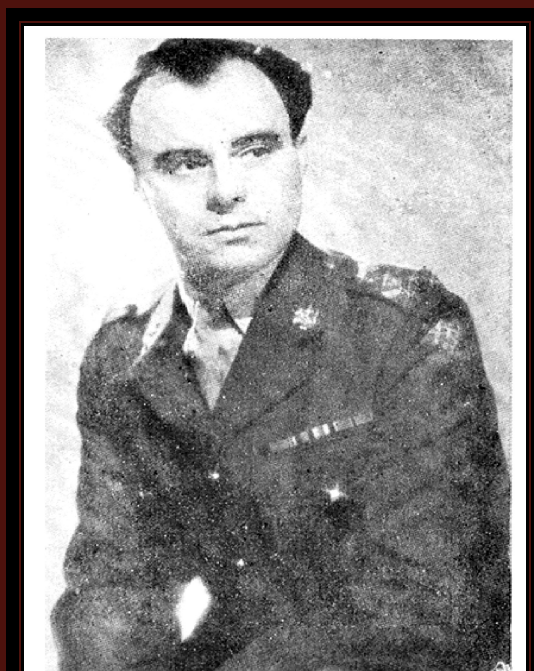


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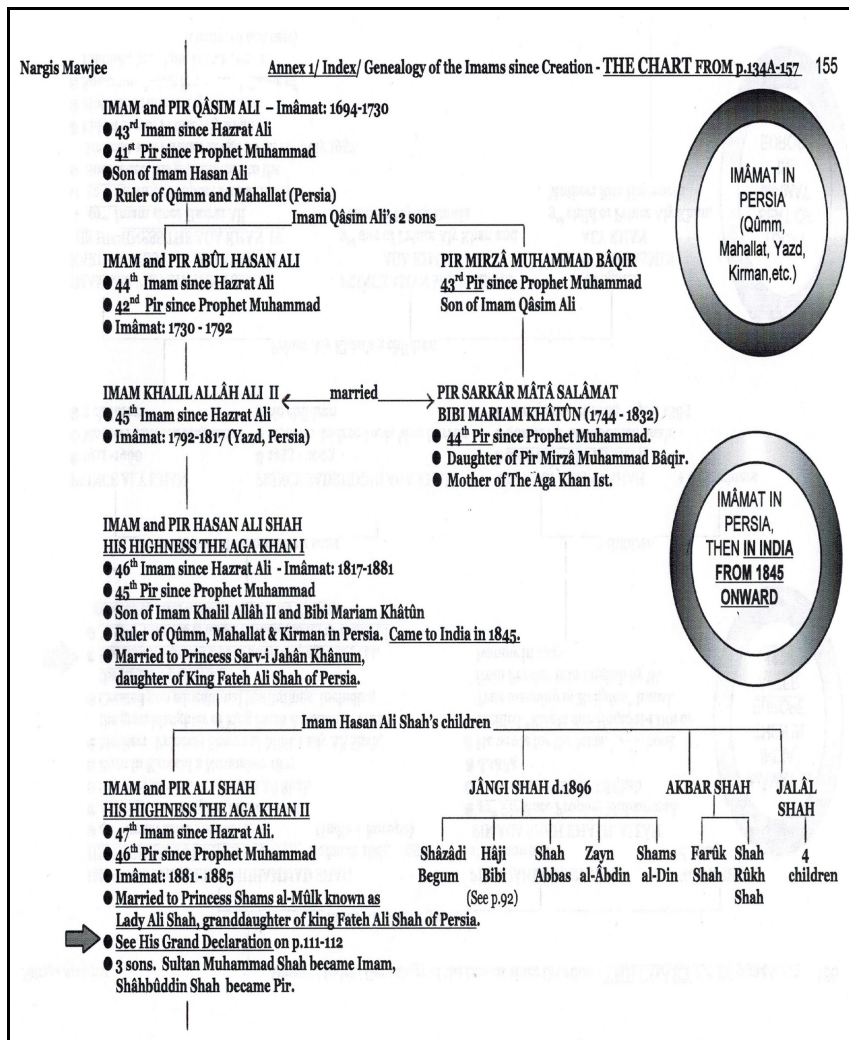
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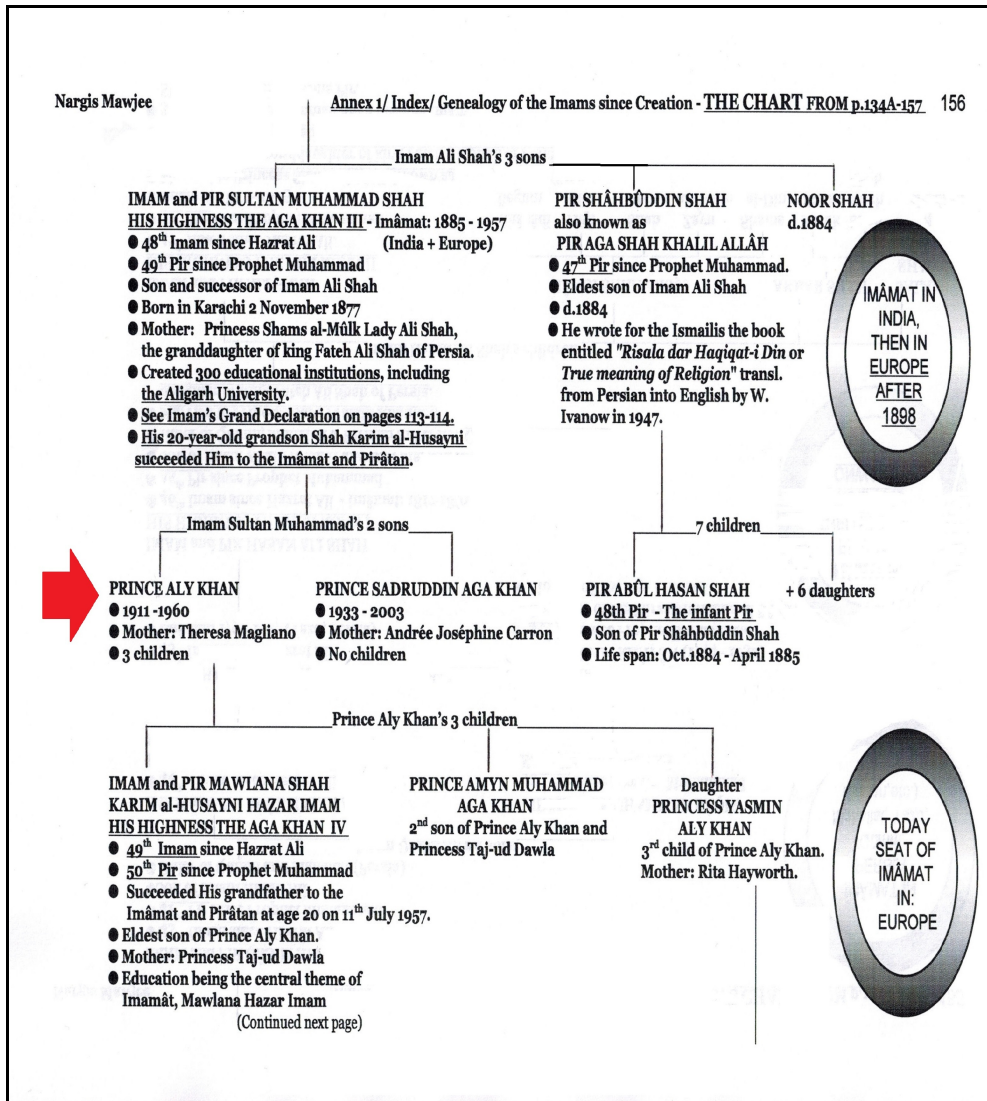
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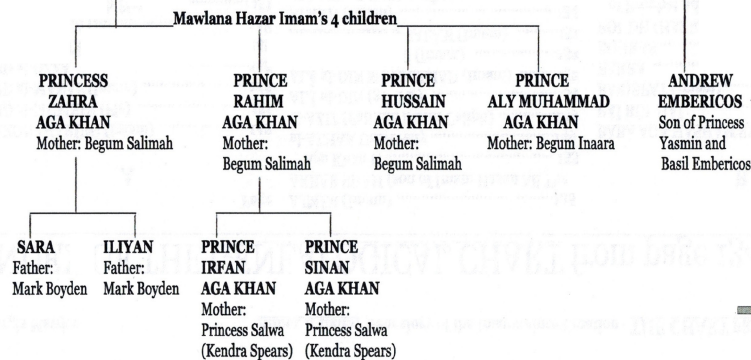
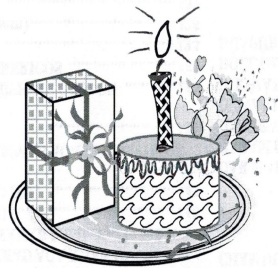
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built a network of institutions around the world including The Aga Khan University in Pakistan and The Aga Khan University of Central Asia. Mawlana Hazar Imam built also in 2014 le très beau Aga Khan Museum in Toronto, the first museum in the Ismaili history.

