

Queen Elizabeth May Be Invited To Visit Russia

London—(U.P.)—British speculation today that Queen Elizabeth may be invited to visit the Soviet Union.

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The queen would accept such an invitation only on the advice of the cabinet. And the cabinet could not be expected to approve as long as it might touch off any sort of controversy.

Elizabeth signed the message "from your good friend."

Cyril Hankinson, editor of DeBret's, the authority on protocol, said this was not unusual.

"The words are the correct ones to use in writing to the head of a republic," he said.

Voroshilov, chairman of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet, wrote his letter last month.

It was brought to the queen by Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Party Secretary Nikita S. Khrushchev last month.

In interest of peace

Voroshilov said the strengthening of the ties of friendship between Britain and Russia would be "in the interests of preserving peace throughout the world."

The queen said in her reply, "I take this opportunity to express my best wishes to you personally and prosperity to the Soviet peoples."

Such exchanges between the British and Russian heads of state are rare. The last time was in 1945 when the late King George VI sent a message to Josef Stalin when the war ended.

Kefauver's Senate Absenteeism Issue in Debate With Stevenson

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Estes Kefauver's absenteeism in the Senate was the only issue which produced anything like verbal fireworks between Adlai E. Stevenson and Kefauver in their nationally televised debate Monday night.

Otherwise, the rival Democratic presidential hopefuls found little to disagree over. Even the absenteeism discussion was mild in tone.

Kefauver started the exchange by saying he had refrained in his campaign from personal attacks on Stevenson. But he said he was "shocked" when Stevenson recently accused him of having a record of high absenteeism from Senate sessions.

Kefauver did not deny the absenteeism figures Stevenson had cited but said there were reasons for the absenteeism which Stevenson should have realized. Kefauver said most of the absenteeism occurred during periods when he was conducting his crime investigation across the country, when he was out campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1952 and when he was involved in a hot reelection battle in 1954.

Two American Doctors Have a Lot in Common

Naples, Italy—(U.P.)—Two American doctors met at a medical conference Monday and found they had a lot in common.

Both were named McDonough—one James and one John.

Both were married to women named Marie.

Both had four children—two boys and two girls.

Both wives did needlepoint.

Dr. James McDonough lives in Youngstown, Ohio.

Dr. John McDonough lives in Winchester, Mass.

Both the McDonoughs are gynecologists and are attending the international Congress of Fertility and Sterility here.

He commented that Stevenson himself was frequently absent from his former post as governor of Illinois during the 1952 presidential campaign.

Stevenson replied that the figures he cited came from the Congressional Quarterly. But he said he would "accept" Kefauver's explanation of the absenteeism.

Only one other time in the debate did the two candidates seem to be on the verge of a major disagreement. That occurred when Kefauver said it was "inconsistent" to criticize the Eisenhower administration for lagging in guided missile and nuclear weapon production and at the same time propose that nuclear tests be stopped, "as I understand my friend Gov. Stevenson has proposed."

Agree on Policies

Stevenson quickly retorted that while he had proposed a halt to new nuclear tests, "I never suggested halting development of guided missiles . . . all weapons should be developed so

Lew Wallace Thanks Oregon Supporters

Portland—(U.P.)—Lew Wallace, who withdrew from the Democratic race for governor but still received more than 100,000 votes and only narrowly missed gaining the nomination, today expressed thanks to his supporters and wished the victorious candidates success in November.

Wallace withdrew from the race when he was informed that he had a heart ailment. His name still remained on the ballot and in the final counts he trailed State Sen. Robert Holmes by about 6,000 votes for the nomination.

"I had expected a small complimentary vote," Wallace said, "but I was amazed when I received over 100,000 votes . . ."

Hydrogen Bomb Air-Drop Said To Meet Radioactivity Expectations

Aboard USS Mt. McKinley at Kwajalein—(U.P.)—Atomic officials disclosed today that the air-dropped hydrogen bomb lived up to its advance billing as a radioactively "sanitary" weapon.

Reports from radiological stations throughout the Marshall Islands showed "no increase in background radiation" as a result of Monday's explosion.

