

DEATH OF THE KING

THE NEW QUEEN EXPECTED IN LONDON TO-DAY

PUBLIC PROCLAMATION TO BE MADE TO-MORROW

It is with profound regret that we announce the death of the King at Sandringham early yesterday.

The following statement was issued from Buckingham Palace:—"It was announced from Sandringham at 10.45 a.m. to-day, February 6, 1952, that the King, who retired to rest last night in his usual health, passed peacefully away in his sleep early this morning."

The Duke of Edinburgh broke the news to the new Queen in Kenya. After hurried preparations had been made, they flew from the little landing ground near Nyeri to Entebbe, Uganda, to join their airliner Alalanta. A tropical storm delayed their departure from Entebbe for two hours. They left just before midnight (8.47 p.m. G.M.T.) and are expected to reach London at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

The Queen and Princess Margaret were at Sandringham when the King died. His Majesty had been out shooting on the previous day.

The Accession Council, at a brief meeting at 5 p.m. yesterday, signed the Proclamation of Queen Elizabeth II. There will be another meeting after the new Queen's return, when she will address the Privy Council. The public proclamation will be made to-morrow.

The sittings of Parliament were suspended after members had been informed of the King's death. Both Houses met again later for members to begin taking the oath of allegiance to the new Sovereign. After addresses of condolence next week it is expected that Parliament will be adjourned until after the funeral of the King.

WORLD SHOCKED BY NEWS FIRST DUTIES OF THE QUEEN

MANY MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

The news of the King's death was received all over the world with deep sorrow. The first message from Sandringham was sent by telephone to Buckingham Palace, and from there the news was passed to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary.

Messages were sent to Queen Mary at Marlborough House and to the Princess Royal at St. James's Palace. The Princess Royal, who is convalescent after an attack of fibrositis, cancelled a proposed visit to Switzerland. An announcement was broadcast by the B.B.C. at 11.15 a.m. and soon the world knew that a young Queen had come to the Throne of England.

The Duke of Gloucester was on the point of leaving his home at Barnwell Manor, Northamptonshire, for an engagement when he heard the news and went at once to Sandringham. The Duchess of Kent, who has been in Germany, flew back home. The Duke of Windsor is leaving New York for England to-day in the liner Queen Mary.

In London crowds began to gather outside Buckingham Palace and Marlborough House, where Queen Mary had decided to remain.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNED

A Cabinet meeting was called to discuss the constitutional matters attendant on the death of the King, and, later, the House of Lords and the House of Commons formally adjourned after being informed.

Messages of sympathy were sent to the Royal Family from all parts of the Commonwealth and from foreign countries. They showed a world-wide appraisal of what the Archbishop of Canterbury termed the King's "courage, simple humanity, and selfless regard for others."

From Australia and New Zealand there were messages speaking of the King's strenuous efforts in the dark days of the war and of qualities, both as King and man, which would leave imperishable memories in the minds of the people. There were similar messages from India—Pakistan, Ceylon, and other Commonwealth countries.

SOMBRE DAY AT SANDRINGHAM

In Germany flags were at half-mast over all British, American, and French Army headquarters, and over the headquarters of Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian, and Danish units. The West German Parliament stood in silence before beginning its afternoon session. In many Continental countries broadcasts were interrupted to give the news of the King's death, and special memorial broadcasts were made last night.

PEACEFUL SCENE

It is nearly 115 years since the last Queen-reignant, Queen Victoria, acceded to the Throne on June 20, 1837. It is 51 years since England last had a Queen on the Throne.

PRIVY COUNCIL MEETING TO-MORROW

Queen Elizabeth was proclaimed the new Sovereign at an Accession Council held at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at St. James's Palace. Her accession will be proclaimed publicly in the traditional way, at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. By that time the Queen will be back in London, and she will hold a meeting of the Privy Council, which she will address on her accession to the throne.

The Council held last night was not an ordinary meeting of Privy Council members, technically a meeting of "the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm," assisted by members of the late King's Privy Council, with numbers of other principal gentlemen of quality, including Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of London.

LARGE GATHERING

This is described in the constitutional text books as "the body which is something more than the Privy Council and one which represents a more ancient assemblage, the Witān or Commune Conventus meeting to choose and proclaim the new Sovereign."

TRADITIONAL CEREMONY

The normal procedure at an Accession Council is for members of the Privy Council to withdraw after the Sovereign has been proclaimed and for the Sovereign then to enter the Council Chamber from an ante-room. There follows the address to the Queen by the Lord Mayor, and then the reciting of the oaths relating to the security of the Church of Scotland, and the swearing-in of the members of the former Sovereign's Privy Council present.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Peers and M.P.s are now taking the oath of allegiance to the new Sovereign, and it is expected that most of them will have done so by Friday. Soon afterwards the two Houses will probably be invited by the Earl Marshal to receive the late King's remains in Westminster Hall and there will follow the Messages to Parliament from the Queen and the moving of Addresses in reply.

SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE "LONDON GAZETTE"

An extraordinary issue of the London Gazette was published last night in the form of a single sheet with a black border. It stated: "Whereas, Her Majesty Queen Victoria, did, on the 20th day of June, 1837, accede to the Throne of Great Britain, and it is now a hundred and fifteen years since that the said Majesty Queen Victoria, did, on the 20th day of June, 1837, pass peacefully away in her sleep at Sandringham early this morning."