● 11th July 2017 marked the Diamond Jubilee of Mawlana Hazar Imam: 60 years of Imāmat! During this special year, Mawlana Hazar Imam has been visiting His jamāt around the world. Mawlana Hazar Imam said to the jamāt:

"I am always with My children, every day, every minute, every second, I am always with My jamāt. So I want you to remember that because my children are always with Me, - ALWAYS. Day and night, winter, autumn, summer, every season of the year and every place in the world, they are always with Me."



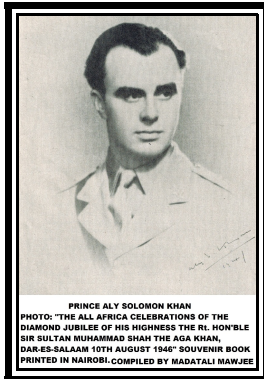
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A PRINCE WITH A GOLDEN HEART

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PRINCE ALY KHAN in 1941

- 13 June 1911 - 12 May 1960
 - Son of His Highness The Aga Khan III Imam Sultan Muhammad Shah and Princess Theresa Magliano
 - His younger brother, the famous Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, was born in 1933. His mother was Princess Andrée Joséphine Caron (“Mata Caron”).
 - married to: Princess Taj ud Dawla
 - 3 children:
 - Prince Karim Aga Khan (Mawlana Hazar Imam)
 - Prince Ayn Muhammad Aga Khan (the 2 sons born to Princess Taj ud Dawla)
 - Princess Yasmin Aly Khan (born to Rita Hayworth in 1949)
- See their genealogy on page 3.

His Highness Prince Aly Khan was born on 13 June 1911 in the Olympic city of Turin in Italy. He grew up and was educated in France, Switzerland and England. He spoke perfect Oxford English, fluent French, Italian and Arabic. He studied Law in England and trained for the Barreau under Charles Romer, the best chancery lawyer in England. He became a pilot at a young age. He joined the Allied Armies during the World War II and “won the admiration of all by his

bravery under fire”. He became Chairman of the United Nations’ Peace Observation Committee, and in 1958 he became Pakistan’s ambassador to the United Nations. (For more details, see following pages.)

A successful young businessman, Prince Aly Khan owned the finest race horses and won many classic races in Europe and other parts of the world – thus creating hundreds of jobs in the horse industry.

Frequently sent on mission by his father, he visited the Ismailis all over the world, even in the most remote areas, taking keen interest in the jamât's progress and well-being. For them, he founded schools and colleges for girls and boys, and hospitals, which still bear his name.

L aughing, Prince Aly Khan told his biographer-journalist Gordon Young that he remembered a memorable experience in his childhood. He was 5 or 6 years old. It was the day his parents first took him to London Zoo. They showed him around the Monkey House and the Parrot House and he says “...we went into the Lion House which was very crowded at the time, and suddenly one of the lions gave a roar. I must have bolted from the spot in great alarm for that was the last my parents saw of me for a couple of hours. They spent the rest of that afternoon at the Zoo desperately hunting to find me. In the end I think they decided never to take me to Zoo again!”

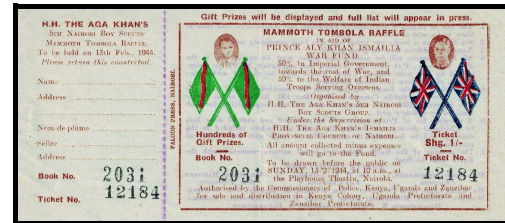
(Source: Interview with Gordon Young “Golden Prince- The Remarkable Life of Prince Aly Khan” London 1955, p.185-6)

Questioned about his philosophy of life, he replied: — *"I would say that if I have learned anything from life, it is that the greatest satisfaction comes from kindness to other people. That doesn't necessarily mean giving money, it may mean just showing them consideration."* (Gordon Young, "Golden Prince - The Remarkable Life of Prince Aly Khan" 1955" p.167)

Thus, in 1939, when World War II broke out, Imam Sultan Muhammad Shah The Aga Khan III and his 28-year-old son Prince Aly Khan and Princess Taj ud Dawla immediately offered their aid, support and service to the British Allied forces. Prince Aly Khan joined the French Legion, one of the toughest fighting forces in the world with its cavalry division in Egypt and the Middle East. In 1940, he joined the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry Regiment, becoming Lieutenant-colonel in 1944. In the same year, he joined the Allied forces landing in the South of France with the United States' 7th Army, serving as a liaison-officer with the rank of Captain.

