

70s: fell in love

at first sight

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IT was the way she laughed, the way she made everybody else laugh, that first attracted him to her.

And she thought: "What a charming, jolly man."

But that was three weeks ago. On Saturday, Mrs Daisy Williams (79) of Johannesburg, married Mr Charles Minett (78), from Essex, after a whirlwind romance that stunned their families and friends.

Today, their third day of marriage, the happy couple said: "We proposed to each other three days after we met — we just knew we were right for each other."

It all began after Mr Minett had booked an air passage to England, where he had decided to settle for good.

LONELY

"My first wife, to whom I was married for 45 years, died three years ago and I was lonely here," he said.

"I was looking forward to the trip when I met Daisy at a hospital, where she was cheering up the patients with her jokes. We were introduced and I just knew it — I wanted to marry her."

Said Daisy happily: "We began to joke about getting married, but I kept hoping it would really happen."

"I lost my second husband 15 years ago and was also very lonely."

"Then it did come true. Again we were joking about marriage and my heart ached. But suddenly we looked at each other and we knew it. We both really wanted to get married."

Once the couple had proposed, they moved into action fast. Mr Minett lost an hour in cancelling his air trip and together they took out a special licence.

MERRY

On Saturday, just under three weeks since we met we were married in Sandown—and it was such a merry occasion," said Mrs Minett.

Then she winked shyly. "You know, neither Patrick nor I were the least bit worried that we had only known each other for so short a time. Everything has worked out so

Mitchell hits Nats on threat to Press

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Mr Michael Mitchell, shadow Minister of Justice, today described the concerted Government attack on the English-language Press as "the most unpatriotic thing a Prime Minister could allow."

And he warned that the recent bitter attacks on the Press by the Prime Minister and most of his Cabinet Ministers, were doing "irreparable harm to South Africa's image overseas."

Mr Mitchell, MP for Durban North, also strongly criticised the Nationalist Sunday newspaper, Rapport, for using smear tactics to discredit him over his stand on detention without trial legislation and the death-fall of police detainee Mr A. Timol.

This follows indications in a speech on Friday by Mr Marais Viljoen, Minister of Labour, that the Government may be preparing to go beyond the verbal offensive and take positive steps to muzzle the English-language Press.

ON THE SKIDS

Mr Viljoen told a Nationalist rally that the Government would not sit with folded arms while the future of the Whites was being undermined by "one of the most poisonous and irresponsible agitators that the English-language Press has ever unleashed in South Africa."

He described the actions of the English-language Press as "nothing less than treason."

Mr Mitchell said today: "If these strange, hysterical outpourings by the Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues are not an indication that the Nationalist Party is on the skids, then I don't know what is."

"We want to know what it is exactly that the English-language Press has done. Not one of these Ministers has given any indication."

"What is more, neither the
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Leggy Monica gets 3 stars

The Star Bureau

LONDON—Miss South Africa is just too much—particularly in her legs.

For it is legs that are just a mile too long (just lost 27-year-old Monica Barral the crown in a Miss World fashion line-up in today's Daily Mail).

To find out how the experts in undergarments, dresses, the newspapers, women's editor Jean Ross, took a punt, and ruled that the girl should wear their own fashion outfit, exactly what she would go shopping.

Monica, logged in the "Hot" "Good" column, and was placed fourth in a five-girl line-up.

At the top is Miss United Kingdom, Mervyn Ward, who, not placed in the line-up, wears a crown and has a model's physique, with long white boots and black cap and veil.

Three stars, scores were awarded to second and third placed Miss Trinidad, Miss Jordan, and Miss Ireland, Monica Stralsho.

Trailing after South Africa with a "Hot" rating of two stars are Miss World, Miss Miss, Miss Cuba, Deborah Edwards (17).

WEATHER

CLOUDY and mild — see Page 5.

A happy Mr and Mrs Minett, two days after their wedding. The couple married three weeks after they first met, having proposed to each other just three days after first seeing each other.

Carlton's soaring cost for courts

A MAJOR court battle is to be fought over the soaring cost of the Carlton Centre.

THE POWERFUL SUPERKUT