

New Zealanders Greet Elizabeth

Waitangi, New Zealand—(UPI)—Ten thousand New Zealanders gave Britain's Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip a roaring welcome Wednesday when they arrived by boat from the Fiji Islands.

The queen, wearing a turquoise blue dress, was greeted by Gov. Gen. Sir Bernard Ferguson and his wife, Radio commentators on the scene promptly dubbed her "the lady in blue."

Today is the 11th anniversary of Elizabeth's accession to the throne and among the welcoming crowd were 3,000 Maoris whose descendants signed a treaty with Queen Victoria 123 years ago acknowledging her sovereignty.

The royal yacht anchored off Waitangi in fine, warm weather.

The queen, looking pert and bright, told the crowd she was anticipating revisiting sights well remembered from her last trip here in 1953.

OPEN DEBATE URGED

Washington—(UPI)—Roman Catholic educators said Wednesday federal aid to parochial schools can be constitutional and urged Congress to debate the issue openly.

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MISS CHINATOWN—Shirley Fong, 20, a University of Hawaii student, has been chosen Miss Chinatown USA in the annual pageant at San Francisco. This is the second straight year that a Hawaiian girl has won the event, sponsored by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. (UPI)

Highway Department Hires New Assistant

Salem—(UPI)—Harrison J. Brown of the Ontario Argus-Observer has been hired as the State Highway Department's new assistant information officer.

Brown will assist information officer Carl Plog in the preparation of highway department publications, news releases, exhibits, and other information services.

He replaces Alan K. Green who resigned.

FOAMY FIGURES

New York—(UPI)—Over-all 1962 consumption of latex foam rubber in the United States totaled 143,500,000 (m) pounds—approximately three pounds for every American family—according to the Latex Foam Rubber council.

The Medical Roundup

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Giant Hives

Occasionally I see a patient whose skin is covered with hives as big as silver dollars. In such cases, I ask if the man has just had an injection of penicillin, and sometimes I find that this is what is causing the trouble. If he hasn't been taking some probably toxic drug, I ask him if he has eaten some food to which he is sensitive. Usually this does not help me to find the cause of BIG hives, and my impression is that if the eating of strawberries or chocolate or some other food causes hives, they are SMALL hives.

Oftenest when I have seen a patient with big hives, I have found that the trouble came with some distressing emotion, or rarely, with a strong emotion plus some food to which the person was sensitive.

The first person to teach me that big hives are often due to violent emotion was a fine-looking nurse who had never married because she had such a violent temper. When she "blew her top," big hives came out all over her. To get rid of them she would get into a tub of cold water.

One day, a married woman of 35 came into my office covered with big hives. These had appeared when she had fallen violently in love with

a man, and she could not make up her mind what to do with her unloved husband. The next woman to come in covered with big hives was also madly in love with a man, but he was married and had children to bring up on a small salary. She could not make up her mind what to do.

Dismissed in Disgrace

Another person covered with big hives was a man who had been dismissed in disgrace from a good position; still another sufferer was a man who, on being offered the position of sales manager in a big company, had thrown up the good position he had. Then the vice president, who had offered him the position, had to confess that the president of the company had decided to give the place to his nephew. With this great disappointment, my patient broke out with the biggest hives I ever saw.

Later, I saw several high school girls who got big hives at every examination time, and I saw a few brides who broke out with big hives on their wedding day. One poor girl became covered with big hives when the scamp who had promised to marry her left her "waiting at the church."

Another sad woman, a school-teacher of 40, was so happy when she married a professional man. Two days later, when he confessed that he had no money and no practice and expected to live off of her, her skin broke out.

Fatigue or Excitement
I have often been interested to see that strong emotion or fatigue of excitement can so sensitize the skin that it will break out in big hives when perhaps some one food is eaten. For instance, I remember a woman who could usually eat chocolate with impunity, but if she ate it when her much-dreaded mother-in-law was even on the way to visit her, she broke out with big hives.

Another woman could wear wool next to her skin if she was happy, but if she wore it when she was very anxious over the antics of her alcoholic husband, she broke out in a big red rash.

Similarly, a surgeon friend of mine could ordinarily "scrub up" for an operation with a brush and strong soap if the night before he had had a good rest. If he had spent much of the night patching up people injured in an auto wreck, however, the skin of his hands and arms could not stand scrubbing.

The skin of some people can do strange things. Thus for years I knew a woman patient who, on inadvertently eating a bit of pineapple hidden perhaps in a salad, would get one big hive, always on her right buttock. This kept happening for 20 years. Even more curious was the fact that my patient's nephew and a niece had the same experience.

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Carmakers Report Increased Sales

Detroit—(UPI)—Carmakers started the new year the way they ended the old—with record sales.

Chevrolet and Ford—the two biggest divisions in the industry—both had record sales in January.

Chevrolet sales of 202,422 cars and trucks broke last year's record. Ford sales of 143,450 vehicles topped a mark set in 1957.

American Motors Corp. had sales last month of 31,989, 18 per cent above the 26,937 Ramblers sold a year ago.

Chrysler-Plymouth Division reported January deliveries of 38,989 cars, an increase of 20 per cent over the same month in 1962.

Dodge dealers sold 25,299 cars in January, the highest for the month since 1950.

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