

Gracie Fields May Wed Today



Gracie Fields and husband-to-be outside the Colosseum, Rome.

Trousseau Chosen in Rome

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GRACIE FIELDS and her fiancé, Mr. Boris Alberovich, tonight returned to Capri from Rome.

They made the sudden journey north last Thursday so that Miss Fields could have fittings for her secret wedding dress, designed by a Rome couturier.

The couple gave the slip to reporters who wanted to question them about a report quoting Miss Fields as announcing that she will be married on Capri tomorrow.

Callers at their hotel were first told that they had gone to a matinee performance at the Rome Opera of Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro."

But later it was learned that they had secretly taken the train to Naples.

While Miss Fields and Mr. Alberovich were playing hide-and-seek in Rome, the Capri parish priest, Monsignor Luigi Lenbo, said: "Everything is ready for them to become man and wife in a matter of hours."

'In March'

The priest said he had not been asked to marry them tomorrow, but was prepared to perform "that simple rite" any time before next Sunday.

After Sunday the Roman Catholic Church does not allow any weddings to be solemnised until the end of Lent.

At home Gracie Fields's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stansfield, of Roedean, near Brighton, have no idea when their daughter is to be married. Neither has her sister, Mrs. Douglas Wakefield, who lives in the same road. They do not believe she will be married today.

Said Mrs. Wakefield yesterday: "We understood she was to have been married in March."

"All we are certain of is that after her wedding she is going to America with her husband to settle important business affairs. She will not be in England before April at the earliest."

GRACIE'S PARENTS GOING BY AIR

Gracie Fields's parents are expected in Capri tomorrow by air from London to attend her wedding, it was learned today, says Associated Press.

Gracie has announced that she will marry Boris Alperovici, Rumanian-born radio technician, after the funeral of King George. She has not given the exact date.

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Getting married in Italy is almost as difficult as getting into Russia. — Gracie Fields, at Trieste, waiting for the papers for her wedding arranged for February 13.