This is not all. Prince Aly Khan raised large funds to cover the cost of the war. In Nairobi, for example, whenever he and his wife Princess Taj ud Dawla (who also served during the war as chief nurse) had a few days of respite, they visited their two infant sons Prince Karim Shah and Prince Ayn Muhammad, living safely in Nairobi. There he founded the Prince Aly Khan Ismailia War Fund to cover the costs of the war. The creative Ismaili Boy Scouts, under the leadership of my father Alijah Madatali Mawjee "*the Scout Master*" whom Prince Aly Khan had chosen as Aide-de-Camp for himself and his children, and under the supervision of the Aga Khan Ismailia Council, and also with the permission of the local police forces, organized a giant tombola and the proceeds were carried to the Prince Aly Khan Ismailia War Fund: 50% was given to the British Imperial Government to cover the cost of the

war and 50% for the welfare of Indian troops serving overseas (see raffle ticket below, courtesy of my father).



For his wartime services, Prince Aly Khan received from General Devers the "US Army Special Bronze Star Medal for tireless energy, marked endeavour and constant willingness to undertake any task regardless either of its hazards or its irksomeness." (G.Young, "Golden Prince..." p.78-79)



Lieutenant-Colonel Prince Aly Khan receiving the "US Army Special Bronze Star Medal"

Photo: "Souvenir Book Of The All Africa Celebrations Of The Diamond Jubilee Of His Highness The Rt. Hon. Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah The Aga Khan - Dar Es Salaam, 10th August 1946", - published in Nairobi by The H.H. Aga Khan Association for Africa/compiled by Madatali Mawjee.

From the French, he received both: the Légion d'Honneur and the Croix de Guerre with palms, which is the highest distinction a soldier can receive for exceptional service during wartime. The citation he received from the French was signed by General de Gaulle and General Juin. It reads:

"Aly Khan, Lieutenant-Colonel of the British Army... during the period from August 15, 1944 until March 1945, frequently sent on missions to the front, he won the admiration of all by his bravery under fire and complete disregard of danger, by his intelligence, tact and character, and he was thus able to render the highest possible service to the Allied Armies." (G.Young, "Golden Prince..." p.78-79)



"From the French he received both the Legion of Honour and the Croix de Guerre with palms." Prince Aly being decorated by General Catroux

Prince Aly Khan being decorated by French General Catroux.

Photo : G.Young « Golden Prince - The Remarkable Life of Prince Aly Khan » London 1955 p.64

A few years later, Prince Aly Khan became Chairman of the United Nations Peace Observer Committee and in 1958 he became Pakistan's Ambassador to the United Nations.

In his capacity as Chairman of the UN Peace Observation Committee, and as Pakistan's Ambassador to the United Nations, Prince Aly Khan stated in his speech to the Council for Islamic Affairs in New York in 1958 that:

*"On the plane of ideals and morals, we find in Islam and the Qûrân, a perennial source of inspiration and guidance. One of the basic teachings of this faith is Divine Unity and the oneness of humanity. The Qûrân says: 'And your God is One God. This your community is one community. All people are a single nation.' (***) If we, the people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, are to remain loyal and obedient to the commandments of our faith, we have no choice but to cast away all thoughts of East and West, of Asian, American or European and of all those barriers which alienate man from man, people from people, so that we may join together to promote universal brotherhood under God. I thank you."*

Prince Aly Khan

New York 27 May 1958

(Source: Extract of the speech made by Prince Aly Khan to the Council of Islamic Affairs in New York on 27 May 1958, entitled "Islam, the Religion of Equality".

- Published in the "Ismaili Crescent" 14 June 1970 Issue, Liberty Press, Dar es Salaam)



(***) Qûrân sûrâ 21:92-93: "All these religions were a single Religion... but they cut off one from another."

Qûrân sûrâ 2:209: "Mankind was one single nation."



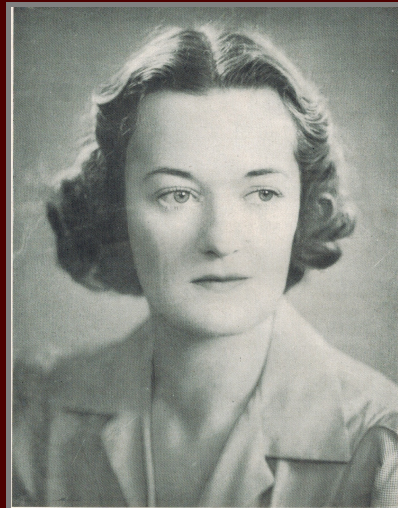
PRINCE ALY KHAN WITH HIS MOTHER
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PRINCE ALY KHAN KISSING HIS FATHER'S HAND
PHOTO: FRENCH MAGAZINE (REFERENCE LOST. MAYBE PARIS MATCH.)



