

# Maltese Seek Integral Role in United Kingdom

Washington — Malta, Britain's Mediterranean Crown Colony of rich tradition and stirring history, now seeks even stronger ties with the United Kingdom by full representation in Parliament.

The colony is famed for its eight-point cross, its gray cats, and its courage under World War II bombings. Malta itself is the largest of the Maltese Islands which include Gozo, Comino, Cominotto and Filfla. The chain stretches 27 miles northwest to southeast, and is strategically located between Gibraltar and the Suez Canal.

Life in varying forms has existed on Malta from deepest antiquity. Pleistocene deposits yield remains of giant dormice, hippopotami, and pigmy elephants. Tombs and other artifacts are traceable to the Phoenicians who colonized Malta

ages ago.

The islands' situation astride an ancient sea route attracted Greek, Carthaginian, Roman, and Arab invaders through the years. The Normans took over in the 11th century. The Knights of St. John, who introduced the Maltese Cross, held sway from 1530 to 1798. They were succeeded by the French and later the British.

Valletta, Malta's capital since 1570, stands like Manhattan on a narrow rocky ledge. Disraeli said that Valletta "equals in its noble architecture, if it even does not excel, any capital in Europe." For Sir Walter Scott the city was "like a dream." It is flanked by Grand Harbour, often called one of the Mediterranean's best, and Marsamxett Harbour. The British Mediterranean Fleet has been based in Grand Harbour since the Napoleonic wars. Its extensive ship repair yards bolster the Maltese economy.

Chief manufactures are jewelry, filigree ornaments and lace. Maltese farmers produce barley, corn, wheat, clover, tomatoes and such fruits as prickly pears, grapefruit, lemons, figs and apricots. They are oppressed by drought and soil erosion.

Stone walls and terracing are used to buttress the land. Windmills bring water to the surface to be fed to the fields and oxen turn traditional waterwheels. The soil is rich in phosphates, permitting two or more crops a year.

Having scant pasturage for cows, the Maltese rely on goats for milk. Driven from door to door, the animals are milked for individual customers. The surrounding sea supplements diets with mackerel, tuna and dolphin. So conscious are Maltese of the sea that emblematic dolphins decorate many homes as door knockers. Fishermen go out in gaily-painted craft.

The sea is close to the Maltese, but never more so than at the Festival of St. Paul Shipwrecked. St. Paul was shipwrecked there while on his way to Rome and during his stay founded the Church in Malta. A seven-hour religious service followed by a street procession commemorates the event each February.



**CONTRAST**—Democratic presidential aspirants Estes Kefauver and Adlai Stevenson presented this study in contrasts as they rode in the parade preceding the annual spring fair in Los Banos, Calif. Kefauver (right), dressed in a conservative business suit, cruised down the street in a convertible, while Stevenson, decked out in dungarees and a 10-gallon hat, rode a horse.

## Rocket Ranges Mark Off Paths Far Across World

Washington — Tomorrow's ocean-jumping rockets and guided missiles even now begin to need test ranges that span thousands of miles of earth's empty spaces.

At least two such rocket routes already describe major arcs on world maps. Many others cover lesser distances. Some depend on elbow room straight up.

Some Florida southeastward, and across the loneliness of west Australia and the Indian Ocean, two great rocket routes are laid out today. Still a third range may lie somewhere in the heart of Asia.

**Atlantic Ocean Missile Track**

Firing from Cape Canaveral, Florida, near the town of Cocoa, the United States and Great Britain since 1950 have built a long range proving ground for guided missiles. It stretches 1000 miles down the Bahama Islands to Puerto Rico. In 1955, plans were announced to extend it to Ascension Island in the South Atlantic, 5,000 statute miles away.

Even that might be only a tracking station. "A missile starting at Cape Canaveral," an official said, "would travel 5,000 miles to Ascension, but then it could go on past Ascension almost indefinitely — all the way to the South Pole (with a slight turn) without threatening any inhabited area." From Ascension to the Pole is 5,750 miles.

Australia's isolated Woomera rocket range spans 1,250 miles on land, another 1,500 ocean miles out beyond Christmas Island.

Woomera, the main town and firing site, lies 325 miles northwest of Adelaide, capital of South Australia. At a place named Emu Claypan, another 400 miles inside the range, at least two atomic explosions have been set off. Another shook the Monte

## Quotes From the News

**By UNITED PRESS**

Spokane—New York Gov. Averell Harriman, on "boom times" claimed by the Republican administration:

"President Eisenhower talks of prosperity but for many of our people this is a cruel myth. The farmer is having hard times and small business is growing weaker or being forced to quit."

Slant, Va.—"General" John Salling, Confederate veteran celebrating his 110th birthday:

"I feel miserable. I'm in awful shape, an' achin' an' a'painin' everywhere."

Seoul, Korea—Again victorious President Syngman Rhee, on election day in his third presidential campaign:

"I hope a good, righteous man is elected."

