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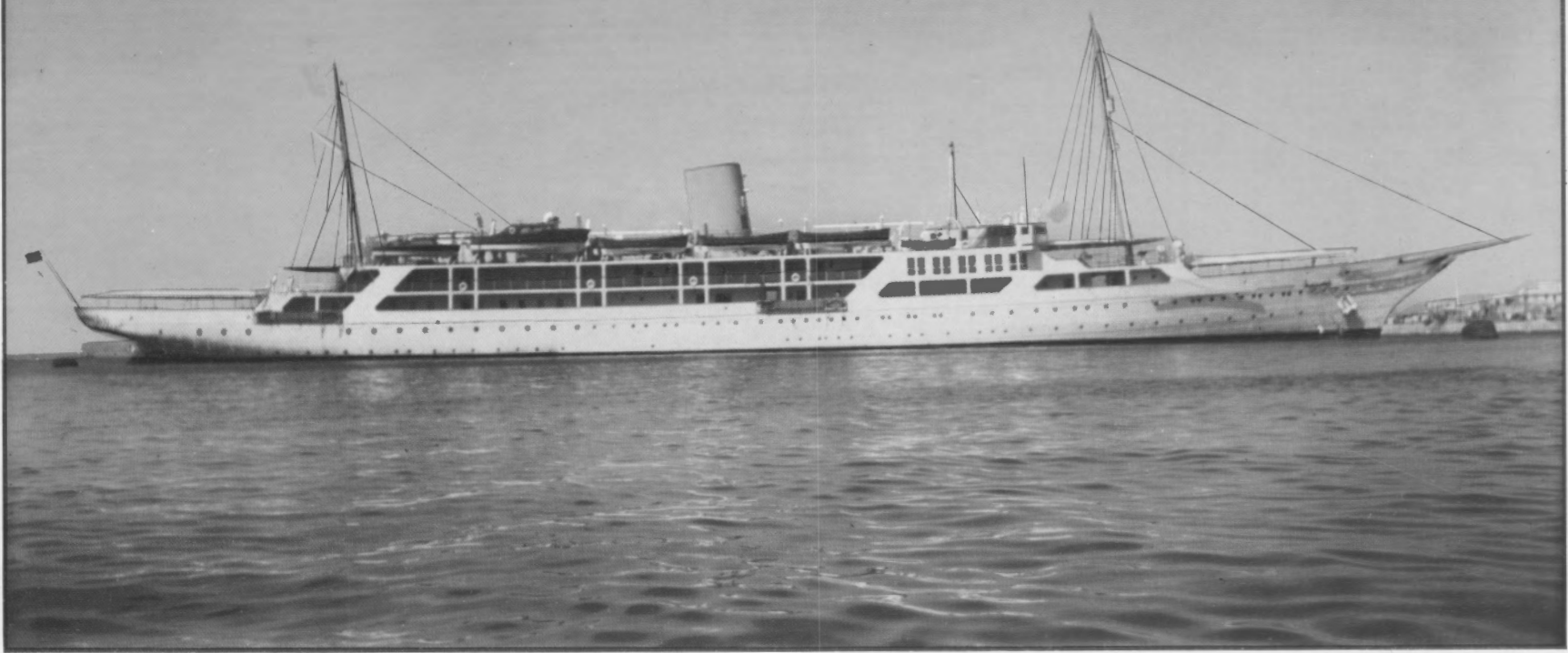
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EGYPTIAN YACHT
EL-HORRIA





Detail of column in ex-princes' accommodation



EGYPTIAN YACHT "EL-HORRIA"

EL-HORRIA Ex "MAHROUSSA" is the oldest and perhaps the most interesting vessel afloat today.

Displacement	4700 Tons
Length (overhaul)	145 Meters
Breadth (moulded)	14 Meters
Mean Draught	5.2 Meters
Speed	18 Knots

Originally designed and constructed in London 1865 as a coal burning paddle wheel steamer, equipped with auxiliary sails for the use of Kediye Ismail of Egypt.

