been so successful this year my friends think I'm mad rushing off to classes and studying at night. But I find it very comforting that some day I will not be completely dependent on acting."

still take advantage of 21st birthday celebrations.

Angela Worsley, first cousin of the Duchess of Kent, recently invited 50 friends to drink champagne in her London flat.

And the parties will continue when she goes back to Yorkshire for Christmas. Local friends have been asked to Cavton Hall, her home near Hovingham where her uncle Sir William Worsley lives.

Another 21-year-old ex-deb is Jane How, the actress who has been studying drama at London's Webber Douglas School. Her birthday party next week may be tempered with some trepidation.

She hopes to hear the results of auditions she has been going for repertory companies.

of Edward VIII in full naval uniform as Admiral of the Fleet, chased and cast in bronze.

Following his Abdication, Underwood decided to alter it to a portrait figure of his brother, George VI, by remodelling the head from photographs.

Since royal protocol was far more strict in those days—and the fact that the bust had not been officially commissioned—Byck in the Palace quietly asked for it to be removed from public exhibition.

It is unlikely that any objection will be raised against it now. It might even be sold.

LORD LUCK

ARIES (March 21—April 20): It's a good day for pursuing leads, however tenuous they may seem to be.

TAURUS (April 21—May 20): It could be difficult to get to grips with things or people today, as there is an elusive quality to be reckoned with; but don't give up the effort.

GEMINI (May 21—June 20): People with whom you are dealing today may be a little impractical in their outlook and behaviour.

CANCER (June 21—July 20): Good day for seeking jobs which require much imagination, but don't disappoint your energy in too many different directions now.

LEO (July 21—August 20): There is a dreamlike quality about what is happening in your personal life today.

VRGO (August 21—September 20): Things get mislaid, but you soon track them down. Some rather baffling news.

LIBRA (September 21—October 20): Favours those who are writers, lecturers or those connected with radio and TV, those who are advertisement copy-writers.

SCORPIO (October 21—November 20): Something you have at the back of your mind will turn out to be a profitable idea.

SAGITTARIUS (November 21—December 20): Your ideals, your principles, may be at stake today, and you will be prepared to stand by them at any cost. Good for you.

CAPRICORN (December 21—January 20): Secrecy is the keynote of the day, and you'll be getting wind of other people's secrets.

AQUARIUS (January 21—February 19): Friends will be in a state of uncertainty about this, and, on the other, so they will be turning to you for advice.

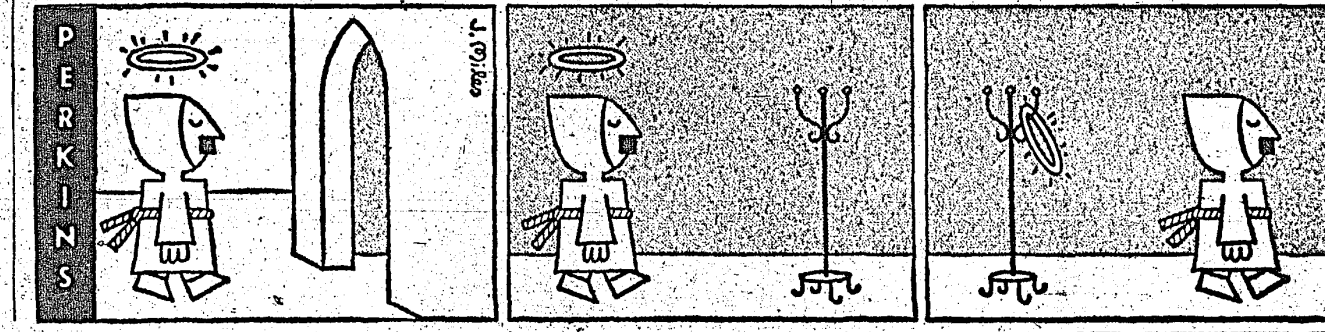
PISCES (February 20—March 20): You are faced with tantalising alternatives today: pleasant ones, though.

IF IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY THE sort of year which provides plenty of interest, activity, profit, happiness—with the promise of much more to come.