A reproduction of the painting by Commander Denis Fildes, R.N. (retd.).

PROCLAMATION OF ACCESSION

Members of the Privy Council, representatives of the Commonwealth countries, and the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London met at St. James's Palace last evening and approved the terms and signed the proclamation of the new Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II. The text of the proclamation presented at last night's meeting of the Accession Council was:—"WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to call to His mercy our late Sovereign Lord King George VI, of blessed and glorious memory, by whose Decease the Crown is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary:—"WE, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here assisted with these His late Majesty's Privy Council, with representatives of other Members of the Commonwealth, with other Principal Gentlemen of Quality, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, do now hereby solemnly swear and proclaim, that the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary is now, by the death of our late Sovereign King George VI, of blessed and glorious memory, become Queen of this Realm, and of Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom Her Liege Obedience with hearty and humble Affection, beseeching God by these presents, doth resign, to bless the Royal Princess Elizabeth II, with long and happy Years to reign over us. God save the Queen."

DUKE OF WINDSOR TO ATTEND FUNERAL

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MARKETS CLOSE

The death of the King came as a great shock to the City. Many markets closed as a token of respect, and where this was impossible, as in the case of the London Money and foreign exchange markets, and the banks, only necessary commercial business was done.

THEATRES AND CINEMAS CLOSED

Theatres, cinemas, and concert halls in London and throughout the country were closed last night. The Lord Chamberlain made the following announcement yesterday morning:—"The Lord Chamberlain directs that in consequence of the death of His Majesty King George VI, the theatres licensed by his Majesty shall be closed this day and also on the day of the funeral of His Majesty until 11 p.m. Private theatre clubs followed the example of the public theatres. The Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association of Great Britain and Ireland advised all its members to close yesterday."

CLOSING OF SHOPS

The National Chamber of Trade has advised shopkeepers to close on the day of the King's funeral, either for the whole of the day or at least for the duration of the funeral service. The chamber did not advise shops to close to-day.

SYMPATHY OF THE COMMONS MEMBERS TAKING THE OATH

WESTMINSTER, WEDNESDAY. The affairs of Parliament were still today by sorrow at the passing of the King and the constitutional necessity for swearing allegiance to the new Sovereign. Both Houses met only for a few minutes at their usual time of assembly, and the sittings were suspended until later in the evening for the taking of the oath. As Mr. CHURCHILL told the sorrowing and silent Commons: "We cannot at this moment do more than record a spontaneous expression of our grief."

GUIDANCE ON DUTIES

MR. CHURCHILL, reading from the paper in his hand, said: "Mr. Speaker,—The House will have learned with deep sorrow of the death of His Majesty King George VI, at this moment, do more than record a spontaneous expression of our grief. We cannot, at this moment, do more than record a spontaneous expression of our grief. We cannot, at this moment, do more than record a spontaneous expression of our grief."

"GRIEVOUS DUTY"

Meanwhile in the Upper House, Lord Salisbury, the Lord Privy Seal, had discharged his "grievous duty" of informing their lordships of the King's death. During a sitting lasting only two minutes, he announced that after the House had met last evening and again at noon to-morrow to enable peers to take the oath, it would adjourn on Monday at 2.30 p.m. when a humble Address of condolence would be moved. No public business would be taken until after the funeral of His Majesty.

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A statement from Lambeth Palace yesterday said that, because of the indisposition of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Norwich, Dr. Herbert, as Clerk of the Closet and Bishop of the diocese in which Sandringham is situated, is in touch with the Royal Family officially and pastorally.

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PRIME MINISTER TO BROADCAST

The Prime Minister will broadcast to the nation at 9 p.m. to-day. He will speak for 15 minutes. His words will be relayed on the television wavelength.

LONDON HEARS THE NEWS

By noon the sharply sudden news of the King's death must have penetrated every cranny of London. The workers who went out to lunch from their offices and shops were a community already informed of the essentials. By that time early editions of the evening papers were on the streets with remarkably full accounts, in words and pictures, of the lives of His Majesty and the new Queen, and were being sold rapidly.

OUTWARD ASPECT

Flags in the capital were half-masted. The bell of St. Paul's Cathedral was tolled for two hours, from 11.50 a.m., as a minute bell, in accordance with the old custom whereby, on the death of the Sovereign, the Lord Mayor of London is instructed to ask for the bell to be tolled. But away from the neighbourhood of Buckingham Palace, and except for the flags and the newspaper sellers' placards, "The King is dead," the outward aspect of London was little different from that of any ordinary day. It happened that one of these placards had been dropped, face upwards, on the pavement at the entrance to Westminster Underground station. Some of the sightseers who had collected at such points as the pavement opposite 10, Downing Street, or outside the railings of New Palace Court, were surprised to find no obvious bearing on the occasion.

