

Chapter 61 : “1979/11 – Heir presumptive”

On April 20, 1978, the Parliament voted for full cognatic (=gender neutral) succession. However, since the succession order was a constitutional law, a further vote with an intermediate parliamentary election was required. The election took place on September 16 1979. The second vote took place on November 7, 1979. The new law came into force on January 1, 1980. In the meantime, on May 13, 1979, the heir prince Carl Philip Edmund Bertil (CP) was born. He was three weeks premature so CG who was travelling abroad missed delivery. To keep the journalists away, the birth this time took place in a specially prepared room at Stockholm Castle.

Until the law came into force, CP was Crown Prince. As such, he was saluted with 42 shots. He then reverted to hereditary prince. CG and many others felt that CP had unlawfully lost his title through retroactive legislation. In 1985, 25 per cent of the population still preferred CP over Victoria as heir to the throne.¹ In 2009, support for male “agnatic” succession had fallen to 12 per cent.² After coming of age, CP has filled in when CG and Victoria are abroad at the same time. According to Victoria, the issue of succession has never been discussed within the family. However, there is no reason to believe that CP is ignorant of the conflict and of CG's stance. Silvia was interviewed about this in the French weekly *Point de Vue* in June 1993. “We are trying to help him as far as possible. It's not a problem yet...”³

Initially CP received an education akin to Victoria's. In 1984 he was entered into Västerled preschool and 1986 in primary school. He attended junior secondary school 1986-1989 in Smedslättsskolan in Bromma, intermediate school 1989-1992 in Ålstensskolan, also this in Bromma, and junior high school two years 1992-1994 at Carlssons / Enskilda gymnasiet with an internship at the prop department for SVT's soap opera *Tre kronor*. Like Victoria and Madeleine, he received private music lessons. In his case, guitar. In the summer of 1993, he was with Victoria at a riding camp in the United States. In the summer of 1994 he was confirmed. The hazing ritual at the confirmation camp was widely discussed. It is reported that:⁴

1. [The confirmation priest Hans] Rohdin's youth leaders ordered the children to make a soup that would be as repugnant as possible. This summer it was a soup with ants. And the children had to eat it.
2. A competition called “the laundry line” was arranged for the second summer in a row. The children were divided into two teams, with the task of hanging laundry on a line. The team that achieved the longest dress line won. The point was that the children would use the clothes they were wearing at the time. As a result, several children - under group pressure - undressed until naked.
3. Naked and half-naked children have been smeared with jam. Other children have been told to lick the jam off their friends.
4. A girl has told her parents that she had to put a banana into her arse.

The Royal Court or some private person later reported a satirical description on TV4 of the incident to the review board but the article was not convicted. CP enrolled at Kent School in Connecticut America two years 1994-1996, completing secondary school. Like his father he

¹ Hänt i Veckan, 1986:6.

² Johanna Hellsten. Abdikera, Kungen! Aftonbladet, 2009-02-27.

³ Expressen, 1993-06-11. Citat ur: *Point de Vue*. Odaterad. Omkring 1993-06.

⁴ Ingvar Hedlund. Barnen sexmobbades på Carl Philips konfirmationsläger. Expressen, 1994-08-23.

had to repeat a year. The change of school was allegedly due to his bad behaviour both at school and during confirmation. He needed to be disciplined. Hence the Kent School which to a large extent was similar to Sigtuna Hum in its emphasis on studying, rules & sports. There he could also improve his English. CP has never commented on Kent School but is alleged to have enjoyed it. CG & Silvia regularly visited their son. The school environment seems to have been rather down and dirty. Even literally. CP's dorm was so dirty that Silvia took it on herself to clean it.

