



**STRICTLY FORMAL**—Britain's Duchess of Kent, who represented Queen Elizabeth II at the independence celebration of Africa's Gold Coast, dances with the new state's Prime Minister Dr. Kwame Nkrumah at formal ball in Accra, Ghana. The former British colony is now the sovereign state of Ghana and the ninth member of the British Commonwealth.

### Presidential Medal Presented Adm. Byrd Shortly Before Death

Boston—UPI—Adm. Richard E. Byrd, famed polar explorer, died of a heart attack at his home here today.

It was barely three weeks ago that Byrd over North and South poles, received the last of his many decorations. He was presented the presidential medal of freedom, accompanied by a personal note from President Eisen-

hower, in recognition of his distinguished scientific contribution to the nation.

#### Declining Health

Lt. Richard E. Byrd, his son, said the admiral "worked up till along the end" on the United States' Antarctic programs which he supervised. Still the defiant work-horse and commander, the gradually declining health he never admitted prevented him from personally taking part in "Operation Deepfreeze," his fifth and final "trip" to Antarctica. He called the expedition the "fulfillment of my life's ambition."

From all quarters, by ham radio from the men of "Operation Deepfreeze," and from Navy brass, came messages of grief and condolence.

"We all feel a deep personal loss over the death of the admiral who was responsible for the great work that has gone on here," said his "Deepfreeze" comrades still probing his beloved South Pole for international geophysical year information.

Forced to "retire" from active duty because of a leg injury at 27 shortly after graduation from Annapolis, Byrd went on to cover more square miles of Antarctica than all other explorers combined. In the interval, he became one of the pioneers of naval aviation, served in both world wars, and became the Navy's youngest rear admiral, at the age of 41.

Byrd also supervised the first systematic survey of the Arctic by air and he made the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic in a multi-engine plane. Those accomplishments, as well as the encompassing earlier four polar expeditions, marked Byrd as the world's foremost air explorer.

By mid-1957 the total population of Australia has been estimated at 9,450,000.

### Overeating Said Help To Cancer

Stanford, Calif.—UPI—Overeating may not cause cancer, but it will certainly help it along, a Stanford University scientist reported today.

Prof. Samuel H. Waxler said his experiments with mice showed that the disease favored overweight mice nearly two to one. Waxler used a special breed of cancer-susceptible mice to carry out his investigations. The mice usually develop breast cancer when the newborn are nursed by their own mothers. If instead by foster mothers of a different strain, cancer does not appear.

The cancer-forming agent is contained in the mother's milk and is transmitted to the offspring. Foster-mothered mice were used to determine whether excess weight would cause any of them to develop cancer. It did not.

But mice weaned by their own mothers developed breast tumors. Cancer frequently in these groups was 62 per cent for fat mice, against 25 per cent for normal-weight mice.

Waxler said health statistics gathered by life insurance groups have indicated a greater percentage of cancer among overweight people, too.

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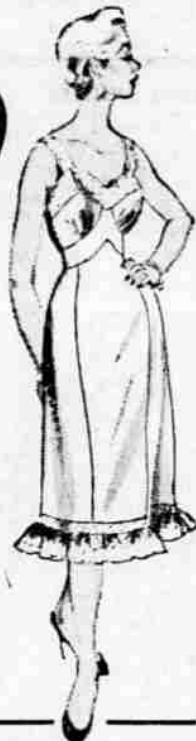
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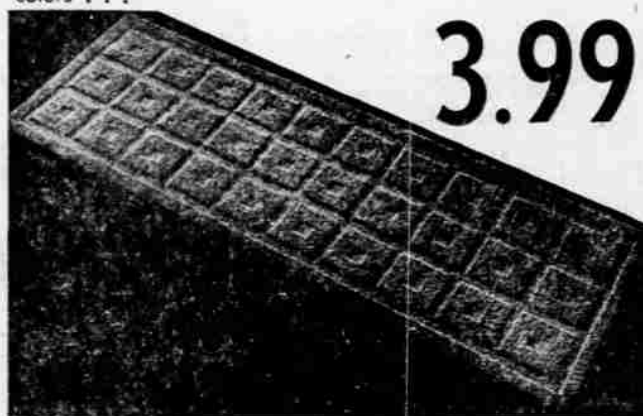
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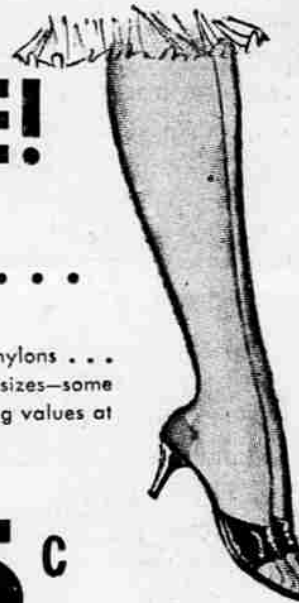


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