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THE QUEEN'S JOURNEY HOME DELAYED BY STORM

AIRLINER LEAVES UGANDA TWO HOURS LATE

From Our Special Correspondent Nyeri, Feb. 6. The news of her father's death was broken to the Queen by the Duke of Edinburgh at 2.45 p.m. local time (11.45 a.m. Greenwich time). It was first given to the Royal Lodge by a representative of the East African Standard, who was reporting the royal tour and received a news agency message from his office in Nairobi, and by Major Charteris, who both spoke from the same telephone box in the Outspan Hotel, Nyeri, 17 miles from the Royal Lodge, at 2.10 p.m.

Lieutenant-Commander Parker informed the Duke, and they waited until official confirmation had been received at the Royal Lodge by radio-telephone. The Duke then broke the news to his wife. She was resting after spending the night at the Treetops Hotel, in Aberdare Forest, watching big game. Arrangements for their departure were hurriedly made and the royal couple left the Lodge at 5.30 and drove to the airfield at Nanyuki, which lies on the equator.

SILENT CROWDS

The Queen wore a beige dress, a white hat, and white shoes, and the Duke a grey lounge suit with a black tie. The streets of Nanyuki through which they passed were filled with silent crowds. The natives said *Shauri mbiya kabisa*—"the very worst has happened"—when they heard the news. It was nearly dark when the royal car reached Nanyuki, and flares had been placed round the edge of the airfield in case they would be needed, but it was desired to avoid lighting them if possible as the grass was so dry that fire was feared.

The Queen looked as if under strain when she stepped from the car, but she acted with great courage and smiled graciously at everyone. General A. M. Cameron, G.O.C., East Africa Command, met the Queen at the airfield and presented the District Commissioner and the director of civil aviation. The crew of the Dakota also lined up and were presented. The Queen smiled at those presented to her, mounted the steps to enter the aircraft, and turned on the top step to smile and wave.

Nanyuki had been much decorated in preparation for the royal visit to-morrow, but before the Queen arrived flags were at half-mast. The Queen's car flew her own personal standard. From Nanyuki the royal couple flew to Entebbe in Uganda to join the airliner Alalanta. The distance from Nanyuki to Entebbe is about 500 miles.

AIRPORT SWEEP BY SUDDEN STORM

A sudden electrical storm accompanied by a 50-mile-an-hour gale and lashing rain swept Entebbe airport just before 10 o'clock (local time) to-night. The aircraft which took the Queen from Nanyuki, near Nyeri, to Entebbe arrived before the airliner Alalanta, to which she was transferring for the journey home. The storm broke while the Queen was waiting. Her food was being wheeled across the airport when rain began to fall, and the half-masted Union Jack on the control tower was nearly whipped from its cord. The storm was described as very local, but rain fell in the Nyeri district late this afternoon and in Nairobi.

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THE RETURN FLIGHT

off Entebbe was calm, with light cloud at 3,000ft., and the stars were shining brightly. Kenya was shocked by the news, particularly because it had so recently seen a happy and smiling Princess obviously enjoying a carefree holiday. The Governor of Kenya had expressed the colony's feelings in a message addressed to the Queen at Entebbe in which he conveyed to her "the deep sorrow and profound sympathy of all your Majesty's loyal subjects on the heavy news which your Majesty has suffered on the death of the King your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with your Majesty, who is being called upon so suddenly to bear the heavy burdens of the throne."

ARRIVAL EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON

The delay to the royal aircraft caused by the tropical storm at Entebbe exceeded two hours, but the flight schedule was not hard and fast, and allowance had been made for possible delays such as that experienced at Entebbe. A B.O.A.C. spokesman said last night that there was no reason to believe that the aircraft would arrive at London Airport later than 4.30 p.m. to-day.

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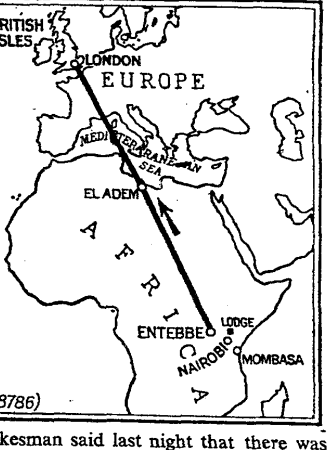
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His cadetship ended in 1940 and he went to sea as a midshipman in the battleship Kamillies, which was then with the Mediterranean Fleet...

When 18 years old he passed into the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and it was in the same year, with his feet set on the lower rungs of his chosen career, that he first met the Princess...

The marriage was solemnized in Westminster Abbey on November 20, when the royal processions were watched by countless thousands...

Princess Elizabeth resumed her busy public life and during that year the Duke of Edinburgh returned to sea...

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, FEB. 6 The King passed peacefully away in his sleep early this morning.

Because of the King's death, the reception that was to have been held at the Brazilian Embassy to-morrow for Senhor Honorable Blandino has been cancelled.

Because of the King's death, Mr. Moshe Sharet, Israeli Minister for Foreign Affairs, has cancelled for the time being his visit to this country, where he was to have arrived yesterday.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

Mr. T. L. J. MacLean and Miss P. A. Northen The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place in the late autumn, between Timothy MacLean, son of Air Commodore Lachlan Loudoun MacLean and Mrs. Phyllis A. Simons, of 7, Kensington Court, Place, W. 8, and Penelope Ann, second daughter of Major E. A. and Mrs. W. Mrs. Northen, of Five Trees, Soberton, Hampshire.