Like Victoria CP suffered from dyslexia: "When I try to read, it's just a jumble. I can't distinguish the words. I don't understand anything." He was also left-handed and had difficulty writing. During his first two years at Ålstensskolan he was assisted by a special ed teacher - possibly dyslexia consultant Toini Prim - who taught him to read and write with the help of audiobooks. He then received two additional years of extra lessons from Montessori teacher Eva-Marie Ahlquist & writing pedagogue Lars Laurentii.⁵ The dyslexia training continued at Kent School under a female "wordexpert".^{6,7}

From 1996 to 1999 he attended Lundsberg boarding school in Värmland where he studied science. The dyslexia training reportedly continued throughout Lundsberg according to Toini Prim's now computer-based method with training in spelling, reading, grammar and vocabulary.^{8,9} It seems to have had an effect. He passed his courses even if the grades were worse than Victoria's. His favourite subjects were physics, chemistry and history. He also took a special course in political science outside the natural sciences program. Because of the many student incidents, Silvia became involved in the parents' association. The Lundsberg model - that the older students had privileges but also a responsibility for the younger students - was at this time on its last leg in a delayed 68 revolt. Silvia, however, was mostly concerned about the alcohol. CG also committed himself to establishing an award for best teachers to be voted on by the students.

Asked about his biggest setback in life, CP referred to "my school days that one might have hoped would be better than they were." - He probably meant his dyslexia because he was both popular and good at sports. He said he had difficulty dealing with the incidents that pertained to his position as Prince, but details are lacking. The closest I have come to an explanation is that during Lundsberg some of the students felt provoked by his title and that CP's noble schoolmates (about 15-20 percent of the students - mostly children of noble estate owners) regarded democratic social interaction as a form of bullying. It seems that CP through no fault of his own ended up in the middle of a kind of class war. The conflicts took such forms that the then head master Anders Lundin, who tried to curb the abuse, was forced to resign. However, since one of the conditions for the severance was that he should not be interviewed about the matter, we will not know what happened. In 2008, then head master Staffan Hörnberg commented: "During Carl Philips Lundsberg time, the school recorded a top attendance of 240-260 students per year. [Normally there were 200 students.] There were students everywhere. A lot of people came here because of Carl Philip. I don't know if that was a good thing. You should come here for the education."¹⁰ Later it was touch and go if the school would lose its license.

⁵ Johan T Lindwall. Carl Philip – Prinsen som inte fick bli kung. Stockholm:Forum. 2014, s 66-69.

⁶ Omar Magnergård. Okända sidor av kungen i ny bok. Svenska Dagbladet, 1996-03-21.

⁷ Magnus Hellberg. Victoria ärvde sitt handikapp. Expressen, 2002-08-13.

⁸ Sten Hedman. Prinsen har samma problem som sin pappa. Se & Hör, 1996:35.

⁹ Intervju med Toini Prim. Dyslexi, 1998:4.

¹⁰ Ian Hammar. Populära elitskolan kräver större lokaler. Realtid, 2008-08-11.

The question marks surrounding CP's upbringing and schooling are so numerous that one can probably assume that both CP and his parents hide something. Probably CP's dyslexia was a much more painful and humiliating experience than is evident. Reading and writing training is and has been something of an experimental workshop and CP seems to have tried many magic bullets. In the end it was probably hard work that made the difference.

CP is sometimes asked about his interaction with “people in general”. The answer has been that his best friend is a classmate from 1st grade in Smedslättsskolan Mikael Skog. Yet another friend is the ice hockey player Niklas Angers. But of course CP knows many people with wealth and a noble background. It goes with the territory. However, CP is hardly in need of any democratic fig leaf. He has the broadest social circle of the siblings, in the sociological sense at least.

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After graduation, CP did military service at KA 1 (Amf 1) in Vaxholm as platoon commander on a Combat Boat 90. It was a regular military training which started on August 30, 1999 and ended on October 4, 2000. He was promoted to Sergeant. Some parts he was allowed to skip, e.g. to form a hedge to receive incoming heads of state. He has not done any rehearsals either. It attracted some attention that eight of CP's schoolmates ended up in the same regiment. Apparently, they'd come to an agreement before signing up. CP liked the life:

There I was just one of the gang. Carl Philip. Not the prince. The Cohesion, the group, all that was fantastic. It was a cheeky feeling that everyone was equal and everyone did things together. Then and there I decided to continue in the military. I had really found something I liked. The exercises were tough, both mentally and physically, but the hardship was shared. Going without sleep for extended periods is stressful, but interesting. [I remember my first leave.] Then we reverted to our civilian selves. Until then, we were a group. Now suddenly everyone stood in different clothes and then you saw how everyone came from completely different backgrounds. The same for our officers.”¹¹

