

Prince Philip

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In hard cash, the British taxpayer now pays the Queen's husband 40,000 pounds (\$112,000) a year. But it isn't this annual salary that Britishers—the most heavily taxed people in the world—are complaining about. It's the "extras." The *London Express* has charged that Philip's taste for luxuries runs up to about nine million dollars a year.

The Duke has been under sharpest attack for his personal use of the *Britannia*, the 5,760-ton Royal yacht. The world's biggest floating palace with a crew of 250, the *Britannia* costs between a third and a half-million pounds annually to maintain.

"Here we are being urged to tighten our belts, and we spend a fortune on a plaything for the Duke," was the public reaction. Last June, Prince Philip, conning the ship himself, banged his \$8-million toy against a pier at Three Rivers, Quebec, and put an ugly 25-foot "scratch" on its sleek blue-black side.

THOUGH BORN in Greece, Philip Mountbatten has German family ties. His four sisters all married German princes who fought for the Kaiser and Hitler: Margarita, wife of Gottfried of Hohenlohe-Langenburg; Theodora, wife of Berthold, Margrave of Baden; Cecile, wife of George, Grand Duke of Hesse (both were killed in an airplane crash); and the youngest, Sophie, wife of Christopher, Prince of Hesse, who before his death in 1943 was a member of Goebbels' staff.

When two of his German cousins, Princess Christina of Hesse, 22, and Princess Beatrix of Hohenlohe, 21, arrived in England to study in 1956, Philip installed them in a hard-to-get London apartment and filled it with furniture from—of all places—Windsor Castle!

The Queen's Consort has also made himself unpopular with Buckingham Palace officials who manage the Court. Impatient with Palace protocol, the Prince enjoys sweeping out cobwebs. In doing so, he has naturally annoyed many of the Queen's advisers. In turn, they consider the Queen's husband an "outsider," a "foreigner," a "meddler," and have never fully accepted him.

Old-line politicians and members of the nobility are irritated by Philip's off-the-cuff comments. Some of the Duke's wisecracks are refreshing, such as the time he was handed a fancy menu at a state dinner and exclaimed, "Good! Fish and chips again!"

But his freewheeling remarks sometimes

embarrass even the British Foreign Office, as when he twitted a French Minister of the Interior: "Too bad you sent your royal family to the guillotine."

A sports-lover, Philip has also been in hot water for playing polo and cricket on Sunday. The Church of England—which Philip joined in 1947 when he left the Greek Orthodox Church to marry Elizabeth—has been scandalized by his Sunday polo. The President of the Methodist Conference in England, the Reverend Dr. Donald Soper, criticized him. The Council of the Protestant Alliance sent Prince Philip a strong public letter.

But Philip has ignored the attacks and continued to play. Some defenders have replied, "For goodness sake, leave him alone! Doesn't President Eisenhower play golf on Sunday after going to church?"

The Church has also frowned upon Prince Philip's penchant for profanity. One day several years ago when he was commanding the frigate *Maggie*—dubbed "The Duke's private yacht"—the Queen came aboard. Because she isn't a very good sailor, her husband ordered the anti-roll stabilizers into operation. But they jammed. Immediately, he began cursing his crew. "The Queen looked straight ahead, and every sailor within earshot looked down at his feet," an observer reveals.

Philip's weakness for driving automobiles dangerously, sometimes over 90 miles an hour, hasn't helped his popularity either. In October, 1947, on a country road in Wiltshire, he knocked down a tree and a hedge and overturned his sports car in a ditch. In February, 1948, he crashed into a London taxi. His bride, then Princess Elizabeth, was with him. The Duke was reportedly rebuked for his recklessness by his father-in-law, the late King George VI, who told him not to take his daughter motoring any more. But in May, 1957, enroute to a polo game, with Elizabeth again beside him, he collided with a small passenger car, damaging his own fender and smashing his headlights.

A GROWING GROUP of teen-agers and children, who once idolized Philip, have also become disillusioned with their hero. According to British Gallup Polls, his popularity among teen-agers has dropped since 1954. Many of them resented the strong stand Philip is believed to have taken against Princess Margaret marrying Capt. Peter Townsend. No one can hurt Margaret and remain unscathed in Great Britain. Most young Britons—many

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