

**Wallis, Duchess of Windsor**

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It was for the American divorcee that King Edward VIII abdicated the British throne in December 1936. As Duchess of Windsor she speaks about what she thought of her husband the Duke as Prince of Wales.

‘I think he was ahead of his time, I think he had lots of pep. I think he was very much ahead of his time. I think he wanted to establish things that they were a little not ready for really. He was very interested in everything that was going on, in the people and made a lot of trips and I thought it was very interesting. Not only ceremonials but to go down among the people which to me as an American is what I’m used to people doing, and I thought that was very clever.’