Mr. W. J. Sharp and Miss J. A. Clark The engagement is announced between William Johnstone, elder son of the late Mr. F. M. Sharp and of Mrs. Sharp, of 3, Christchurch Gardens, Epsom, and Miss Joan Alice Clark, M.B.E., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Clark, of 21, Talbot Avenue, Oxhey.

Mr. N. S. Farquharson and Miss M. R. Lee Warner The engagement is announced between Norman Stewart, younger son of the late Mr. N. D. Farquharson and of Mrs. Farquharson, of Whitehouse, Aberdeen, and Mary Rose, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Lee Warner, of Denton House, Norfolk.

Mr. J. Lorimer Foster and Mrs. E. B. Lloyd A marriage has been arranged, and will take place shortly, between John Lorimer Foster, of Millford, Surrey, and Elsie Beatrice Lloyd, of Millford, Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Lloyd, and also of Millford.

Mr. R. C. Kemp and Miss M. B. Binnie The engagement is announced between Mr. R. C. Kemp, A.C.A., only son of Mr. R. Kemp and the late Mrs. Helen Ross Kemp, Portree, Skye, and Marjorie Binnie (Wuffles), younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Binnie, Braemar, Inverness.

Captain B. W. P. Lawson and Miss A. K. Logan Dahne The engagement is announced between Captain Benjamin Lawson, R.A.S.C., son of the late Mr. V. A. Lawson, F.R.I.B.A., M.I.C.E., of Cheltenham, and Mrs. N. B. R. Lawson, of Cirencester, and Ann, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Logan Dahne, of Reading.

Captain M. W. Sutcliffe and Miss S. Leonard The engagement is announced between Captain Maurice W. Sutcliffe, The Royal Irish Fusiliers, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sutcliffe, of Church House, Raglan, Monmouthshire, and Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. W. Leonard, of Orcharde, Ditcheat, Somerset, and late of Singapore.

Mr. R. S. Taunton and Miss J. M. R. Moore The engagement is announced between Robert Simon Taunton, of Arwenack, Mabe, Cornwall, and Jennifer Mary Rose Moore, of Claydene Oast, Enderbridge, Kent.

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WINDSOR'S GRIEF

LOSS OF "A NEIGHBOUR" FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT WINDSOR, FEB. 6

The death of the King means something more to the people here than in most places, for he was regarded in the royal borough, and by the residents in the Great Park, not only as a Prince and Sovereign, but as an individual and neighbour.

As a boy he was often at the castle, and when Duke of York, and the father of two small children, lived much at Royal Lodge in the Great Park. With other members of the Royal Family he frequently spent week-ends at Royal Lodge.

The news of his death was received this morning, but was scarcely credited until the Union flag on the Round Tower was lowered to half-mast. The bell of the Round Tower, the Sebastopol bell, which is tolled only on the death of the Sovereign, was tolled 56 times from 1.15 p.m.

The King's Company of the Grenadier Guards is standing by to Sandringham. It is expected that it will provide the bearer party for the royal coffin throughout the journey from Sandringham to Windsor.

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ABBEE EVENSONG

SPECIAL PRAYERS In Westminster Abbey a large congregation attended evensong, at which were said special prayers of thankfulness for the life and example of King George VI.

The first lesson, taken from the Wisdom of Solomon, Chapter III, beginning "But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them" was read by Canon Carpenter, and the second lesson, from the Book of Revelation, Chapter VII, verse 9, beginning "After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could count, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne" was read by the Dean of Westminster, Dr. Don.

Introducing the collect, Dr. Don said: "Let us, as we gather here this afternoon, thank God for the life and example of King George VI, for the devotion with which he has discharged the manifold duties of his high office, for the high standard that he has always upheld in his home and in his personal life, for his love of all things good, and beautiful, and true, for his loyalty service to God and his Church, and for the courage with which he has faced every adversity, and for his perseverance in good works even to the end."

In the petitions between the Lord's Prayer and the collect, the congregation heard, for the first time, "Comme vive le Dieu, et comme vive le Roi, et comme vive le Royaume." Later, the Dean asked for prayers for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, this day called to the throne, for Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Queen Mary, and all the members of the Royal Family on this day of mourning.

In a service of the Requiem, the Contestans of the Faithful Departed was sung, and the service ended with the "Dead March" in *Saul*.