Washington — Gen. Nathan F. Twining, on disclosing to the United Press that the Air Force now has H-bombs that can be carried by light bombers:

"They are not too big."

Clinton, Ill. — James P. Duty, on being released after 17 years in prison:

"I saw my first juke box today. It's quite a thing."

Honolulu—Indonesia President Sukarno, on his way to America on a goodwill visit:

"There is one important thing—and that is very important. That is the closest of friendship between the United States and Indonesia. If I can establish that, or improve it, I will be very happy."

Washington—Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, on why a Navy commander instead of an admiral was given a particular job:

"I have never noticed that one star more or less made a man any smarter."

**Case Continued in Circuit Court Here**

The case against William L. Foreman, 22, Portland, charged with burglary not in a dwelling, was continued in circuit court yesterday pending a pre-sentence report.

Foreman had previously pleaded guilty to an indictment on the charge.

Jimmy Glenn Martin, 18, 841 Stewart ave., Medford, was released on his own recognizance this morning on a charge of grand larceny. Martin and a 17-year-old Medford boy were arrested by state police last night in connection with an auto theft.

## Who Did D.A. Investigate?

(An Editorial)

Early in the summer of 1953, District Attorney Walt Nunley went to the county officials and asked for funds to pay a private investigator.

On June 13, 1953, The Mail Tribune quoted Nunley as saying he wanted to hire an undercover man to investigate dope peddling—presumably to Medford high school children.

Inasmuch as Nunley did not refute the quotes, we assume that the daily published in Medford was right.

Nearly three years have passed. Politics has reared its ugly head and, as usual, things are coming out that perhaps would have remained hidden.

Nunley now says the undercover report dealt with general crime conditions in Jackson county. He told The Times that during his term of office there have been only two isolated dope cases in the county.

People, who supposedly know, say the confidential investigation was aimed at conditions in the Medford police department and the county sheriff's office.

The fact remains that no one has seen the confidential report except Medford ministers. Nunley chose to show it to them. Why?

It would seem to us that a confidential report on crime conditions in the county should be revealed to the men whose job it is to police the county—the State Police, the Sheriff's office; the chiefs of police of all of the towns in the county.

That this was not done only lends credence to the report that Nunley did aim the investigation at the police bodies themselves.

Nunley spent \$2,800 of tax money to make the investigation. He said he was going to investigate dope. If, instead of dope, he investigated police and sheriff activities, he obtained the money through subterfuge.

We believe that Nunley owes an explanation to the taxpayers of the county.

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**Around Hollywood**  
By ALINE MOSBY  
United Press Correspondent

Editor note: Aline Mosby is on vacation. Today her column is written by Celeste Holm, who says an actress has to learn to laugh at herself.

By CELESTE HOLM  
Written for the United Press

Hollywood — (U.P.) — I laughed out loud as I wiped the tears away after reading a review on my recent appearance in a "Climax" play on TV. The bitter-sweet words said Celeste Holm now is ready to take her place as a full-fledged star alongside "deep-drama" actresses like Bette Davis and Barbara Stanwyck.

Normally, such a review would set up a gal for days, but, as I said, I wiped the tears while laughing. The reviewer, bless him, apparently forgot that I won an Oscar in 1947 for a bit of handkerchief ripping in "Gentleman's Agreement."

But I've been knocked down with a velvet glove before. You've got to be able to laugh at yourself in this racket or you'll wear out more psychiatric couches than your budget allows.

**Agent's Copy Accepted**

The trouble with too many of us is that we begin to believe our own press agent's copy.

The more famous you become, the louder you should laugh. I know. I learned the hard way.

I got one of the biggest laughs at myself while playing Ado Annie in "Oklahoma!" on Broadway. It was a fat part. I read the reviews and believed 'em.

After the show one snowy night I took a walk, and when I got tired, looked for a taxi. There wasn't a cab within skir-

lifting distance for 45 minutes. I was getting cold. Suddenly a newspaper truck pulled up and the driver heaved out a huge bundle or morning papers.

**Driver Queried**

On impulse, I asked the driver if he were going downtown. He wanted to know why.

"Because I live on lower Fifth avenue," I told him, "and because I can't find a cab."

"Naw," he replied, "I'm going west. Say, who do you think you are anyway?"

"Oh, I'm Cel . . . I'm nobody," I said. As the driver turned the corner I got a look at the promotion ad on the truck. It read: "Next Sunday in full color—Celeste Holm!"

My name was in letters six feet high. I laughed so hard a police car stopped and the officers asked if I was all right, and incidentally, to give me a lift.

I've been laughing at myself ever since. Money that I might be spending on couch rentals I use for hats. It's cheaper, believe me!

**GIRLS POLY PRINCESS**

Portland—(U.P.)—Evelyn Gross, 18-year-old Girls Poly senior, was named Portland's second Rose Festival princess yesterday.

There is sufficient land in Brazil to accommodate one-third to one-half of the world's population.

Farm woodlands in the U.S. have an area equal to that of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Italy combined.

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