He also attended four officer training courses and exercises:

1. A two year reserve officer training course at the navy cadet school in Karlskrona. Training began on January 8, 2001, and ended on December 13, 2002. The first semester the training – close order drill & weapons training – was located in Karlskrona. The introduction was a discussion about the officers role in war and peace. They watched a film about how the soldiers experienced the Falkland War. The semester ended with a short “world tour” on the school ship HMS Karlskrona. The ship had been on its way since January 2. The cadets signed on in Oman on April 28 and were back in Karlskrona on June 16. The time on board was used for navigation exercises and to get used to ship routines. Until the summer break, they had ground combat exercises. Semester two began with a month on the schooner Gladan. The remainder of the semester and the next semester consisted of theoretical education at Karlsberg in Stockholm. The last semester they were back in Karlskrona. That semester CP followed a special schedule - unknown how it looked. Possibly it was then he read 5 credits about “security policy in the Baltic region”. On December 13,

¹¹ Johan T Lindwall. [Intervju med prins Carl Philip.] Expressen, 2009-02-22.

2002, the closing ceremony took place at the Admiralty Church. CG made a small speech and gave him a sabre. He was appointed ensign.

2. A staff training in transport management at Amf 1 in Vaxholm in the summer of 2004. While it was underway, on June 13, two conscripts died at one of the transportation exercises, but CP seems not to have had anything to do with that. He was appointed a lieutenant on 14 December 2004.
3. The higher reserve officer course in counter-terrorism etc. The course was three+three weeks starting on 20 August 2007. CP was appointed captain on April 30, 2008.
4. In 2014, he participated in a two-week exercise in submarine hunting. He was part of the training ship HMS Carlskrona's staff as Battle Watch Assistant (BWA). As such, he assisted the Battle Watch Captain (BWC) with communication, coordination and command. On October 1, he was appointed Major.

There is a marked suspicion of what these training courses amount to. His ratings have not been published - perhaps do not even exist - and it is unclear whether CP has followed the same schedule as the others. In any case, he has declared that he will not serve as an officer. There is a report that CP, like Victoria, received voice training from Eva Feuer, the Dramatens speech teacher. Probably during the officer training. CP's voice seems rather too weak for close order drill or combat.

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CP has been photographing ever since his father gave him a box camera or equivalent for his 10th birthday. The first photo was at the Stockholm International Horse Show. In 2002 he received a system camera. After the cadet training CP has completed three design courses and had two internships with the focus of photography. There is much speculation on who influenced his choice - the parents, Madeleine, Madeleine's supervisor Lena Ramel, the girlfriend Emma Pernald, one of his military acquaintances. CG had hoped that he was sufficiently interested in finance to continue in Prince Bertil's footsteps. That did not happen.

1. From 2003 to 2004 he attended a one-year basic education at Forsberg School of Design spread over three semesters and at a distance. The training included graphic design, CD and paperback covers, advertising and journalistic projects. In the autumn of 2003 he interned at two advertising agencies: Storåkers McCann (where his girlfriend Emma Pernal got employed in 2005) & Bringiton AB (with whose creative director Oscar Kylberg he opened a design firm in 2012). At Storåkers he made a calendar "Nostalgia" for World Childhood Foundation. It contained 12 childhood stories by famous people, including Silvia. At Bringiton, he made a CD cover for the "nutcracker" whose proceeds would go to the World Childhood Foundation. The cover was also a birthday present for Silvia.
2. From 2004 to 2006, he attended a two-year higher education at Forsberg School of Design for graphic designers and art directors. In addition to the graphic design, there was much advertising. He seems to have added photo courses. CP thought the most rewarding thing about the school had been the huge amount of exercises they had to do. The final exhibition was at the Royal Stables on May 18-21, 2006. CP had, at Silvia's suggestion, photographed meetings in Sergel's square between staff in Klara

Church and homeless addicts. The photographs were sold to an unknown buyer and proceeds went to Klara Church. At least one drug addict got a fresh start on the money.

