

# World Mourns George VI

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# Daughter Will Rule Kingdom As Elizabeth II

By Phil Bettens

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Britain's Princess Elizabeth—now Queen Elizabeth II—is flying home from east Africa to become ruler of the British empire. Her father, George VI, who became king in 1936, died in his sleep early Wednesday morning.

The 25-year-old mother of two children will be the first queen to rule Britain since the death of Victoria 51 years ago.

### Formally Proclaimed Queen

She was formally proclaimed "Queen Elizabeth" in a proclamation drafted by the accession council. The proclamation will become official when read in public Friday.

The new queen had set out only one week ago on a royal tour of the British Commonwealth. She was in Kenya when

A full page of pictures of Britain's royal family appears on page 8.

she received the news of her father's death. She has left by plane for England, and should arrive about 8:30 this morning.

Elizabeth will be Britain's first woman ruler in 51 years. Also, this means that there will be three English ex-queens—two of them named Elizabeth—living in Britain: Queen Mary (grandmother of the new queen); Queen Elizabeth, widow of George VI; and the new ruler of the British Empire, Queen Elizabeth.

### Truman Voices Sympathy

President Truman extended the sympathies of the American people to the people of Britain.

"He played his part nobly and with full understanding of the responsibility which was his," Truman said in paying tribute to the monarch who guided his country through one of the most trying periods in its long history.

The Duke of Windsor says he will sail from New York today to attend the funeral of his younger brother. The former Edward VIII, who renounced the English throne in order to marry "the woman I love," Wallis Simpson, will go alone to his homeland.

King George had been ill since before last September, when one of his lungs was removed. No announcement was made then as to the reason for the operation, but court surgeons later confirmed that the lung was cancerous.

It is believed that a blood clot—coronary thrombosis—was the immediate cause of the king's death. He was found dead by his valet, John MacDonald, when he took a cup of tea to his room at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday British time (12:30 a.m. PST) at Sandringham Castle.

### Entire Commonwealth Goes Into Mourning

The whole British Commonwealth has gone into mourning. Flags all over the world—including the Russian flags in Berlin—were flown at half-staff yesterday and today.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill will broadcast to the British people tonight at 9 p.m. British time. Churchill's speech will be carried in this country by the Mutual and Columbia radio networks at 1 p.m. PST today. National Broadcasting company will broadcast a tape recording of the speech at 1:45 p.m. and the American Broadcasting company will carry the speech by tape recording at 6:30 p.m.

Members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords must swear allegiance to the new queen, a ceremony which had already begun late Wednesday. Speaker of the House W. S. Morrison was the first to take the oath, and Churchill was the second.

### Will Lie in State

The body of George VI will lie in state in Westminster hall adjoining the houses of parliament. And as far as the British are concerned, any proclamation of mourning will be only a formality. London's citizens dropped all business and went to their homes yesterday. Many put out mourning wreaths. Restaurants banned dancing, and amusement places closed.

The British consular office in Portland closed Wednesday, and the Union Jack atop the two British ships in port flew at half-mast.

Elizabeth's husband, Prince Philip, will not become King of England. A similar situation arose when Queen Victoria, England's last woman ruler, married Albert. He was given the title of Prince Consort, a precedent which may be followed in Philip's case.



KING GEORGE VI

"The king is dead; long live the queen."

## Sweetland Says Ike's Ballot Fate Is Statute Issue

By Bill Frye

Interpretation of Oregon's election statutes may become a chief issue in the political pot now brewing in preparation for the state presidential primaries in May.

Democratic National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland said Wednesday night that he is instigating court action in which he hopes to show that Oregon's election statutes have been misinterpreted by Attorney General George Neuner.

Sweetland said that the state election statutes "make it perfectly clear" that the name of a presidential candidate cannot be entered in the primaries on a party ticket unless he is a member of that party and the signers of his petition are also members of the same party.

On this basis, he said, the secretary of state has the right to reject the name of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as a candidate of the Democratic party. "Eisenhower," he said, "has made it unequivocally clear that he is a member of the Republican party."