The history of El-Horria shows that she has participated in many memorable and historical events as H. M. Yacht Mahroussa, amongst which are the following :

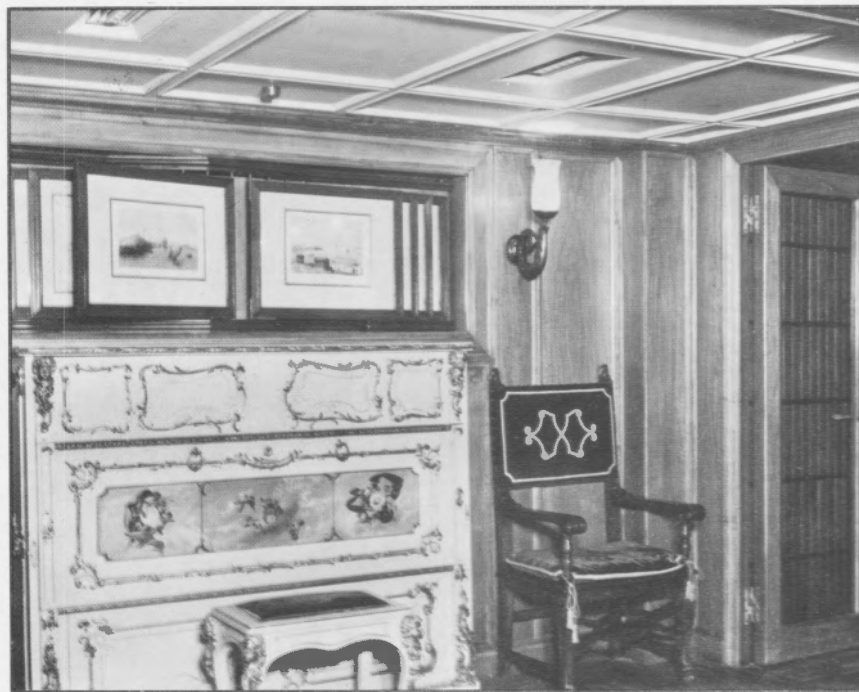
In 1867 she was used as a troop carrier and took part in the action of the quelling of the revolution in Crete.

In 1869 the Yacht participated in the festivals marking the opening of the Suez Canal. Among the notable persons entertained onboard on that historic occasion was Empress EUGENIE of FRANCE

In 1872 she sailed to London for changing her boilers and increasing of her length by 40 feet.



