

DOWN UNDER CURTSIES



It's a night to be remembered in far-off Tasmania as the touring Queen Elizabeth II and Duke of Edinburgh attend a civic ball in their honor at the Hobart city hall. The ladies of the Australia island, dressed in their finest for the social event of a lifetime, curtsy to the smiling queen as she leaves the affair with the Duke of Edinburgh behind her. (AP Wirephoto)

Four Puerto Ricans Indicted by Grand Jury

WASHINGTON (AP)—Four Puerto Ricans accused of wounding five congressmen in a wild outburst of pistol fire in the House chamber were under indictments today that carry a possible total sentence of 75 years imprisonment. Rep. Alvin M. Bentley (R-Mich.), the most gravely injured of the legislators, was still in serious condition, but no longer on the critical list. The others were improving. Federal prosecutors and a grand jury took little more than the minimum time yesterday to go over the evidence on Monday's shooting. U.S. Atty. Leo A. Rover used six witnesses, including one member of Congress, Rep. Paul W. Shafer (R-Mich.), to present the case in one hour and 45 minutes. Almost immediately afterward the grand jury voted indictments charging assault with intent to kill

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New Paris spring hat is a flower-pattern with beads and pearls and five tendrillike grips over forehead. Handing is of matching material.

Mayor Asks Folk To Seek Guidance

Mayor Al Loucks in proclaiming March 5 as a day of prayer, urges "everyone to pause in their work for one minute, to ask that God give us that hope that is in Jesus Christ, light to guide us, courage to support us, and love to unite us." The mayor points out that "there are conditions of tension and uncertainty in the world today, and it is recognized that the many problems confronting us can be solved only with the help of Almighty God."

The human reaction which causes gooseflesh is the same as that in animals when the hair stands up because of fear or anger.

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Text of President's Statement on McCarthy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The text of President Eisenhower's statement Wednesday on the Stevens-McCarthy episode:

I want first to make a few comments about the Peress case. 1. The Department of the Army made serious errors in handling the Peress case and the secretary of the Army so stated publicly, almost a month ago.

2. The Army is correcting its procedures to avoid such mistakes in the future. I am completely confident that Secretary Stevens will be successful in this effort. 3. Neither in this case, nor in any other, has any person in the executive branch been authorized to suggest that any subordinate, for any reason whatsoever, violate his convictions or principles or submit to any kind of personal humiliation when testifying before congressional committees or elsewhere.

In a more general sense I have certain observations to make. They are:

1. We must be unceasingly vigilant in every phase of governmental activity to make certain that there is no subversive penetration.

2. In opposing communism, we are defeating ourselves if either by design or through carelessness, we use methods that do not conform to the American sense of justice and fair play.

3. The conscience of America will clearly discern when we are exercising proper vigilance without being unfair. That conscience is reflected in the body of the United States Congress. We can be certain that its members will respond to America's convictions and beliefs in this regard.

Here I must repeat something that I have often stated before. The ultimate responsibility for the conduct of all parts of the executive branch of the government rests with the President of the United States. That responsibility cannot be delegated to another branch of government. It is, of course, likewise the responsibility of the President and his associates to account for their stewardship of public affairs. All of us recognize the right of the people to know how we are meeting this responsibility and the congressional right to inquire and investigate into every phase of our public operations.

Manifestly, in a government such as ours, successful service to 160 million people demands a true spirit of cooperation among the several branches of government, especially between the executive and the legislative branches. Real cooperation is possible only in an atmosphere of mutual respect. I spent many years in the Army, during the course of which I sometimes appeared before committees of the Congress. In all that time I never saw any individual of the Army fail to render due and complete respect to every member of Congress with whom duty brought him in contact. In all that time, I never saw any member of Congress guilty of disrespect toward

the public servants who are appearing before him. In the tradition of such mutual respect I grew up in the governmental service. It is that tradition that I intend that the executive branch will observe and apply as long as I hold my present office.

I have only a few additional comments. They are made in the belief that they conform to the conscience of the American people and to our understanding of justice, right and governmental responsibility.

