

TRIGGER TALK

"THE SHOOTING KING OF IRAQ" in GUNS this month is a refreshing news story from a hot and troubled part of the world, the middle east. There the strategically located land of Iraq, in which lie the Tigris and Euphrates rivers of old Mesopotamia, remains a nation with a definite interest in western affairs. For Iraq's youthful King Faisal II is a "gun bug," a guy who possesses a rare touch often lacking in kings: knowledge of things in common with other people. This degree of understanding is in part directly related to his interest in firearms—guns of all types from antique flinters to modern machine guns. Our exclusive report from the "land of Eden" is the inside story of Faisal and his hobby of guns and shooting.

Ruth Douglas, of South Shaftsbury, Vermont, is also a "gun bug." She has taken up shooting recently, but she finds in the world of guns new interest and, as it has always been with firearms, a new sense of personal safety. Hers is a most unusual story.

"Is the M1 Carbine a Sporter?" gives some straightforward answers to one of the hotter but less talked-about subjects in today's gun field. Recognizing there are many Carbines in civilian hands, Texas rancher Maxey gives results of careful handloading to show just where the Carbine is a good gun for hunting, and where it falls down.

Two new names appear on our masthead this month: Col. George M. Chinn, USMC, and Kent Bellah of Saint Jo, Texas. Bellah will be our shooting consultant. Texan Bellah does plenty, from .22 BB caps to machine guns. He was instrumental in launching the sensational Jugular Xpress magnum handgun bullets, and is currently playing with a design which will "surpass Krag ballistics in a handgun."

Beginning as military consultant on our advisory board is Marine Col. George Chinn. Colonel Chinn has recently retired from duty with the Navy Bureau of Ordnance, where he completed the most thorough study ever conducted on any firearms topic, volumes I to IV of "The Machine Gun." No person living today knows more about machine gun and automatic weapons systems. Colonel Chinn's contribution to GUNS Magazine will be significant, and the editors are honored that Colonel Chinn has consented to work with us.

Next month is GUN's annual "police issue." Articles touching on police training, types of arms used here and abroad by police in the performance of their duties, firearms and the law, are for the average gun fan, but do have direct usefulness to the officer in the performance of his duties. Authors in this issue are leading writers in the field of police science and journalism: Law & Order's research lab chief, David Moreton, has prepared a powerful feature presentation on the subject of "Why Not Have a Pro-gun Law?" plus many more that you will not want to miss in GUNS next month.



THE COVER

In one of the current hot spots of the Middle East, King Faisal II of Iraq shoots for sport, not war, improves his understanding of the West by close contact with democracy's most democratic segment—the shooting fraternity.

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