

Britain's Old Guard Probably Wishing It Had Not Opposed Title for Prince Philip

Editor's note: Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip of England plan to leave London on Oct. 12 for a trip to Canada and the United States. Following is the fourth in a series of five articles on Philip.

BY ROBERT MUSEL
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London—There are times when Britain's Old Guard must wish it had not opposed the title of prince consort as premature for the husband of Queen Elizabeth II.

This would have given him more to do with the office of the sovereign and less time for probing into other affairs.

His present situation is certainly not completely satisfactory to him. He cannot be in the room when his wife discusses official business with one of her ministers. His chair is taken from

the dais at investitures and replaced when the ceremony is over. He cannot read official dispatches. There is a blank wall beyond which his active mind must not range.

So, like the hercules with club on his coat of arms, he has lashed about in those areas in which he can operate.

Talks of Science
He astonished the British Association for the Advancement of Science in 1951 in a presidential address in which he urged scientists not to be timid. He referred to Kippin's silicon chemistry, Lanchester's vortex theory and the X-ray spectrums. He knew what he was talking about, too.

Philip's zest for life is in the Mountbatten tradition.

He drives automobiles fast, even recklessly, some think. He

learned to fly a plane, a glider and a helicopter and one of his more recent crazes is water skiing. In polo his falls from horses are becoming as famous as were those of the Duke of Windsor when he was Prince of Wales.

There was inside palace opposition to Philip's helicopter venture but he got his way, had the craft landed on the grounds of Buckingham Palace and made a point of coming low enough to wave to the crowds at the gate.

Daring in the Air
Last July he flew in a dual control glider and learned to handle it himself in half the usual time. His instructor said that Philip immediately wanted to "beat up" the airfield—that is, zoom down low over it.

His automobile record goes something like this: He overturned

ed in a fast sports car in October 1947; collided with a taxi in February 1948; collided with another taxi in 1956 and last June he crashed into a small passenger car. No one was hurt. The driver of the other car rushed around to complain about his dented fender, caught a sight of the passenger and driver—the Queen was inside—opened his mouth and said not a word.

This last collision was somewhat embarrassing since it happened only a few hours after Philip had urged motorists organizations at a luncheon meeting to become better drivers. Bystanders at the crash reported the duke called out: "All my fault." He is covered by insurance.

His polo record is not much better, or perhaps it is worse. He is a three goal handicap man, the biggest box office draw in British polo. Once nearly 10,000 people crowded Windsor Great Park to see him play.

Goal Post Collision
Last July he twice collided with the papier mache goal posts and in one fall his horse nearly rolled on him. The Queen was watching this match and she leaped to her feet, fingers at her throat.

On another occasion the Duke cut his chin and later he had to be treated by a physiotherapist for neck muscles strained in a fall. There were some suggestions Philip ought to take it easy but the Sunday Pictorial came to his defense and denounced the "dismal jimmies" who are trying to wrap the duke in cotton wool.

He is also an ardent yachtsman and recently took Charles sailing on a small boat through rough seas.

One of his greatest annoyances in this active life is the constant presence of reporters and photographers. While sailing with Charles at the Cowes Regatta, he shouted to photographers:

"I won't come here next year if this is going on all the time. I might as well shut myself up at home."

Next: Philip's role at home.

Confidential Trial Jury Dismissed; New Trial Doubled

Hollywood — One of the most sensational courtroom dramas in movieland history—the Confidential magazine criminal libel trial—was listed as a flop today after the jury failed to reach a verdict and was dismissed in the 13th day of deliberation.

The trial came to a sudden end when the much-confused jurors revealed they were "hopelessly deadlocked" 7-5 for conviction. Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker declared a mistrial and set Oct. 10 for discussion of a possible new trial.

Whether a new trial will take place remains a big question mark. The prosecution had vowed to "fight to the end" for a conviction but the defense maintained a new trial "will be a shameful waste of the taxpayers' money."

Ties Court Record

The jury's dismissal climaxed more than six weeks of dragging the alleged private activities of top movie stars through the limelight and nearly two weeks of actual deliberation. The time spent deliberating tied a Los Angeles county record of 13 days for a criminal trial.

The quick ending came as a surprise even to Judge Walker. He had summoned jurors back to his courtroom to ask them how they stood. Foreman Fred L. McCulley, a retired railroad man, informed the judge of the deadlock and advised him there was little hope that the panel could ever agree on a verdict.

Individual defendants Fred and Marjorie Meade, the husband-wife operators of an alleged Hollywood listening post for Confidential, were in court when the jury was "thanked" and dismissed.

Washington — The Agriculture Department today announced a nationwide series of public meetings to explain its plans for operating a new poultry inspection program.

Yugoslav Ship Tells Of Danger at Sea

Hamburg, Germany — A Yugoslav ship reported today it was out of control and being driven by a storm into a dangerous World War II minefield off the Danish coast in the North Sea.

