

Relatives of King Facing Hard Times Under Social Regime

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London, Apr. 11.—U.P.—King George will probably have to dig deeper into his public and private purses to help his impoverished relatives after the labor government introduces its new budget April 18.

There doesn't seem much chance that Britain's socialist rulers will let up on their avowed goal of redistributing the national wealth.

Home Open To Public

Already the king's sister, the Princess Royal, has had to open her home to the public at 30 cents admission to get enough money to pay her taxes.

Both the Duke of Windsor, brother of the king, and the Duchess of Kent, the king's sister-in-law, could use a little help. Although neither is broke or even badly bent by ordinary standards, they would find some extra cash helpful in living in the style to which they are accustomed.

When the Duke of Windsor abandoned the throne in 1937 for love of American Wallis Simpson, he was given an annual allowance by the king of \$25,000. This was worth more than \$100,000 a year then in 1947 but devaluation of the pound and the rise in living costs has almost halved its value.

No State Allowance

The Duchess of Kent, widow of the king's youngest brother, has no state allowance. Recently she sold many personal possessions. They included a picture which her late husband had given her as a wedding present. The handsome 42-year-old duchess has a small personal income and a moderate amount from her husband's estate, but she doesn't find it easy to maintain her status as one of the world's best dressed women and raise a son who is seventh in succession to the throne.

However, if she faced any real crisis, the king undoubtedly would help her as he already assists his cousins and other relatives whose thrones have gone or whose fortunes have dwindled away. For the financial position of the House of Windsor alone is impregnable and its public and private fortunes both are huge.

Pays No Income Tax

The king pays no income tax on the state funds allotted him, about \$1,148,000 a year under the current rate of exchange. This deal was arranged by George III, who lost the American colonies.

The Hanoverian George

turned over his lands to the state in return for a guaranteed income. If he had held onto the land instead, the family would be getting \$11,200,000 a year, so the country is the gainer.

The king, however,

voluntarily pays an income tax on his vast private investments.

Queen Mary Gets Share

Other members of the royal family who get a share of public funds are Dowager Queen Mary, \$198,000 a year; Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, \$140,000 a year; the Duke of

Gloucester, the king's brother, \$98,000 a year, and the Princess Royal, \$16,800 a year.

All pay taxes, but are allowed special deductions which enable them to keep about 85 per cent of the grants.

King George pays all expenses run up by his younger daughter, Princess Margaret, but she will be given an independent income of \$16,800 a year from public funds starting on her 21st birthday Aug. 21, 1951.

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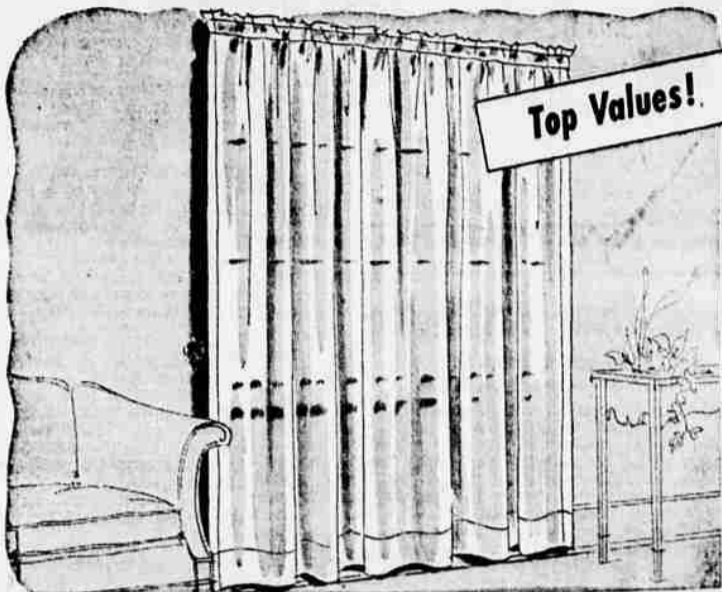
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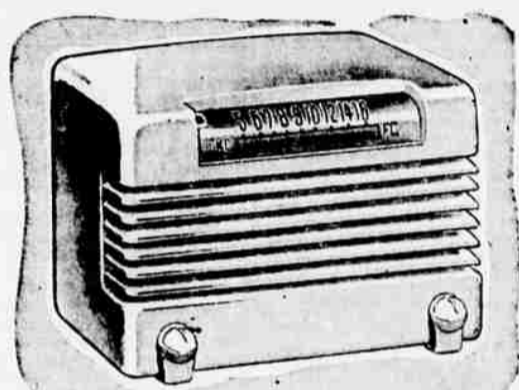
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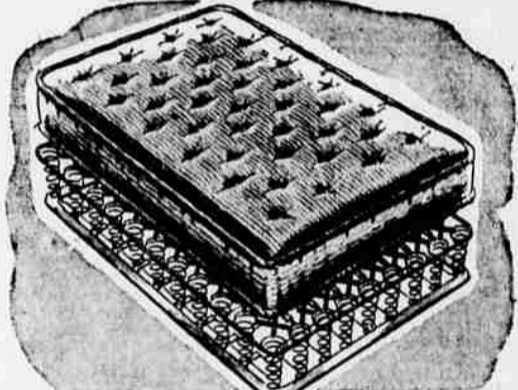


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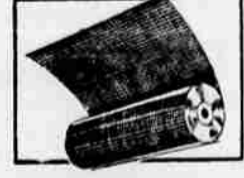
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