3. In the autumn of 2006, he interned at National Geographic Magazine. He submitted his work samples under a pseudonym. These were assessed by nature photographer Mattias Klum. He and CP had actually met once before when CP accompanied his parents on a state visit to Malaysia in March 1996. Klum was then occupied with a pictorial report about orangutans. The internship was supposed to take place at the newspaper's editorial office in Washington. CP also became involved in Klum's work for the 300th anniversary of Carl von Linnaeus birth – the Linnaeus year. In late summer and autumn CP took a series of photographs of the Linnaeus Garden in Uppsala - a job originally Klum would have done. The pictures were published in the photo book *A glimpse of paradise* and also appeared at an exhibition at the Anatomic Theatre in Uppsala from May 9 to September 13 2007.¹² CG's photographs in *Silvia's Prayer Book 2009* appear to be plagiarism of these CP's photographs.

4. In 2007, he attended the Rhode Island School of Design. The school announced a competition for a logo for the Martha's Vineyard Museum. All contributions were anonymous. CP won. The logo represented a beacon which would symbolize enlightenment. It was later criticized for resembling the old logo of the think tank Timbro.

- People usually ask me what I'm proud of. This is actually one of the few things that I am really proud of and happy. That I won that prize.

* You certainly seem to have a talent for design?

- I would never say that I have talent in anything. I am not such a person. Others may say it, not myself.¹³

5. CP was also handyman on the recording of the documentary *Expedition Linnaeus* in the autumn of 2006 - a collaboration between the Academy of Sciences and SVT. "The manuscript" was that Mattias Klum (photographer) and SVT's Folke Rydén (producer) travelled the world with three curious young people and were horrified by the environmental destruction. The recording had already begun in January and included trips to all seven continents. CP participated in the trips to the last three continents. He visited Venezuela, Tokyo, Cape Town, Sydney, New Caledonia and Borneo. It was very instructive. The film premiered at the Rigoletto cinema on April 1, 2007. It subsequently had a reputation for being heart felt but not very good. No one has later acknowledged responsibility for it. It does not appear in the IMDB.

CP's activity as a photographer and designer is difficult to assess. It is too scattered and the scope is too low. What is known is reported in the next chapter. He has been asked how to become a good photographer. CP's tips were: Practice, practice, practice, test, test, test, photo, photograph, photograph, photograph. Same with design work, I suppose. CP is not much for learning from the old masters.

In the autumn of 2008 he considered scrapping this with design: "Now I've tried. Perhaps I will do something quite different [in the future]. I can't say what though. (Mischievous

¹² Karin Martinsson & Carl Philip, prins av Sverige. *En glimt av paradiset : Prins Carl Philip tolkar Botaniska trädgården i Uppsala.* 2007.

¹³ Johan T Lindwall. [Intervju med prins Carl Philip.] *Expressen*, 2009-02-22.

laughter.) I've also thought of taking up painting. Maybe something more international.”¹⁴ He has also talked about designing a fashion line. This doesn't give a very serious impression and even friends have been apprehensive.

Only a small part of CP's representation has to do with his interest in art. In 2012 he presented the Marianne and Sigvard Bernadotte's design prize.

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CP has also trained as a farmer and as self-employed business man. In the spring of 2008, he attended an intensive course at Frans Schartau's trade institute in limited company law, etc. He interned at Stenhammar. In 2009-2011 he studied 120 credits worth of agriculture and rural management at the University of Agricultural Sciences in Alnarp Skåne. It was a broad education in everything related to agriculture and forestry. The B-essay was about the Swedish rural architect C E Löfvenskiöld. CP conducted most of the studies remotely. The pace of the study was uneven due to his courting of new girl friend Sofia Hellqvist and his many engagements. CP as per usual tried to hide his schedule by not publishing his grades. When he obtained his diploma, they became official. The grades were mediocre. On a scale 0-5 he had 4:s in business economics (which he had jump started) and 3:s in the rest. He and several others with dyslexia received pedagogical support: Some subjects were quizzed orally and they were permitted longer time on the tests.