The Hamburg Shipping Radio Service said the radio operator of the ship, the 5,155-ton Dubrovnik, corrected an earlier report that the vessel had struck a mine.

The Danish salvage tug Svitzer and the German tug Danzig headed for the area to search for the disabled ship.

Salem — A personal injury judgment for \$10,000 recovered in Clatsop County Circuit Court by Mrs. Lora Gantenbein has been reversed by the State Supreme Court.

San Francisco — The Banker Hill Company has announced the appointment of Charles E. Schwab to the newly created post of assistant to the president.

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Quotes From the News

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Matoaka, W. Va.—High school principal Ralph Bird, commenting on Wednesday's quiet day at school although white students had mauled nine Negro students the day before:

"Some of the white kids were really taken care of at home. They'll think twice before they do anything like that again."

Washington — Gov. Frank Clement of Tennessee, on the outlook for a solution to the impasse between President Eisenhower and Gov. Orval Faubus on the use of federal troops in Little Rock:

"I refuse to be anything but optimistic."

Washington — Retiring Defense Secretary Charles Wilson, reminiscing on his sometimes turbulent 4 1/2 years in Washington:

"I don't hate anybody. If I have any enemies it's of their choosing and not any fault of mine."

Miami Beach — Frank Brewster, Teamsters vice president, on charges by the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices committee that he misused union funds:

"Certain things came out in the Senate Rackets Committee that were new to me but I never had a chance to reply."

Lebanese Airliner Crash Fatal To 28

Beirut, Lebanon — A gold laden Lebanese airliner burst into flames shortly after takeoff from Beirut today and fell into the Mediterranean killing the 28 persons aboard.

The plane, a twin-engine C46, was en route to the oil-rich Arab state of Kuwait on the Persian gulf. Four Britons were reported among the victims.

Unofficial reports said the airliner was carrying 15 boxes of gold ingots to the British protectorate. Authorities refused to estimate the value of the shipment.

Airport sources said the plane's two engines failed one after the other and "exploded" and that the aircraft was blazing when it crashed into the Mediterranean.

Investment Officials Look for Broadening Of Stockholder Lists

BY WALTER C. WALZER

United Press Financial Editor

New York — Investment company executives, meeting here for their annual convention, look for further broadening of their stockholder lists by leaps and bounds over the coming years.

The group isn't pessimistic on the market and it points out that owners of mutual funds haven't been selling during the recent market decline.

"People don't sell mutual funds," say Walter L. Morgan, president of Wellington Fund, the nation's second largest balanced fund with assets of some 600 million dollars.

He says that the number of mutual fund holders has doubled every five years since 1940 and if future growth continues at this pace there will be more than four million accounts by 1960 and 10 million by 1966.

Walden's Interests

"Based on the size of the average account today (\$3,600) gross invested assets of mutual funds could exceed \$15 billion in 1966," Morgan says.

Sh vast holdings, he says, would not interfere with the market's liquidity since they would be only a small percentage of the total listings.

Currently 1,384,000 investors hold 2,294,000 shareholder accounts valued at \$9,102,000 which is about 4 1/2 per cent of 111 shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Morgan says that the future shareholders of mutual funds will be drawn from people who have in the past had most of their savings in "fixed dollars," represented by savings accounts, savings and loan shares, U. S. savings bonds, and life insurance.

"Tomorrow's shareholders must first be educated to the in-

come and profit possibilities of investing," Morgan says.

"They must be made aware of the need to protect themselves from inflation, which has sliced the buying power of the dollars they thought they were saving with safety in 1940 by more than 50 per cent.

"They must realize that past history has shown that more often than not there is greater risk in fixed-dollar savings than in variable-dollar investments."

Nothing that the Federal Reserve in a recent survey found only one family in 10 with income of more than \$3,000 thought common stocks were the best place to put surplus funds while six out of 10 favored fixed dollar savings, Morgan said this is just one example of the need for education of the public on the merits of investing.

Haiti-U.S. Ties At Straining Point

Port Au Prince, Haiti —

Official American charges that a U.S. citizen was beaten to death while in police custody have brought relations between Washington and Haiti's ruling military junta to a state of crisis.

The American, Shibley Talamas, was picked up Saturday night for violating the curfew while out seeking a doctor for his wife. She gave birth the next morning while Talamas was in prison.

A three-man U.S. medical team examined the body of Talamas, and said the chubby, 30-year-old American was beaten to death despite statements by the Haitian military government he had died of a "heart attack."

U.S. Ambassador Gerald Drew filed a vigorous protest with Foreign Minister Col. Louis Roumain and demanded a full explanation of the incident. But Gen. Antonio Kebreau, head of the ruling junta, refused to see him personally.

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