Kingly switch

A RARE Royal bust with "background" will go on view at the forthcoming exhibition of works by 30-year-old artist Leon Underwood at London's Archer Gallery.

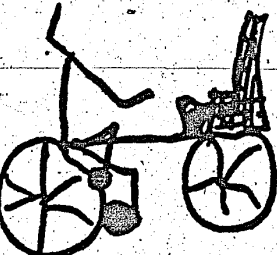
It started off in the 'thirties as a three-quarter-length figure



In the midst of stories of war, famine and riots, Save the Children bring you news to warm your heart.

For every sad, tragic story you ever heard, we can tell you a happy one. A story about hungry, cold, sick, frightened children being taught to be kids again; about children who are psychologically unable to play, being taught to play.

On this page we've put down a lot of true stories to show how Save the Children can help. They're little stories to warm your heart; they're about kids and happiness. You see that's what we're all about.



1. In Africa we came across a little crippled boy. He was sad because school was 10 miles away and he just couldn't make it. So we bought a bike, and fitted a little seat on the back, so his father could take him.

2. A month ago an Aboriginal girl we'd sponsored since she was five, told us she was going to be a nurse.

3. Last year in the Persian Gulf we inoculated 27,000 children and made them safe from cholera.

4. In a beggar boy's home in Korea, four proud little boys harvested sweet potatoes they'd grown. It's the start of a new life.

5. We came across some children in a small Arab state suffering from severe rickets. It didn't take long to find out why. When a father went to the city to find work, he locked up his wife and children. Nobody was allowed into the sunshine. We persuaded the fathers to allow their children into the sunshine.

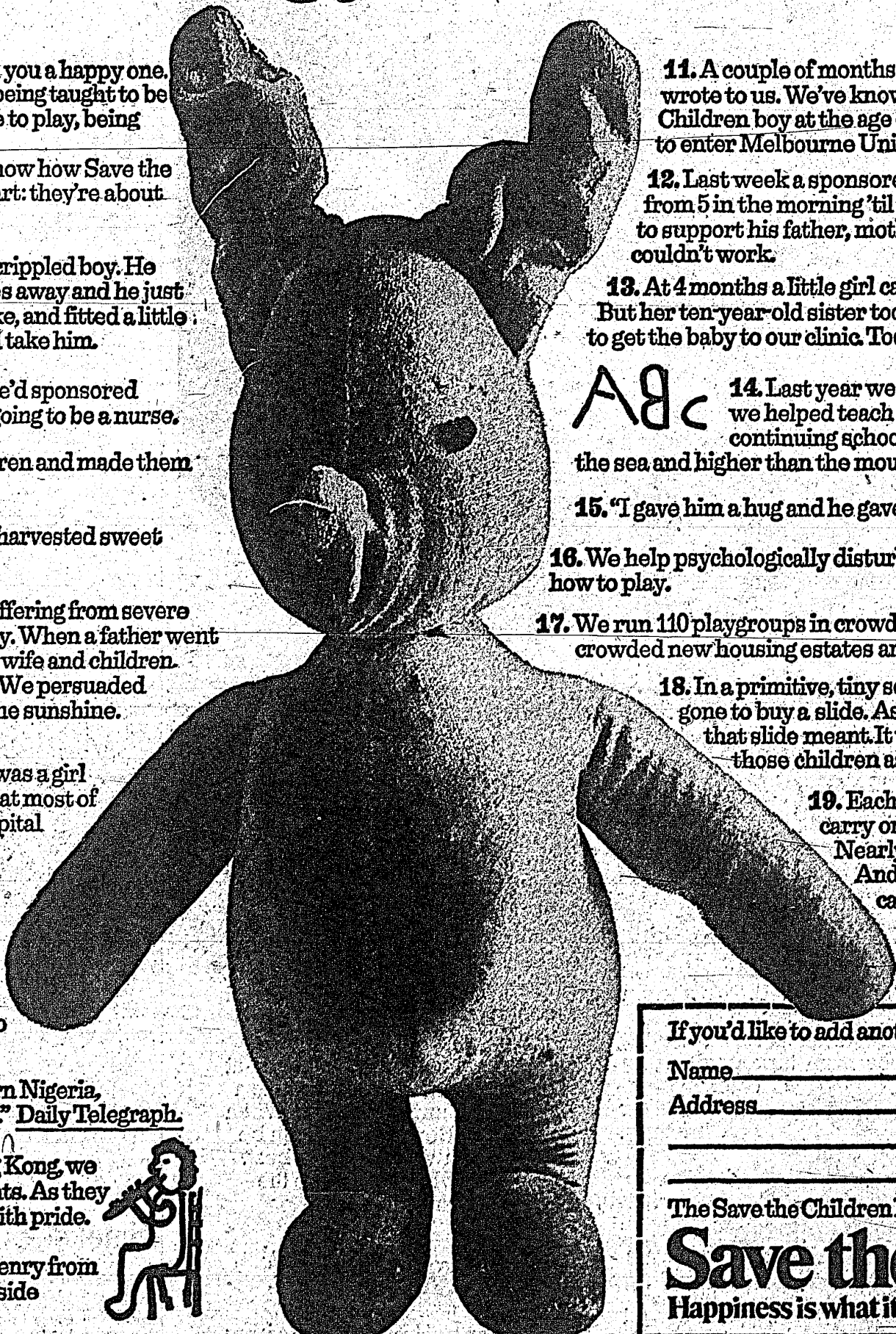
6. In one of our 19 Hospital Playgroups was a girl aged 10 who quite suddenly had gone blind. She told us that most of all she missed making doughnuts. We took her to the hospital kitchen and (with very little help) she was able to make doughnuts again. It was the beginning of her recovery.