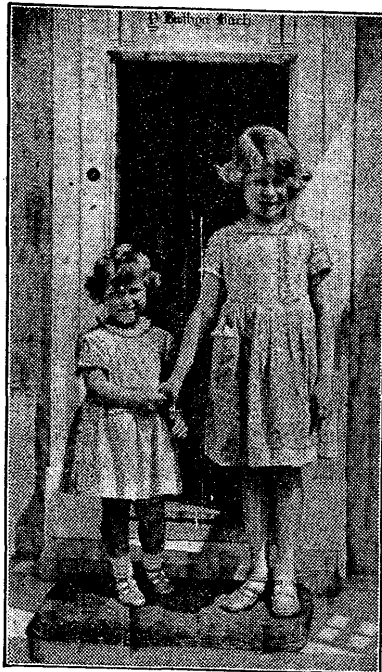
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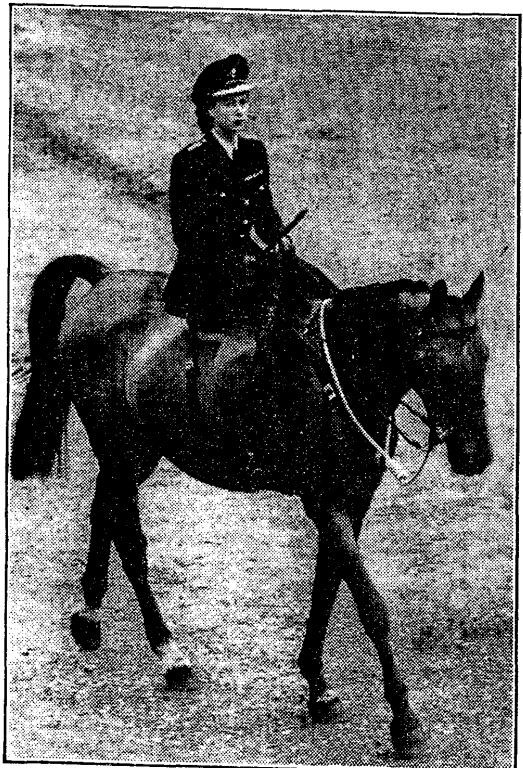
MME. VIEIRA DA SILVA Paintings and gouaches by Mme. Vieira da Silva, a Portuguese artist who has mainly worked in Paris, are exhibited at the Redfern Gallery, 20, Cork Street. Her work is almost entirely abstract, but differs altogether from most painting of this kind because her main interest is the construction or suggestion of effects of space.

ELIZABETH II: INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE NEW QUEEN



Photographs portraying the life of the new Queen are reproduced on this page. Above, on the left, she is seen with Princess Margaret at the door of the miniature cottage presented to her by the people of Wales. Right: With Princess Margaret in their pony-cart at Windsor, during the early stages of the war.

One of the Queen's first public engagements as Princess Elizabeth was to inspect returned ex-prisoners of war at Bedford. Right: A photograph taken in the Natal National Park to mark her 21st birthday. In the centre of the page is a wedding photograph of the new Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.



The Queen, as Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, on an occasion when she accompanied her father at the ceremony of Trooping the Colour.

With the Duke of Edinburgh on the promenade of the Citadel at Quebec at the start of their recent tour of Canada. On the left of the picture is the Château Frontenac.



President Truman greeting the Queen on her arrival at Washington airport during her short visit after the Canadian tour. Mrs. Truman and the Duke of Edinburgh are also seen in the picture.



The Queen photographed with Prince Charles and Princess Anne on the occasion of the Princess's first birthday.

Parliament

"DEFENDER OF LIBERTY" OVERSEA TRIBUTES TO THE KING

HOUSE OF LORDS THURSDAY, FEB. 7 The LORD CHANCELLOR took his seat on the Woolsack at 12 o'clock. The two thrones had been removed from beneath the canopy and in their place was a single throne and a footstool. On the seat of the throne rested a white cushion with a crown embroidered in gold on it. Their lordships, led by VISCOUNT JOWITT, resumed taking the oath of allegiance. The sitting was suspended at 1 o'clock and resumed at 1 o'clock when it was resumed, the LORD CHANCELLOR announced that the House would meet at 12 o'clock to-morrow when the MARQUESS OF SALISBURY, the Leader of the House, hoped to be in a position to make a statement, after her Majesty's pleasure had been taken, with regard to the arrangements for the lying-in-state of his late Majesty in Westminster Hall.

HOUSE OF COMMONS THURSDAY, FEB. 7 The SPEAKER took the Chair at half past 2 o'clock. The SPEAKER said that he had received the following telegrams expressing condolence with the British nation in the loss it had sustained by the death of the King:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF FRANCE.—Profundly moved by the death of His Majesty King George VI, I desire to express in the name of the National Assembly the deep sympathy felt by the Deputies for our great ally in his mourning. Remembering the noble example of heroism given by the late King during the last war, I salute his memory with sadness and respect. I beg you to convey our sentiments of sympathy and affection to all your colleagues and also to convey to the Royal Family my most sincere personal sympathy.—EDOUARD HERRIOT, President of the National Assembly of France.

BELGIAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—The Belgian House of Representatives has learnt with deep emotion of the death of his Majesty King George VI. It pays respectful homage to the memory of a Sovereign who was at all times a model of courage, dignity, and devotion to duty; and it associates itself unanimously with the noble and patriotic grief that has just fallen upon the Royal Family and the people of the United Kingdom and of the British Commonwealth. As a sign of mourning it has suspended its labours in the middle of to-day's meeting.—FRANCK VAN CAUVELAERT, President of the House of Representatives.

LUXEMBOURG PARLIAMENT.—The Luxembourg Parliament in the name of the people it represents sends to the British Parliament the expression of its deepest sympathy on the occasion of the unexpected death of his Majesty King George VI. It associates itself with the mourning of the British people and pays respectful homage to the memory of the great King who, during a tragic period, was with his people the symbol of heroic resistance and the defender of the liberty and independence of all nations.—REUTER, President.