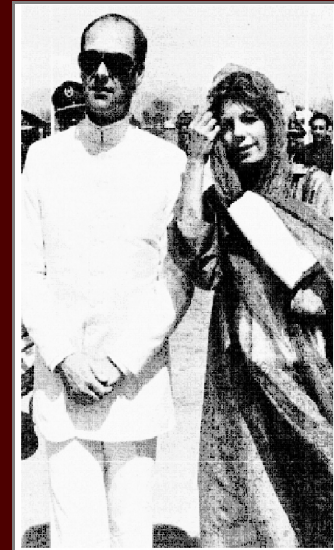
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PRINCESS TAJ UD DAWLA ALY KHAN
who served as head nurse in World War II
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MAWLANA HAZAR IMAM & PRINCE AMYN MUHAMMAD WITH MY PARENTS IN OUR GARDEN IN NAIROBI DURING WAR TIME.



PRINCESS YASMIN AND BROTHER PRINCE AMYN ARRIVING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW FACULTY OF MEDICINE OF THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY IN KARACHI. Point de Vue Images du monde , 6 May 1983 No 1814 p.2



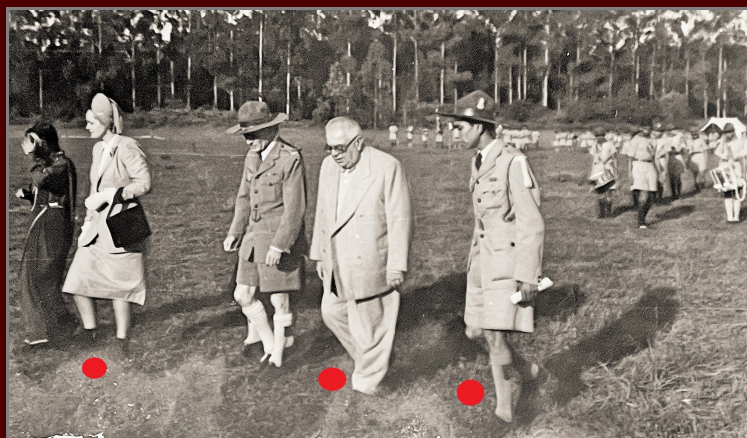
SHOWN HERE H.H.PRINCE ALY KHAN WITH MY GRANDFATHER KAMADIA SAHEB MOHAMED MAWJEE (BACK) AND MY FATHER ALIJAH MADATALI MAWJEE ADC TO PRINCE ALY KHAN (FRONT). NAIROBI, KENYA.



PRINCE SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN AND MATA SALAMAT BEGUM OM HABIBEH IN NAIROBI. SERVING TEA IS MY GRANDFATHER KAMADIA MOHAMED MAWJEE. ON THE RIGHT MY FATHER MADATALI MAWJEE ADC TO MATA SALAMAT



HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE ALY KHAN AND MY GRANDFATHER KAMADIA MOHAMED MAWJEE AT OUR HOME IN NAIROBI.



SHOWN HERE MATA SALAMAT (LEFT), IMAM SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH AND MY FATHER ADC MADATALI MAWJEE IN SCOUT UNIFORM (RIGHT) AT AN ISMAILI SCOUT FUNCTION IN NAIROBI.



ON THE LEFT, WE SEE PRINCE AMYN WITH GLASSES SMILING, KNEELING IS MY FATHER ADC MADATALI MAWJEE TRYING ON NEW SHOES TO HAZAR IMAM IN OUR LIVING ROOM IN NAIROBI.



MATA SALAMAT BEGUM OM HABIBEH AND HER ADC MY FATHER MADATALI MAWJEE, A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF MAWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH. EAST AFRICA.



1954 NAIROBI. MAWLANA HAZAR IMAM, PRINCE AMYN MUHAMMAD, AND MY FATHER THEIR ADC MADATALI MAWJEE AT OUR PLACE IN NAIROBI.



IMAM SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH H.H. THE AGA KHAN III AND MY FATHER ADC MADATALI MAWJEE IN CAIRO 1955 PLATINUM JUBILEE