Neuner ruled Tuesday that the secretary of state could not remove the name of Eisenhower from the Democratic presidential primary ballot unless it was withdrawn by his sponsors or ordered removed by the court.

Eisenhower's name was placed on the ballot through petitions

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## Senate Agenda

Agenda for the ASUO senate meeting Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in room 334 of the Student Union will include:

- Mock Convention report
- Phone committee report
- Duck Preview chairman selection
- Proposed primary election plan
- Pacific Student Presidents association report

## Elizabeth and Philip



THE NEW QUEEN, Elizabeth II, poses with her husband Philip. He'll probably receive title of Prince Consort.

## Heart Hop Coronation Is Friday

Coronation of the "King of Hearts" for the Heart Hop will take place in McArthur court between the junior varsity and main game with Idaho Friday night.

Voting on the six candidates for the title will close at 5 p.m. Friday. The polling booth is in the Co-op. Only women holding tickets for the affair, a girl-ask-boy dance, are eligible to vote. Tickets cost 60 cents and are available in the Student Union as well as the Co-op.

Five women's living organizations will be open during the evening following the basketball game for dancing. They are Carson hall, Alpha Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma.

Theme for the dance is "Leap Year Lyrics" and was suggested by Sarah Turnbull, junior in foreign languages. Each house will be

decorated with a different song as its particular theme.

The traditional dunking of the "King" will take place in front of Carson hall following the game. This ceremony usually is part of the coronation, but as the coronation will take place at Mac court, the water-treatment site was changed.

Eugene merchants have donated a number of prizes for the "King" title winner. The Radio Lab will give him a 45 RPM record album, the University Men's Shop a shaving set, Fennel's a Parker Lifetime pen, J. C. Penney company a dress shirt, Williams department store a prize to be announced later, and the Cascade club a free admission. Claypool's and the University Drug will each donate a prize to the runners up.

Interviews with the second group of "King" candidates appear on page 6 of today's Emerald.

## Delegates from 8 States to Attend Northwest Drama Conference Here

More than 500 delegates from eight Western states will gather on the Oregon campus beginning today for the annual Northwest drama conference.

The theater people will attend discussion sessions on many phases of theater work and will hear talks by prominent drama teachers and leaders during the three day conference.

Sawyer Falk, head of the drama department at Syracuse university, Syracuse, N. Y., will deliver the principal address Friday.

### Four Plays Scheduled

Four plays will be presented during the weekend. They are "All the King's Men" and "Petticoat Fever," presented by the University theater; "Snow Queen" and "Come Back Little Sheba," produced by the Portland Civic theater.

Student registration is \$1. The fee will permit entrance to all four plays. Registration fee for non-students is \$2. Registration fee may be paid at the University theater box office.

### Originated by UO

"The Northwest Drama conference was originally called by the University of Oregon because those people connected with the theater here felt that there was a definite need for it and that it was a very good idea," Horace W. Robinson, director of the convention, said in an interview Wednesday.

This is the fifth year the convention has been held, he continued. "The first one was a success and we decided to continue them."

Before the last war a Northwest Drama Convention was held at the

University of Washington, but it was discontinued in 1941. "After the war it was indicated that there were no plans for resumption, so we decided to start one of our own," Robinson commented.

### Unusual Convention

This convention is unlike most because it has no elected officers, but is presided over by Robinson, who serves as program director. Robinson provides facilities for meetings, arranges productions and supervises the organization of the whole program. He also appoints those people to take charge of the sections and suggests subjects to be covered.

Each year the convention has increased in size. Last year 500 delegates attended and this year more are expected. A high school section has always been included, but

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## George VI's Death Brings Student, Faculty Comment

Death of England's King George VI Wednesday morning brought varied reactions from British and Canadian students and a faculty member who is from Australia.

E. G. Moll, professor of English, who has been in the United States for 20 years, with occasional trips to his home country of Australia, said "King George did great work in helping to hold the British empire together."

"News of his death is very shocking," Moll said. "I feel a very real and sincere grief at his passing."

"I've been getting two Australian newspapers regularly, and have noticed their concern for the King's health," Moll said. "Each person in the commonwealth of

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