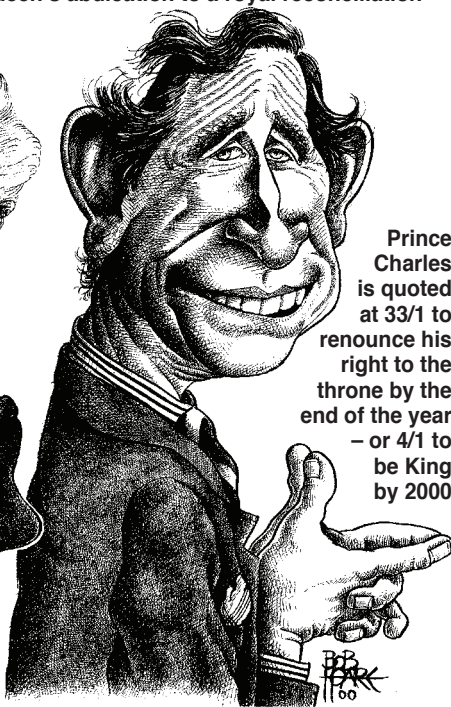


# Having a right royal wager on the monarchy

The continued public airing of differences between the Prince and Princess of Wales and revelations about their private affairs has generated enormous interest. This has now extended to the bookmakers, where bets are being taken on anything from the Queen's abdication to a royal reconciliation



Prince Charles is quoted at 33/1 to renounce his right to the throne by the end of the year – or 4/1 to be King by 2000

A £10 bet at odds of 25/1 has been placed on the Wales's having a third child in 1996

**Who will be the Sovereign on January 1, 2000?**

The Queen 1/6 favourite; Prince Charles 4/1; Prince William 20/1; any other 100/1

**Other favourite odds...**

The Queen to announce her abdication during her Christmas speech 100/1

The monarchy to be abolished by January 1, 2000 33/1