KING GEORGE VI.—JOHN PALMASON, Speaker of the United Althing, Iceland. FRENCH INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION.—French groups profoundly moved by sad loss which has come upon the English nation and assures you that it shares your grief and expresses its sincere sympathy.—MOUTET, President of the French Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

JAPANESE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—We express our sincere condolences on the demise of his Majesty the King George VI of Great Britain.—JOJI HAYASHI, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Japan. The SPEAKER said that perhaps the House would think it right for him to send suitable replies to those messages. (Hear, hear.) MR. CROOKSHANK, Minister of Health and Leader of the House (Gainsborough, C.), said that he would make a statement to-morrow after her Majesty's pleasure had been taken in regard to the arrangements for lying-in-state of his late Majesty at Westminster Hall, and the funeral. As there would be a further meeting of the House on Monday, he moved that the House should meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock. The motion was agreed to.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES HOUSE OF LORDS TO-DAY, AT NOON Swearing-in of peers. HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY, AT NOON Swearing-in of members.

THE LATE KING'S TIES WITH THE CITY

FIRST PUBLIC SPEECH

King George VI had close ties with the City of London. As Prince Albert he first visited the City during his teens privately and unobtrusively. He went with his brothers and their tutor to see some of the churches and the Livery Halls. His first public speech was made in the City when visiting the Stock Exchange in company with one of his brothers. Pressed to speak by the enthusiastic members, he did not come to make a speech—even a short one. However, he pleased the brokers, who cheered the effort heartily.

Freedom of the City This was the prelude to his admission to the Freedom of the City a few days afterwards—a title which became his by patrimony. After the ceremony in Guildhall he was entertained at luncheon at the Mansion House by the then Lord Mayor, Sir Horace (afterwards Lord) Marshall.

Some time after he was made free of the Needle-makers' Company, with which he had family connexions through the Marquess of Cambridge and the Duke of Teck, who served the office of Master in 1897. In December, 1919, the premier, guild of the City, the Mercers, admitted him to their fraternity of patrimony. In 1921 he went to the City as Duke of York to receive the freedom of the Merchant Taylors' Company, dining in the famous hall beneath the clock tower.

Then in 1926 he was admitted to the Fishmongers' Company, and seven years later he became a Shipwright, served as Master, and later assumed the title of Permanent Master. In 1919, the premier, guild of the City, the company of Master Mariners and Captain-General of the Honourable Artillery Company.

SOVEREIGNTY OVER S. AFRICA SPECIAL MENTION IN PROCLAMATION

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT CAPE TOWN, FEB. 7 Queen Elizabeth was proclaimed Queen to-day in a Gazette extraordinary issued in Cape Town and counter-signed by Dr. Jansen, the Governor-General, and Dr. Malan, the Prime Minister. The titles used in the South African proclamation differ slightly from those in the British proclamation, making special mention of her sovereignty over South Africa. They read:— "The high and mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary is now by the death of our late Sovereign of happy memory become our only lawful and rightful sovereign Queen Elizabeth II by the grace of God of Great Britain Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the seas Queen Defender of the faith sovereign in and over the Union of South Africa."

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PROCLAMATION IN THREE LANGUAGES

CEREMONY IN CEYLON FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT COLOMBO, FEB. 7 All Government offices, business houses, schools, and shops were closed to-day and flags were flown at half-mast throughout Ceylon.

The Prime Minister attended Parliament at 2 p.m., when the Speaker read the announcement of the King's death. Members of the House of Representatives were then sworn in and Parliament adjourned till to-morrow.

At 5 p.m. to-morrow the proclamation of accession will be ceremonially read in three languages in the presence of the Parliament building in the presence of the diplomatic corps, members of Parliament, and officials of the Government. All arrangements which were well advanced for the visit of the royal couple have been cancelled.

PAKISTAN MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

KARACHI, FEB. 7 Government offices were closed, and flags on all Government and public buildings flew at half-mast in memory of the late King. In the morning 50 minute guns were fired in all the principal cities of Pakistan. Messages of condolence have been sent to the Queen Mother and Queen Elizabeth II by the Governor-General, the Prime Minister, Sir Gilbert Laithe, the United Kingdom High Commissioner, and by chambers of commerce and other organizations, expressing deep sympathy with the bereaved Royal Family. The Governor-General and the Prime Minister have also sent messages to the Queen Elizabeth II felicitating her on her accession to the throne.

PROCLAMATION IN AUSTRALIA PRIME MINISTER'S TRIBUTES

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT CANBERRA, FEB. 7 The new Sovereign was proclaimed Queen at a meeting of the Executive Council here to-day. The proclamation, which was signed by the Governor-General and the 13 Ministers who attended the meeting, is in the same terms as that issued in London. To-morrow has been declared Accession Day and flags will be flown at half-mast from noon until sundown. The proclamation will be read ceremonially in Parliament House, Canberra, and the State Parliament Houses, and 21-gun salutes will be fired. On Saturday and until the funeral, flags will again be flown at half-mast. The Commonwealth Government has suggested to the states that a two-minute silence should be observed throughout Australia at noon on the day of the funeral, and the first Sunday thereafter will be declared a day of national mourning.