That was because the shot was a high air burst. Most of the

land stations throughout the region surrounding the proving ground "showed no significant radioactive fallout at any point outside Bikini atoll." And at Bikini atoll, the fallout was "relatively little."

However, the Kyodo News Service reported in Tokyo that the Japanese ship Mizuho Maru radioed that it found the sea 1300 miles south of the test site to be radioactive. It said a Geiger counter check showed radioactivity of 1540 counts per minute. The vessel gave its position at the time as 8 degrees 54 minutes south latitude and 153 degrees 53 minutes east longitude, west of the Solomon Islands and 1300 miles south of Bikini.

In Washington, the Atomic Energy Commission declined to comment on the Japanese report. The AEC said it could not tell what the normal "background" radioactivity of the area, since "there have been no U.S. measurements of radioactivity in water or marine life in the area mentioned." Thus there was no radioactivity spewed into the stratosphere, where it was widely diffused without a heavy early fall-out.

The 100-mile long radioactive cloud was reported drifting harmlessly over the open ocean north of the Marshalls.

Reports from ships, planes and

way to tell if the reported count was above normal.

Little Damage To Island

Test officials also disclosed that Namu Island, the flat pancake of coral in Bikini lagoon 10,000 feet below the burst, suffered little damage. The principal reason was there was relatively little construction on Namu.

However, instrument towers and other structures on nearby islands showed the effect of the bomb's slamming blast. Officials gave no details, but they said these structures showed "varying degree of damage, depending on their proximity to the burst."

National Funeral Set For Korean Candidate

Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—The Republic of Korea will hold a "national funeral" Wednesday for P. H. Shinicky, opposition presidential candidate who died May 5 campaigning against Syngman Rhee.

June 11 Date for Plea

Grants Pass—(U.P.)—Lloyd Eugene Wahl, 17, appeared in Circuit court yesterday and was given until June 11 to enter a plea in connection with the slaying of his six-year-old cousin, Kathleen Sue Wahl, near here May 4.

Kefauver, in contrast to Stevenson, related several of his comments on national problems to Florida, where he and Stevenson will be opponents in a presidential primary May 29. Their debate originated in Miami.

Kefauver endorsed the south-central Florida flood control project. He backed Florida Gov. Leroy Collins' proposal that President Eisenhower convene a conference of state leaders to work out segregation problems. He emphasized his support for old age security programs, aiming his remarks at the many retired persons living in Florida.

Democrats Invited

The day's other major political news occurred in Texas where the Democratic state convention opened. Sen. Lyndon Johnson, who recently wrested

control of the Texas Democratic Party from Gov. Allan Shivers, personally invited Democrats who voted for President Eisenhower in 1952 when Republicans carried the state to return to the party.

In another development, Johnson said he was not interested in heading a pre-convention caucus of southern delegates to the Democratic national convention to formulate the South's stand on the civil rights issue. Johnson urged southern delegates to go to the convention with "an open mind."

Grant High School Names Tallest Rose Princess

Portland—(U.P.)—Sharon Frey, fifth and tallest Rose Festival princess, was chosen yesterday by students at Grant high school. The dark-haired girl is five-feet-seven inches tall.

To Market Automobile

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Radio Peiping said Tuesday that the first Chinese Communist-constructed automobiles will come off the assembly line this fall. The broadcast heard here said the name of the car would be "Liberation."

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Gold Hill Budget Hearing Scheduled

Gold Hill—A public hearing on the 1956-57 Gold Hill budget will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 7, in the city hall here.

The proposed budget is \$29,545.30, with a general fund levy of \$12,128.50, an increase of \$1,875 more than last year's levy. The proposed levy is within the tax base of \$12,153.10.

The budget includes the proposed purchase of a building to enlarge city offices and for library quarters, according to Ferd Jones, city recorder. The budget also includes \$1,200 for bonds and interest charges.

City employees have been provided an increase in salary in the 1956-57 budget, but increases in salaries and for materials in general operation are offset by cutting expenses elsewhere, budget committee members said.

The building being considered for purchase was operated as a cafe at the corner of Sixth st. and Second ave.

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