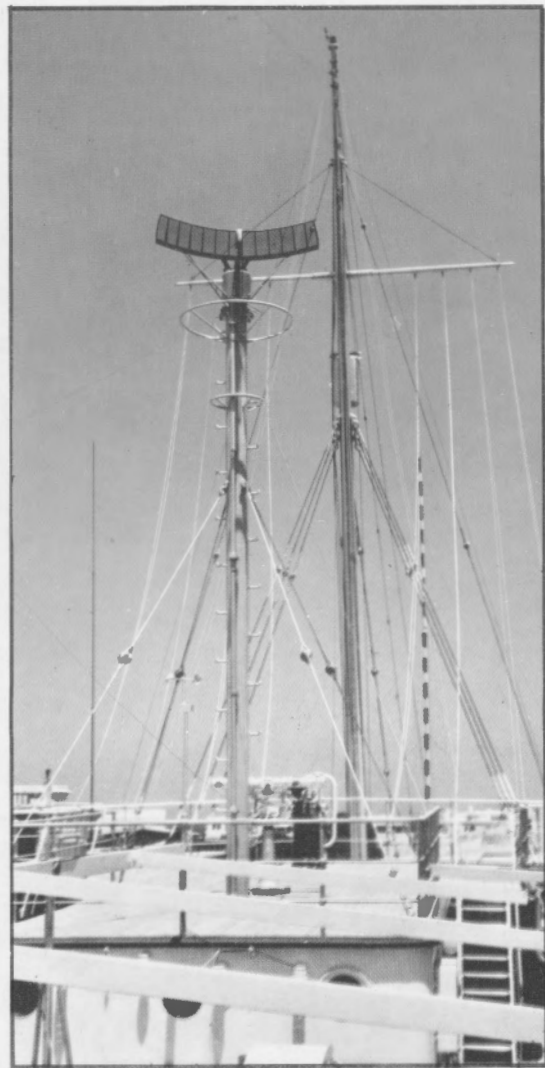
Moresque staircase



Entrance to reception room



Pharaonic reception room



In 1905 she sailed to Glasgow, Scotland to become one of the World's first turbine powered ships, at that time her paddle wheels, auxiliary and main engines were removed and replaced by three of the first Parson Marine Turbines.

In 1919, 54 years after her launching the coal burning equipment was removed and oil fuel burners were installed and her length was increased another 27 feet.

In February 1939 the Yacht sailed to Beirut to bring to Egypt the Heir of Throne of Iran (The Present Shah-in-Shah) for his marriage to Princess Fawzia of Egypt.

In January 1946 the late King Abd El-Aziz Ibn Saud embarked on the Yacht from Jedda on his official visit to Egypt.

In 1949 the Yacht sailed to Italy for novation, the hull was strengthened, modern machinery was installed and all accomodation was refurnished. The Yacht, when completed and handed in 1952, was one of the most modern and up-to date ships afloat.

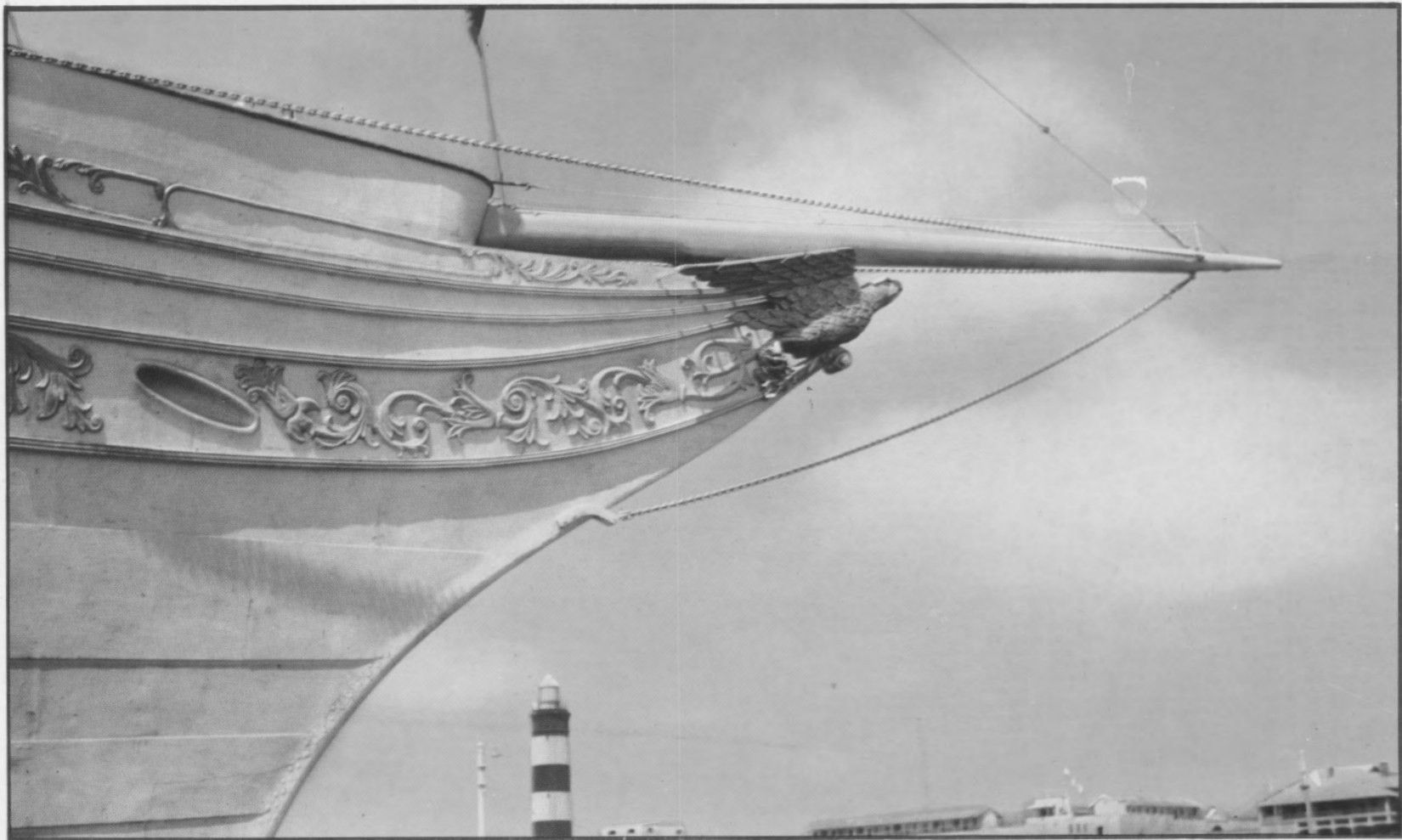
The Yacht sailed as H. M. Yacht Mahroussa for the last time on the 26 th of July 1952 embarking Ex. King Farouk to Italy, after his abidication.