CP was asked what he intended to use the training for. The answer was to help his father run Stenhammar. He was already on the board. Another reason was an unexpected inheritance in 2007 of the farm Ökenäs near Trosa. The donor was the civil engineer and teacher Bertil Jonsén, whom CP had met in connection with helping to renovate the CG's T46 in the summer of 1996, but had not for a long time had any contact with it. The farm was 250 acres mainly woodland. The value about 16 million.

CP is also very interested in hunting, sports and cars. In 1998 he graduated as a hunter and he has a hand-made hunting rifle from the firm Viggo Olsson. He did not kill his first moose until 2002, however. His best sports performance has been Vasaloppet 2004 at 6.21.51. This with cars developed over time into a passion. His drivers license is from 1997. He then acquired a go-kart license in 2003, a national racing license in 2004 and a rally license in 2013. CP is a fairly successful racing driver. In the next chapter I describe that career in more detail.

Not surprisingly, CP has been asked many questions on how he views his different roles - prince, officer, designer, farmer, racing driver? The answer has been that his representation as a prince is the most important but that his role as a racing driver is the most fun. He is constantly asked if he intends to make one of his courses into a profession but always answered in the negative. The interpretation is that a Bernadotte's life is long and has to be filled with something.

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There are a few personal interviews with CP. As it seems from his anniversaries: At 18 when he came of age, at 25 and at 30. CP is very difficult to interview. He never gives away information without being forced to. The journalist is treated with commonplaces, evasions

¹⁴ Staffan Bengtsson. [Intervju med prins Carl Philip.] Tidskriften Form, 2008:9.

and monosyllables until he or she recognizes the defeat. On May 13, 1997, CP was interviewed for the first time by TT's Kenneth Ahlbom. Ahlbom asked about his ideals of beauty. It was then that CP uttered the pithy words that the most beautiful woman he knew was his mother. Ahlbom: "He immediately backtracked when I asked about private stuff." In 2005, Peter Jihde interviewed all the royal children simultaneously. After a while, CP literally disappeared from view even though he sat in the middle of the company. The camera shifted between Jihde, Victoria and Madeleine alone. Nevertheless I will try for a character sketch:

Victoria's characteristic in 2005 was that CP had difficulty making up his mind but was tough, stubborn, persistent, very kind, a bad loser and a mama's boy. "There is no one who fights as hard as he does. He never gives up." Madeleine added that he was the best guy friend in the world. The two had many friends in common. Court employees described him as calm, restrained and suave. Like CG, CP was shy in large companies but came alive in his circle of peers. Silvia said that he yelled during baptism and could whistle already at 17 months. For a while he was enrolled in Trävista Sea Scout Corps at Ekerö and he has been a waister at Gotland Runt & Volvo Ocean Race. Besides design and photography, CP has few cultural interests. His two favourite books are *The Long Ships* and *Men Who Hate Women*. He likes action movies. His favourite musicians are Kent, Coldplay and Lars Winnerbäck. He prefers Picasso to Warhol. His cooking is poor but has improved during the time with Emma Pernald.

Like CG, CP also gets questions about whether he was in any way differently treated during his childhood than others. CP always denies this but sometimes it seems to have required direct instructions to avoid it. The standard phrase is at CP is an open and humble guy who was one of the gang. The counter image is that CP keeps a low profile, uses his charm and feels it as a relief to stay abroad where he is anonymous and does not have to resort to this. CP wants to keep his private life private. His surroundings have instructions never to speak of it but leave that to the court's information department. This is allegedly to protect them. Very possible because sources of information in the vicinity of the court are much sought after and they can be deluged with calls from journalists. However, the Royal Court's information department has never provided any information about CP worthy the name. CP himself makes a nervous impression during interviews. He does not appear to have received any media training.

CP in his most uncharming version can be studied in two cell phone recordings outside the nightclub Le Bâoli in Cannes at 3 a.m. on the night of August 11, 2012. The interpretation of the event was that he tried to defend his girlfriend Sofia Hellqvist's honour but was thrown out for the trouble. The fight between him and two others continued outside the nightclub. CP had studied thaiboxing but apparently not enough. His fighting lacked flair. Flashback¹⁵ summarized the recordings as:

1. CP obviously has a high percentage of alcohol in him and very poor judgment.
2. Sofia acts as if the CP has delivered the first punch and the rest is retaliation.
3. The friends act like they apologize to the perpetrators and just want to leave.
4. The guards act as if they want to prevent CP from getting injured when he time and again attacks the perpetrators who are a head larger than the prince's (honourable but not very wise, me thinks).