SPEECHES IN PARLIAMENT In the Chamber in which the late King opened the first sitting of Parliament in Canberra 25 years ago the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to-day paid him their tributes. Mr. Menzies, moving a resolution expressing Parliament's gratitude for the devoted life and service of King George, and extending profound and loving sympathy to the new Queen, the Queen Mother, and the other members of the Royal Family, said the King had reigned with singular distinction, unflinching courage, and constant devotion. Possessed of great force of character and a royal sense of duty, he was in the crisis of the war a ruler, leader, and friend. Those who had seen England under daily and nightly attack in the great battles of 1940 and 1941 had been stirred by a spectacle of an embattled nation, normally not acquainted with internal divisions and hostilities, in which there was unity, cheerfulness, courage, and a common resolution running through factory and farm which made the King and his humblest subject feel a deep human brotherhood. It was that which defeated the enemy and did so much to save the world. The King and Queen were among the great architects of the brotherhood.

The Queen Mother was much in their thoughts and their hearts, Mr. Menzies said. Never had a sweeter, wiser, or more womanly Queen sat on any throne. They sent their deep, affectionate sympathy, and she would continue, so long as they lived, to have her own special place with them.

THE NEW QUEEN

To the new Queen, so young, so full of loveliness, grace, and character, they would all like to say words of comfort and encouragement. A cruel blow had fallen on her, but at its very instant she had become their Queen and they her Ministers and servants. As she went through her sorrow to her great responsibilities it would be the wish of all of them to say to her that they had faith in her, and with God's help they were resolved to do all they could to make her reign as just, kind, good, and memorable as that of her illustrious father. Dr. Ewart, seconding the motion, said the King had reigned through a period of tremendous crisis, and throughout his reign had shown supreme qualities of leadership and fortitude which continued to the end. Members carried the resolution standing, and before the House rose Mr. Menzies told the Queen Elizabeth II by the Governor-General regretting that her visit to Australia must be postponed. Australians went to work to-day with a sense of personal loss. The King's sudden death was the only topic of conversation. As soon as the churches opened there was a steady stream of people remembering the Royal Family in prayer.

OTHER COUNTRIES' SORROW SYMPATHY IN MANY FORMS

Further evidence of the high regard in which the late King was held in European and overseas countries reached London yesterday in Correspondents' messages from many capitals, of which the following are a selection:— LAGOS.—A general feeling of gloom has prevailed among all sections of the community in the Nigerian capital since the announcement of the King's death. African sentiment is deeply moved that the end should have come so unexpectedly after his gallant fight against illness and when he was apparently on the way to recovery, and that he did not have a last opportunity to commune with his family and friends, on which African tradition sets great value. DAR ES SALAAM.—The Governor of Tanganyika left Kibondo by car, accompanied by his private secretary, for Mwaridi, stopping every few miles to inform African villagers and chiefs of the death of the King. BOON.—Short services of intercession for the Royal Family were held in Garrison churches in the British zone, and at Detmold a salute of 56 guns was fired by the 10th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, the High Commissioner, in a telegram to the Foreign Secretary, asked him to convey to the members of the Royal Family "the deepest sympathy of myself and all the members of the Control Commission in Germany."

ISTANBUL.—The untimely death of King George VI has caused general and genuine sorrow among the Turkish people. Apart from the condolences sent by official quarters in Ankara and the dispatch of a mission to the Queen, the Turkish Government has been touched by the expressed sympathy yesterday afternoon. HELSINKI.—Mr. Luuka, the Acting Prime Minister of Finland, and Mr. Tuomioja, the Foreign Minister, visited the British Minister, Sir Andrew Noble, to present official condolences on behalf of their country. President Paasikivi has sent telegrams to the Queen Mother and the new Queen, and Archbishop Salomes telegraphed a message of sympathy from the Church of Finland to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

PESHAWAR.—Flags were lowered to half-mast in North-West Frontier Province, and the tribal areas as soon as news of the King's passing reached this Commonwealth outpost. The British Deputy High Commissioner has received messages expressing deep sorrow. All Government offices remained closed throughout the province. In Peshawar 56 guns were fired, with troops lined beside them. BUENOS AIRES.—The Argentine Government has ordered national mourning for the day of the King's funeral. Flags will be flown at half-mast over public and military buildings. President Peron has sent a telegram to Queen Elizabeth II expressing deep sympathy on his own behalf and that of the Argentine Government and people.

ITALIAN AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL

A PRESENTIMENT RECALLED FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT ROME, FEB. 7 The Italian tricolour has been flown at half-mast everywhere in the Republic to-day in tribute to King George VI. In Naples, at the headquarters of Allied Forces, Southern Europe, the flags of the U.N., N.A.T.O. nations also have been at half-mast. Writing in a leading Rome newspaper, Duke Gallarati Scuderi, who recently retired after four years as Italian Ambassador in London, recalls that when he went in December for his farewell audience with the King the Queen seemed to show a certain anxiety, as if she feared something, and that he, the Ambassador, felt a presentiment. The Vatican organ Osservatore Romano, which writes eloquently to-night of the late King's qualities, also prints the following message sent yesterday by the Pope to Queen Elizabeth:—"We hasten to extend to your Majesty, to the members of the Royal Family, and to the entire nation our profound sympathy on the death of his Majesty King George VI. We shall keep him in prayerful remembrance while invoking a solace in your bereavement, Divine comfort, and strength in fulsome measure."

