



"OPEN TALK" IS REPORTED in London's cafe society over reports Queen Elizabeth and Duke of Edinburgh are estranged. Queen's consort is said to be interested in unidentified woman which caused decision to send him on world trip. (International Soundphoto)

Hurricane Winds Whip Wyoming

By UNITED PRESS
A wind storm that approached hurricane force in Wyoming swept into the northern and central plains today with gusts up to 40 miles per hour.

The swirling winds pounded Wyoming late Monday, but there were no reports of serious damage. Warmer temperatures accompanied the high winds into the plains states.

Cold air gripped the eastern third of the nation, sending temperatures plunging to near the zero mark in New England during the night.

The cold, clear weather stemmed the threat of further flooding along the Monongahela river watershed in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. However, floods which hit the area two weeks ago were indirectly responsible for two more deaths in West Virginia.

Two children being ferried across the Guyandotte river Monday because a bridge was washed out by the floods drowned when the boat capsized.

Light snow blanketed Chicago and other scattered Great Lakes points, but fair weather prevailed over most of the nation. The only other precipitation reported was in the form of scattered showers in the middle Mississippi Valley and in Southern California and snow flurries in the central Rockies.

Early morning lows included Boston 20, Washington 31, Miami 68, New Orleans 59, Chicago 32, Denver 46, Los Angeles 65 and Seattle 41.

Basic School Fund Distribution Hit

Portland — (U.P.) — The chairman of the Portland school board lashed out last night at the Oregon Education association and the Oregon Council of Parents and Teachers for supporting a plan to change distribution of basic school funds.

Chairman Herbert M. Schwab said the plan would work a serious hardship on Portland and some other districts in the state.

Schwab told a school board meeting he found it hard to understand why the OEA and PTA would publicly endorse a bill which he said was "unsound" and would "seriously weaken the Portland school system as well as certain other districts in terms of available funds."

The plan, called the "key district plan," would set a minimum educational program in terms of money spent per child by the local district and equalize school taxes all over the state. It is now before the legislature.

Schwab said that if the plan went into effect without increasing the basic school fund from its present \$80 per census child it would take away about \$4 million of the some \$6 million Portland gets annually from the state.

Man, 87, Sees Again After 15 Years

Santa Cruz, Calif. — (U.P.) — An 87-year-old man who regained his sight after 15 years of blindness said today his six grandchildren looked "just like I thought they would."

William H. Bryant, a double amputee, saw the youngsters for the first time Sunday. The children range in age from 11 months to 13 years.

Bryant's ophthalmologist, Dr. Thomas G. Schnoor, said Bryant lost his sight 15 years ago owing to cataracts and glaucoma. He succeeded in bringing back Bryant's vision by treating his eyes with a medicine called phloretin.

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Newark, N. J. — (U.P.) — Army service has changed a lot since Revolutionary War days, Theodore Kappel, 26, learned Monday. In General Washington's army recruits often supplied their own muskets, but when prospective inductee Kappel was found to be carrying an empty .38 caliber revolver when he lined up for a physical, an Army officer had him arrested on a charge of illegally possessing a dangerous weapon.



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TO WORK FOR PEACE—President Eisenhower bids farewell to King Saud as the Saudi Arabian monarch prepares to leave Washington, D. C. The two leaders wound up their talks with a historic pledge to work for peace and stability in the Middle East.

Trailer Court Receives NHMA Gold Star Rating

Anderson's Trailer sales, 4385 South Pacific highway, Medford, have been awarded a "gold star" rating as one of the top mobile home trailer parks in the country, according to the Mobile Home Manufacturers association. The association inspected 12,525 parks, of which 1,616 were rated as "gold star" parks. Edward L. Wilson, managing director of the association, said. Parks are graded on appearance and facilities, using a point system. Gold star ratings are

Russian Explorers Killed in Antarctic

London — (U.P.) — Two Soviet explorers were killed in the Antarctic Feb. 4 when a huge ice barrier collapsed and swept them into the sea, Moscow radio reported. The two men were unloading the Soviet vessel "Lena" when several thousands tons of snow and ice gave way beneath them, the broadcast said. Seven others were rescued. The two men were awarded for 95 points or better out of a possible 107 points, Wilson said.