First, all of us know that our military services and their leaders

have always been completely loyal and dedicated public servants, singularly free of suspicion of disloyalty. Their courage and their devotion have been proved in peace as well as on the battlefields of war. America is proud of them. I am certain that no one in any governmental position wants to have his own utterances interpreted as questioning the lasting debt that all of us as Americans owe to the officers and enlisted men and women of the armed services. In this tribute to the services, I mean to include Gen. Zwicker, who was decorated for gallantry in the field.

Second, except where the interests of the nation demand otherwise every governmental employee in the executive branch, whether civilian or in the armed forces, is expected to respond cheerfully and completely to the requests of the Congress and its several committees. In doing so it is, of course, assumed that they will be accorded the same respect and courtesy that I require that they show to the members of the legislative body. Officials in the executive branch of the government will have my unqualified support in insisting that employees in the executive branch who appear before any type of executive or congressional investigative body be treated fairly.

Third, Obviously, it is the responsibility of the Congress to see to it that its procedures are proper and fair. I, of course, expect the Republican membership of the Congress to assume the primary responsibility in this respect, since they are of the majority party, and, therefore, control the committees. I am glad to state that Sen. Knowland has reported to me that effective steps are being taken by the Republican leadership to set up codes of fair procedures.

Fourth, There are problems facing this nation today of vital importance. They are both foreign and domestic in character. They affect the individual and collective future of all of us. The views of myself and my associates on these matters have been outlined in the proposals on legislation we have submitted to the Congress. They deserve the undivided and incessant attention of the Congress, of the executive branch, of the public information media of our nation, of our schools, and even of our churches. I regard it as unfortunate when we are diverted from

people. These incidents are all the more useless and unfortunate in view of the basic dedication of every loyal American to the preservation and advancement of America's safety, prosperity and well-being.

500 Guests Flee From Hotel Fire

BOSTON (AP)—Approximately 500 guests fled from the Parker House, three of them down ladders, when fire swept the fifth floor of the 14-story hotel in the heart of downtown Boston early today.

Joseph C. Fitzgerald, 47, of Coral Gables, Fla., was reported to be the only casualty.

He was taken to City Hospital suffering minor burns and smoke inhalation after firefighters assisted him down a ladder from the fifth floor. His condition was reported as "not serious."

Bennett A. Hartley, 39, Baltimore, Md., and Gordon Shillinglaw, 27, Yonkers, N. Y., were also helped down ladders.

Hartley, an engineering consultant with Bethlehem Steel, said he climbed onto a ledge outside his window.

Police in a passing cruiser, apparently unaware there was a fire in the hotel, took him into temporary custody after firefighters brought him down and questioned him in the mistaken belief he had been trying to commit suicide, he said.

Deputy Fire Chief Edward Gaughan estimated damage at \$4,500. He said the fire started among decorative jewelry stacked in boxes on the fifth floor corridor in preparation for a sales show.

The U. S. marriage rate in 1953 was about 9.7 per 1,000 of population compared with about 9.8 per 1,000 of population in 1952.

Oil Sought in Fraser Delta

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP)—Exploratory drilling for oil in the Fraser River delta of British Columbia is expected to start soon, it was announced here Wednesday.

Frank Yeomans, a city real estate agent, said four exploratory wells are planned in a \$600,000 oil-hunting project to be financed by two Vancouver businessmen and Glascock Drilling Co. of Corpus Christi, Texas. He added that no stock was being offered for sale.

Final approval of permits to drill some 100,000 offshore acres around Roberts Bank, Boundary Bay and the banks of the Fraser is expected shortly, Yeomans said. Yeomans said the backers hope to discover oil or natural gas at from 8,000 to 10,000 feet.

Albany Motel Changes Hands

ALBANY—The Willamette Motel of six units with living quarters, situated on Highway 99 at the junction with the Albany airport road, has been sold through a local real estate agency, by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Baxter to Mr. and Mrs. John Mazachek, of Scio. The motel property was valued at \$47,500.

Involved in the deal was the transfer of the Mazachek downtown garage property, occupied by the Bob McCallum garage, a restaurant and apartments in the Scio business district. The Mazacheks plan to develop the motel property.

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