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PRINCESS GROWS UP

Heir-Presumptive to Throne Increases in Stature and Dignity

By NOLAND NORGAARD
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, June 20: (AP)—If they were not so busy saving the Empire over which she may some day reign, the people of Britain would be aflutter over the approach to womanhood of Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor. She was 16 on April 21.

The British have been so preoccupied with the war that they almost forgot for a time that Princess Elizabeth was no longer the slightly chubby-cheeked youngster whom a delighted Empire once called "Lillibet."

That pet name disappeared from the newspapers some years ago but not because Elizabeth outgrew it then. Instead the press was quietly reminded that such familiar terms which might be used among members of the royal family were best overlooked by other people.

Taller Than Queen

Now the princess is 16 years old. She stands five feet six inches—a full inch taller than her mother. Once, when she appeared in a swimming competition, admiring reporters described her figure as "tall, sturdy, finely built."

Family acquaintances say she looks like her father, King George, and her grandmother, the Queen Mother Mary. But when she broadcast to child evacuees, everyone said her voice was like her mother's.

On her 16th birthday, the word went around that the King had decided his heir presumptive was old enough to emerge into a wider sphere of public life.

That did not imply that her first 16 years had been spent in what most people would consider seclusion. The royal family doesn't quite live in glass houses, but the people take a friendly, proprietary interest in almost everything they do.

Glimpses of Elizabeth as a young lady have been reassuring. Calm confidence and what the press called "unhurried dignity" marked her demeanor when, wearing a brooch proclaiming her new rank as colonel of the famed Grenadier Guards, she reviewed a guard detachment on her last birthday.

She Dances Well

The Guards danced that night to celebrate the occasion and the princess did all right again. She danced with her father, with young Guards officers and with a 16-year-old drummer boy. Moreover, she danced well.

Since then, with other 16-year-olds, Elizabeth has appeared at a district headquarters to register under the national service act, and the nation nodded approvingly at the trim figure in a Girl Guide uniform who obligingly posed for photographers, smiling across the desk at the clerk from whom she borrowed a fountain pen to sign her papers.

She crossed up her public a little on that signature. The press, with a unanimity suggesting a common source, had reported she would use her whole name. Instead she wrote, "H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth."

The rapidity with which she will be brought forth in formal public life hinges largely upon the duration of the war.

"Austerity" and self-sacrifice are Britain's wartime watchwords and, if the Windsors do not set the pace, they are at least well in step with their people.

The splendor of the court over which she may preside, like the tall bearskin hats of her Grenadier Guards, is in mothballs until the fighting ceases.

Progressive Education

The war may delay the princess' court life, but it brought no lapse in her carefully planned education. Much of it comes from tutors and textbooks and some is weighty stuff for a young girl—economics, sociology and constitutional history, for example.

She has long been proficient in French and began studying German and Spanish years ago.

But there are other sides of her training. She is being brought into contact occasionally with every stratum of British society. It was something of a sensation when she and her younger sister, Princess Margaret, accompanied by the Queen, appeared in the British equivalent of a "five and ten cent" store on a holiday shopping tour. And both girls got a lot of fun out of their first subway ride.

Elizabeth is learning at first hand about the people of other countries. Among many she has talked with the Soviet ambassador, and, by recent report, she calls Norway's King Haakon "uncle."

There have been adequate opportunities also for her to associate with children of her own age, to play and to indulge in many hobbies and sports.

Most important of all, however, she seems to know what people want of a princess who appears destined to become a queen.

RED CROSS SHIPMENT

Another consignment of workroom goods was shipped from here Friday by the Red Cross, including the following:

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SECURE TO LIVE LONG

Pensioners Have Security and Other Folks Entitled To It Expert Tells Doctors

JASPER PARK, June 20 (AP) — Studies of the life expectancy of pensioners has given definite indication that the life span can be lengthened by increased social security, Dr. R. E. Wodehouse, deputy minister of pensions and health, said in an address at the annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association.

Persons with amputations who are pensioned live longer than ordinary citizens and have fewer hospital episodes, Dr. Wodehouse reported.

"Social security, we think, does the trick," he added. "They have a sheet-anchor in pensions. They have the highest preference in civil service appointments. They have hospitalization always provided for any sickness and full hospital allowances if being treated for their pensionable disability.

"We know our pensioners of the last war at the average of 52 have an expectancy of 2½ years exceeding that of the balance of our population at the same age.

"It seems to the department and its minister (Pensions Minister Mackenzie) that all our people are entitled to the same happier state," Dr. Wodehouse said.

"How could any civilization hope for a greater opportunity for doing good than to provide the necessary agencies to bring about such a decrease of suffering and unhappiness?"

Already much had been accomplished in providing services for Canadians and study was being conducted in post-war reconstruction, rehabilitation and health insurance. Representatives of the department, economists, psychiatrists, psychologists, employers, employees, farm representatives and others are taking part in the study.

People Happier

"Canada's experience since the last war, our advance in conception of our public obligation to our fellows, our preparations by organization and planning as well as financial provision and the appointment of expert staff, will make possible our greatest achievement in this field," Dr. Wodehouse said.

"What matters more than making all our people happier, healthier and more secure in mind? If it is proven possible for ex-service men of the last war and their families, with only half a program, it will render dividends beyond our conception when applied 100 per cent in provision for all of our people.

"Our people should be born well, fed well and educated well. They all should have opportunities for enjoyment of body and mind.

"This be our aim."

INSTRUCTOR AN ALIEN

LONDON, June 20: (AP)—Ju Jitsu instructor in the Home Guard, Hidetake Makano, 45, Japanese engineer, was fined $4.50 for breach of the Aliens' Midnight Curfew Order, being stopped while walking home in the early hours after giving a class.

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