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British Press Demands Overhaul Of Public Relations in Palace

London — (U.P.) — The British press demanded today that Buckingham Palace overhaul its public relations setup and said official silence was partly to blame for the spreading of reports of a "rift" in the royal family.

The palace issued a three-word denial Friday of the reports which first appeared in an American newspaper. But since

then there has been silence that some papers thought only fanned the reports out of proportion.

The tabloid Daily Mirror said it was not enough for the "people upstairs" to issue a curt denial.

"When rumor nibbles at the throne they must not look down their noses and hope it will go away again," the Mirror said. "They must get up off their plush seats and get cracking."

Today Queen Elizabeth carried out her first formal engagement since Christmas. She presided at the Buckingham Palace ceremonies of accolade for 48 new knights and 144 other men

and women receiving honors and decorations.

Monday night the Duke of Edinburgh sent a touching message to the wife of an American general in an unspoken but heartfelt indication of his own sadness after four months away from Queen Elizabeth and their two children.

But it was in no sense an official statement. It was a message of congratulations to Gen. Lauris Norstad, the new supreme commander of NATO, and was dispatched from Gibraltar where the Duke is killing time until Saturday's reunion in Portugal with the Queen.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Sen. J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.) attacking in a Senate speech President Eisenhower's Middle East resolution as: "A blank grant of power over our funds and armed forces to be used in a blank way, for a blank length of time, under blank conditions, with respect to blank nations, in a blank area."

Atlanta, Ga.—Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, former Supreme Allied commander in Europe, announcing he is "optimistic" about world peace: "We are four to five times stronger today than we were six years ago. This retaliatory power should be a strong deterrent to any aggression by the Soviet bloc."

London — Britain's Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, telling NATO Commander Gen. Lauris Norstad that Britain must make "substantial reductions" in its defense efforts: "Our strength to the rest of our allies depends as much upon the strength and resilience of our economy as upon anything else. Insurance is a fine thing, but overinsurance is debilitating."

London—NATO Commander Gen. Lauris Norstad, answering British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's statement that the United Kingdom must reduce defense efforts: "If economic considerations alone should dictate strategy, the outcome might be the catastrophe we have labored so hard to avoid."

Chicago—Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, learning of the U.S. Communist party's decision to switch its headquarters to Chicago: "We certainly don't want them here. Why don't they go to Moscow."

Memphis, Tenn.—Model Cathy Bauby, describing her plan for protecting herself while hitch-hiking during the wildcat strike of bus drivers which left the city without regular transit service: "I carry a big bag and nobody knows what weapon I might have in it."

SS Hoover Sails On Orient Voyage

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The SS President Hoover sailed today for the Orient on her maiden voyage, more than 11 hours after her originally scheduled departure time.

The gleaming 14,206-ton liner was to have left at 4 p.m. yesterday, but she did not leave until after 3 a.m. today. Officials of American President Lines ordered the delay because the task of outfitting the ship had not been completed. Many of the passenger cabins and all of the public rooms in the 17-year-old ship were redecorated, but the crew's quarters were unfinished by yesterday's sailing time.

Company officials decided it would take one more shift of work to finish the necessary installations. Eighty-one passengers were aboard when the ship finally sailed for Yokohama. The ship was commissioned yesterday morning as the 29th ship in the APL fleet. Mrs. Herbert Hoover II of San Jose unveiled a plaque giving the ship her new name. The vessel was formerly the SS Panama.

A STICKY SITUATION New York — (U.P.) — Some 75,000 ducks are probably wishing Texas would take back the oil coating in Raritan Bay in New Jersey where they are wintering. State Harbor Master Joseph Mausteller, who accompanied U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials on a tour of the bay, said large oil slicks have coated the wings of thousands of the ducks and made them too heavy for the trying process of flying. The cold water brings on pneumonia.

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