DAY OF MOURNING IN CANADA ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT OTTAWA, FEB. 7 On the first stroke of noon to-day the flag on the Peace Tower in the centre of the Parliament Building here was raised from half-mast to full-mast to mark the accession of Queen Elizabeth. A salute of 21 guns was fired by the Canadian Royal Artillery from the edge of Parliament Hill, behind the building and overlooking the Frozen Ottawa River. Flags throughout Canada were raised at the same time and will remain at full-mast until sunset. From to-morrow until sunset on the day of the King's funeral they will be flown at half-mast. The day of the King's funeral will be observed as a day of national mourning in Canada, and a Proclamation to this effect will be issued by the Government. On the afternoon of that day a national ceremony will be held at the Canadian National War Memorial, in Confederation Square, near the Parliament Building. During the ceremony, which will be attended by members of the Cabinet, representatives of national organizations, and members of the diplomatic corps, Mr. St. Laurent, the Prime Minister, will lay a wreath on the memorial. There will be a two-minute silence, marked by the firing of one gun at the beginning and at the end by one of 56 minute guns. Similar salutes will be fired throughout the country.

A SYMBOL TO INDIA SPECIAL REASON FOR REVERENCE

DELHI, FEB. 7 Indian newspapers to-day appeared with black borders and devoted most of their front pages to the news of the King's death. Editorial comment is uniformly most sympathetic, and it is evident that Indians of all schools of thought are deeply moved by the event and that they hold King George's memory in reverence. Typical of Indian reactions is a leading article in to-day's Hindustan Times, which states:—"We in India have a special reason to cherish King George's memory with gratitude. He was, after all, merely the last King of England who functioned as Emperor of India. It was during his reign that British hegemony over this country ended and India became free and independent. But though he ceased to be the King Emperor after India became a republic, his voluntary acceptance of the King of England as the head of the Commonwealth of which she continues to be a member was the best recompense Britain could have received for her statesmanlike action. As the King was the symbol of this free association his death cannot but cause deep sorrow to the people of this country."

CHINESE PAY RESPECTS

HONGKONG, FEB. 7 To-day Hongkong flags flew at half-mast. The Law Courts and Stock Exchange were closed and many public functions were cancelled. Week-end sports fixtures were postponed. Hongkong radio cancelled its advertised programmes to-day and broadcast solemn music. Chinese papers pay warm tributes to the King's example to the nation in wartime, and the pro-Communist papers have published full accounts of his death together with portraits.

RUSSIAN CONDOLENCES

MOSCOW, FEB. 7.—Mr. Vyshinsky, the Russian Foreign Minister, to-day conveyed through the British Ambassador, Sir Alvaro Gascoigne, condolences on the King's death on behalf of the President of the Soviet Union, Mr. Shvernik, and himself.—Reuter.

WIDE SYMPATHY IN FRANCE M. AURIOL EXPECTED IN LONDON

PARIS, FEB. 7 Although the decision must await a convening of a Council of Ministers, it is now regarded as certain that the President of the Republic will attend the King's funeral, and convey in his person the grief and sympathy of the people of France to the Queen and to the people of Britain and the Commonwealth. The breadth of this sympathy has been truly overwhelming and the tributes paid to the King could not be more touching. In the words of one morning newspaper, the French people's feeling is "Nous l'avons perdu, nous aussi" (We, too, have lost him).

When the National Assembly met this afternoon, all the Deputies stood while M. Herriot, the President, read an address that was listened to in profound silence. General Vanier, the Canadian Ambassador, and representatives from all the Dominions were present in the diplomatic box. The death of King George VI, M. Herriot said, had put France as well as Britain in mourning. He recalled the bonds between the two countries and the civic virtues of the British Crown, of which the King was a perfect example. He expressed the hope that the Queen, mounting the throne at the same age as the great Elizabeth, might enjoy prosperity for as long a time.

CALLERS AT BELGRADE EMBASSY MESSAGE TO DR. FISHER

BELGRADE, FEB. 7 Mr. Moshe Pijade, vice-president of the Yugoslav Præsidium and a prominent member of the Yugoslav Politburo, was one of the senior members of the Government and armed forces who visited the British Embassy here to-day to express their condolences on the death of the King. Others included Mr. Josef Rus, also a vice-president, and Colonel-General Peko Dapcevic, deputy Chief of Staff of the Yugoslav Army. One of the first to sign the Embassy visitors' book was Prince George Karagorovich, 60, elder brother of the former King Alexander of Yugoslavia and uncle of King Peter, who has since the war been living privately in Belgrade. Earlier to-day the Serbian Orthodox Patriarch Vikesitje sent a message to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

THE SHAH'S SYMPATHY

TEHRAN, FEB. 7.—The Shah has sent a message of sympathy to the Queen and to the Queen Mother. Dr. Moussadek, the Iranian Prime Minister, has cabled to Mr. Churchill expressing the grief of his Government and people at the news of the death of King George.—Reuter.