British Magazine Critical Of Royal Family's Stand On Marriage Of Margaret

LONDON (AP) — The new Statesman and Nation, a weekly magazine of opinion, said Saturday some members of the royal family and the Archbishop of Canterbury are trying to talk Princess Margaret out of marrying Royal Air Force Group Capt. Peter Townsend.

The journal, in a criticism of royalty unusual in Britain, described their attitude as "a piece of archaic humbug."

The New Statesman is an independent magazine generally reflecting the views of a segment of the Labor Party standing somewhat left of the party's center. It is edited by one of Britain's best known editors, Kingsley Martin.

In a front-page editorial defending the popular press for reporting and speculating on Margaret's reported desire to renounce her right of succession to the throne and marry Townsend, a divorced man, the magazine commented:

"There is no reason why she should not marry as she wills—least of all since the young man with whom she is in love is himself beyond reproach.

"Yet, as every newspaper editor knows, the most determined efforts have been made over the last year to frustrate her purpose.

"The Archbishop of Canterbury—busy as ever behind the scenes—most of the older and stuffier court officials and some of the most authoritative family advice have all combined in an attempt to make Margaret abandon her choice and to silence, as far as possible, public comment and discussion.

"This attitude by officialdom makes nonsense of the claim that the princess' marriage is a private matter. It also strikes the majority of the public as being a piece of archaic humbug. . . .

"The public as a whole thoroughly understands the facts and the issues involved in them. It has been given the chance to show Princess Margaret that, if she cares to renounce her succession and marry the man of her choice, even against the advice of the Archbishop of Canterbury and without the formal public approval of her sister, she will have the good wishes and congratulations of all but a negligible minority."

"To inform the public and help to formulate a well-based public opinion is the legitimate function of a free press; and those who cavil at its vulgar frankness are, in effect, seeking to deprive the public of an essential democratic right."

Some of Britain's staid newspapers have criticized the more popular newspapers for their handling of the Margaret - Townsend story.

Actor Henpecked; Wins Divorce Suit From Wife

LOS ANGELES (AP) — He - man actor Sterling Hayden has divorced his wife — who is exactly 12 inches shorter than he — with the explanation that she henpecked him.

"She tried to dominate me completely," Hayden, 39, told Superior Court yesterday. He said that his wife of eight years, Betty, 33, a former Pasadena, Calif., society figure, tried to "dictate who should be my friends and order my social and business conduct."

New Section Of Oregon Coast Highway To Open

SALEM (AP) — A new section of the Oregon Coast Highway between Depoe Bay and Miner Creek at the Otter Crest viewpoint is to be opened to traffic Sep. 2 if weather permits completion of the project by then.

The State Highway Commission said building the 4.62 mile section is part of its program of continued improvement of the winding Coast route.

The section, costing $1,622,000, includes passing lanes for slow traffic.

Oregon Weekend Accidents Post Death Toll Of 6

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Six persons died in accidents in the state over the weekend, and an Oregon airman was killed in a California traffic smashup.

Donald Roley, 12, of West Linn, drowned when a skiff overturned in the same area. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roley, clung to the boat and were rescued.

Frank Recob, about 45, operator of a Springfield motel, and Everett Colley, 27, a tenant, were presumed drowned on Dexter Lake.

They had gone fishing there early Sunday and their boat was found later in the day, its bow sticking out of the water.

Gordon King, 35, Salem, died in the flaming wreckage of his plane which collided in mid-air with another plane and crashed just north of the Salem airport Saturday.

The pilot of the other plane, Shelby S. Sullivan, Bellevue, Wash., Wash., managed to land his damaged plane in a field. He, and a passenger, Nancy M. Nordstrom, 21, of Seattle, suffered non-critical injuries.

Marilyn Lavalla, 5, of Portland, died Saturday a few hours after she was struck by an automobile in the Portland suburbs. The driver of the car reported that the child, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus V. Lavalla, darted into the street from between two parked automobiles.

Morris R. Lowe, 22, son of Ira Foster Lowe, Dundee, Ore., was one of three airmen fatally injured Saturday when their automobile overturned on a highway 12 miles southeast of Sacramento, Calif.

David Neil Bourquin, 26, Medford, was killed in the crash of his car into a roadside pole near Medford early Sunday. He was alone in the automobile.

Failure To Leave Party Line Causes Fire Loss

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (AP)—Because a woman refused to get off her party line this week, Fire Chief John W. Gallagher reported, a fire caused $6,900 damage before it was brought under control.

Chief Gallagher said a neighbor tried for five minutes to get the woman off the telephone line, but the woman refused. Finally the neighbor sent a youngster to the corner to pull the fire alarm box.

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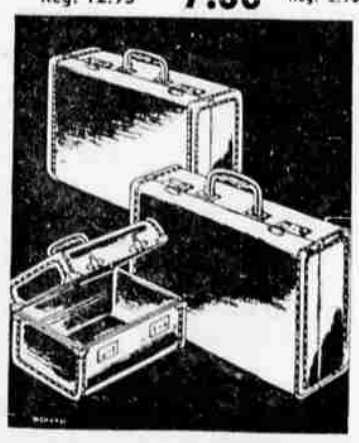

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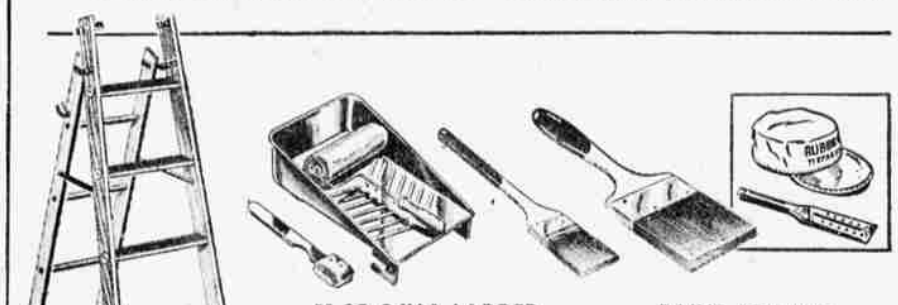

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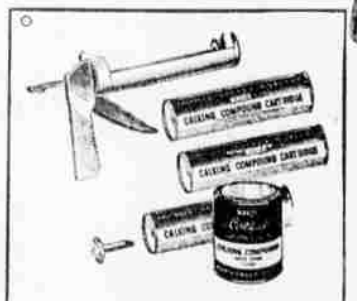

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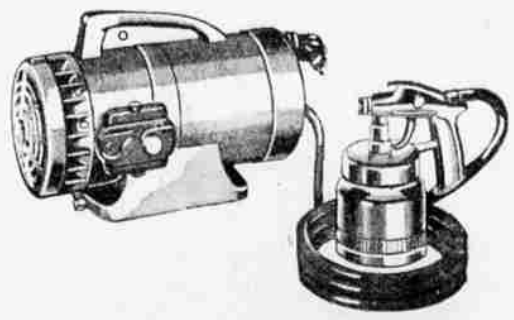

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