¹⁵ Flashback. Den stora skvallertråden om H.K.H. Prins Carl Philip. "Rauttier", #2511, 2012-08-16.

This is not a one-off event. CP has on several occasions both threatened people and used force. After all, he is a naval officer in a ranger battalion with a corresponding self-image. He hates how he is depicted in the satirical program Hej Baberiba.

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At Lundsberg CP was in a relationship with school friend Wiveka Erikdotter-Thott but it didn't last. They had met at CP's renown confirmation camp. CP's home county Värmland had built him a summer cottage in Sunne not far from Lundsberg where the couple used to spend the weekends and even party. Her most vivid memory was all the attention lavished on CP and in a smaller measure herself. In the summer following the 1999 graduation CP and some friends made a five day long sailing trip with beach stops from Smögen on the west coast to Solliden on Öland.

Present on the journey was a friend of a friend, Emma Lovisa Pernald, with whom CP in August 31, 1999, began a relationship, which was to last almost ten years. Emma was born on November 3, 1979, the youngest of three sisters – something of a late accident it seems - and grew up in Gothenburg. Her parents, Svenne & Pamela Pernald, were both economists. She graduated from the Burestad high school the social sciences program with mediocre grades: MVG in drama and social science. VG in history, psychology, rhetoric, Swedish and German. G for the rest. In her spare time, she danced ballet.

Emma then moved to Stockholm and initially, until 2001, worked in an office. Since CP was simultaneously doing military service, the relationship was on and off. “Officially”, it began in Åre January 2001 when a journalist dared to ask if they dated. From 2001 to 2006, Emma studied for a Masters in Media & Communications. From 2003 to 2006, she studied at the School of Economics. After a internship in autumn 2005, she was hired as a junior planner and then as a project and customer manager at the advertising firm Storåkers McCann. One of the company's customers was the moderate party. In 2008, Emma was appointed to lead their advertising campaign for the 2009 EU elections. This caused the Republican Association to hit the ceiling: Emma's relationship with CP made her participation violate the Constitution's requirement for an apolitical royal house. Emma seems to have completed the mission though. As a professional, she was quite similar to Silvia in her soft, intellectual and relentless style. Her relationship with Silvia was at times contentious.

CP and Emma periodically saw each other so rarely that Emma got herself a Rottweiler Gela as a companion. When asked about CP, Emma used to talk about Gela instead. The readers of Svensk Damtidning probably knew more about the dog than about the couple. Emma's tongue-tiedness was such that the only comprehensible explanation came from her mother: Emma didn't see herself as a public figure. She had worked hard for her career and succeeded on her own merits - not because she was CP's girlfriend. There was much speculation about a break in their relationship and why they were so keen to emphasize their friendship rather than their love. My belief is that because of this jumping between schools, courses, etc, CP had no other close friend than Emma. At least I haven't found anyone.

Emma and Madeleine became good friends. Madeleine appreciated that she was not as ingratiating as others in her surroundings and that she kept quiet. Emma often spent her holidays at Solliden or St Tropez where the two convened and discussed life. With Emma's employment at Storåkers, however, the relationship with CP began to crack. They no longer had the same goal in life. Emma wanted to start a family. CP didn't. In the spring of 2008, her

father suffered a stroke and she spent time in Gothenburg to help out. CP was involved with his. There were reports that the relationship was over. No, Emma told whoever wanted to listen, it's not like that. However, a few days after Daniels and Victoria's engagement on February 24, 2009, she announced that they had taken a break from each other. During the break CP unexpectedly met with the more glitzy Sofia Hellqvist and Emma had a child with a nice financier and moved back to Gothenburg.

A reader survey was carried out into who had gained most from the relationship finally ending: Emma and her financier got 54 percent of the vote. CP & Sofia got 46 percent.¹⁶
Advantage Emma!

¹⁶ Stort grattis Emma! Posh24.se, 2010-09-06.
