

Gracie Fields to marry man who mended her radio

GRACIE FIELDS called her friends to her Isle of Capri villa, Canzone del Mare—Song of the Sea—and sang "I'm in Love" yesterday. Then the fifty-three-year-old singer introduced her fiance, Rumanian-born Abraham Boris Alberovich, 48, Capri radio repair man for the past twenty years.

Gracie announced that they will be married in February.

The romance began when Gracie asked the local radio shop to send a man to repair her set. Alberovich, good-looking, sun-tanned, blond and blue eyed, arrived to do the job

"It was love at first sight," said Gracie yesterday. At the party she gave she sang another song for her guests. Its first two lines—"I'm an old maid but I'm so much in love with him that

Gracie said the wedding will take place in Capri Cathedral and that she will become a Catholic before marrying.

Alberovich left Rumania twenty years ago and has lived on the Italian island ever since.

Admitting that she tampered with her radio "just to have him come up to the villa and repair it,"

Gracie told her friends that after several of these "radio repair sessions," he saw that there was "nothing wrong with the set or with my electric recorder.

"He asked me if I would marry him," she said.

"I'm head over heels in love," Gracie phoned from Capri to Mrs. Bert Aza wife of her agent, breaking the news to London that she was to marry her radio repair man.

"Fancy me, at my age falling in love again," she laughed—Gracie will be fifty-four on January 9."

Gracie's sister, Mrs. Dugie Wakefield, said: "We are all delighted at the news.

"I remember her fiance when he called at the villa in connection with her radio."