7. In Vietnam we run a convalescent centre for war-wounded children. We heal them, feed them, and give them a place that they can call home. And bring happiness into their lives again.

8. "Of the 18 relief teams in war-torn Nigeria, Save the Children are the backbone of the operation." Daily Telegraph.

9. At a centre for mentally handicapped children in Hong Kong we watched children being taught to play musical instruments. As they played the same bars over and over, their faces glowed with pride.

10. "Me Mam told me to be off, so I've be-ed." Little Henry from Liverpool on arriving unexpectedly at a morning Merseyside Playgroup.



11. A couple of months ago Richard Kennedy of Ballarat High School wrote to us. We've known him since he first became a Save the Children boy at the age of four. Now, he told us, he's the first Aboriginal to enter Melbourne University.

12. Last week a sponsored boy, who had polio, told us how he studied from 5 in the morning 'til 11 at night to be an engineer. He wanted to support his father, mother, sister and grandmother—all so ill that they couldn't work.

13. At 4 months a little girl called Khiera was so ill, her family left her to die. But her ten-year-old sister took Khiera in her arms and somehow managed to get the baby to our clinic. Today, Khiera is a happy little two-year-old.

14. Last year we opened up the world for thousands of children; we helped teach them to learn how to read and write. "My continuing schooling is owing to your benevolence deeper than the sea and higher than the mountain." Letter to a sponsor from a child in Korea.

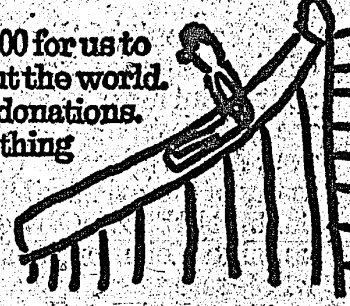
15. "I gave him a hug and he gave me a smile." Letter from a nurse in Vietnam.

16. We help psychologically disturbed children to learn a most precious thing: how to play.

17. We run 110 playgroups in crowded industrial cities in Britain. Now, amongst the crowded new housing estates and skyscraper flats, there's somewhere to play.

18. In a primitive, tiny school in Hong Kong, a sponsor's money has gone to buy a slide. As a visitor said: "I can't begin to tell you what that slide meant. It was the first time anybody had treated those children as children."

19. Each day it costs over £6,000 for us to carry on our work throughout the world. Nearly all of it comes from donations. And what it buys is something called happiness.



If you'd like to add another happy story send a donation.
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