The Yacht was renamed "EL-HORRIA" (FREEDOM) after the abolition of the monarchy and the proclamation of the Republic on the 18 th of June 1953.

She served on numerous occasions as one of the training ships for the midshipmen of the Egyptian Naval Academy to familiarise them with the art and science of practical seamanship and navigation.

In her capacity as Presidential Yacht with Late President Nasser, she visited various countries in the Mediteranean and Red Sea.

Onboard EL-HORRIA, President Sadat entertained His Late Majesty Faisal Ibn Abd El-Aziz on the 4th of August 1974, and the Present King of Saudi Arabia His Majesty King Khalid Ibn Abd El-Aziz on the 18th of July 1975.



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FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*
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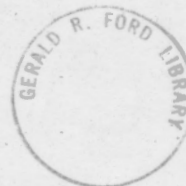
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Mrs. Ford,

also present
besides Admiral
Gikry will be
Mrs. Ghorbal, wife
of the Egyptian
Ambassador.

Ship ahoy,

Susan

THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday - July 14, 1976



8:00 PHYSICAL - The Residence.

9:00 Mr. Richard B. Cheney - The Oval Office.

9:30 Secretaries Henry A. Kissinger and Donald Rumsfeld and General Brent Scowcroft - The Oval Office.

10:20 Vice Admiral Fuad Zikry, Commander in Chief, Egyptian Navy. (General Brent Scowcroft).
(10 min.) The Oval Office.

NOTE
to present
bi-centennial
gift.
(a jewel
or stone
shelving)
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10:30 Mr. Ron Nessen, Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf, Mr. Robert T. Hartmann, Mr. Rogers C.B. Morton, and Mr. Richard B. Cheney.
The Private Office.

11:15 TAPING SESSION - The Oval Office.
1. Film Message for 31st Annual Archdiocesan Convention of the Antiochian Orthodox Church.
2. Film Message for Annual All Star Football Luncheon in Chicago on July 20.
3. Film Message for National Convention of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.
4. Film Introduction for NASA Satellite Technology Television Demonstration Program.

3:00 Mr. Rogers C.B. Morton, Mr. Stuart Spencer and Mr. Richard B. Cheney - The Oval Office.

4:00 Mr. Richard B. Cheney - The Oval Office.

~~4:45~~ 5:00 Address Presidential Appointees.
(15 min.) (Mr. William J. Baroody, Jr.) - The East Room.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Marge:

Yesterday Mrs. Ford went over to the Navy Yard to take a tour of the Egyptian Yacht. On this occasion Vice Admiral Zikry presented the attached gift to Mrs. Ford. Sheila Weidenfeld said it was a duplicate of a necklace. Any further questions can probably be directed to her since she was there.

Thanks.

Carolyn

