

Changes in Regency Act Risky Asserts Guardian

MANCHESTER, Eng. (Reuters)—The Guardian says today that if the government makes the Duke of Edinburgh regent, he could conceivably become a great power behind the throne—"something rather foreign to our traditions."

The paper was commenting on the government's proposal, announced this week, to alter the Regency Act of 1937, changing the status of Princess Margaret as regent and guardian of the infant King Charles should something happen to the Queen before he comes of age. Most papers take it for granted the Duke will be substituted in her place.

"Should the Queen unhappily die or be incapacitated in the next 13 years, the Duke of Edinburgh would take over her duties and become in effect the king. When the heir did reach 18, the Duke would formally drop back into relative obscurity," says the Guardian.

WOULD GAIN POWER
"But it might be argued he would inevitably have gained so much authority in the state that when the heir did succeed we should really have two kings—or at least a great power behind the throne."

"That might or might not be a good thing. But it is well to keep it in mind. It is something rather foreign to our traditions."

The paper adds that "it seems to be more in the spirit of the traditions of the British monarchy that the regency should be kept in the line of succession, rather than pass to one who is not."
"The need for change is not obvious . . ."

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PATIENCE AND TRAINING are paying off for Don and John, Winnipeg twins suffering from a rare type of cerebral palsy. When they were three they came to the Winnipeg Children's Hospital cerebral palsy clinic. They couldn't walk and couldn't be understood. A speech therapist, Mrs. Lyle McDonald, undertook to teach them to speak. She spent countless hours getting them to conquer simple sounds. Seated before a mirror they learned to form basic sounds with their lips by following her example. Soon they were moving around the hospital with the aid of tiny canes, voicing greetings to doctors and nurses.

CCF Candidate Urges Bulk Sales to UK

QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY.—Harry Archibald, CCF federal candidate in Skeena, and Frank Howard, MLA-elect, addressed an enthusiastic and well-attended gathering here.

Mr. Archibald pointed out "our present government's failure to promote trade with other nations was responsible for the present loss of overseas markets."

"Fishing and lumbering industries now are feeling the pinch," said Mr. Archibald. "The solution lies in bulk sales agreements with Europe and the United Kingdom."

He also said that Hecate Straits, richest fishing grounds on the Pacific coast, are being ruined by big American beam trawlers and trollers operating in that area. He would demand the straits be closed to all but Canadian fishermen.

Mr. Howard outlined CCF policies and urged all to place their policies on a scale with other parties and on August 10 let their conscience be their guide.

B. F. Roberts was chairman of the meeting.

Stringent Rules
Quebec (CP)—City council has passed a by-law with 26 regulations governing massage parlors. Among them is a stipulation that operators practise "only on persons of their own sex."

BLACKWOOD on Bridge

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD
"Counting The Hand" Cuts Guessing In Half

"It was just a guess," is an alibi for error which is heard constantly around the bridge table. I would say that at least half the time it is not an acceptable excuse. In other words, about half the time information was available to take the guess out of the situation in question.

Such information is available through the simple process of "counting the hand." This phrase, as commonly understood, means picturing the distribution and the high card holdings of the other players by inferences gleaned from the bidding and the fall of the cards.

Sometimes the inferences are not clear enough that you can be certain of another player's holding. Usually, though, you can get some helpful ideas and then base your play on the probabilities.

In today's deal Mr. Dale had enough in high cards, by the Dynamic Count method, to jump to two no trump. His lack of a complete club stopper caused him to tone down his bidding a little but Mrs. Keen had enough to go on to game.

Mr. Champion opened the six of clubs. It would have been a dead giveaway to win in the closed hand and leave the lone king dangling on the board. So Mr. Dale put the king up, concealing the lone queen in his own hand.

He could see only eight tricks. Hoping Mr. Abel had the ace of spades, he decided on a razzle-dazzle play. He pulled the jack of spades from the board as if intending to finesse against the queen.

Mr. Abel fell for it. He played low. Mr. Dale went up with the king and then ran off a total of nine tricks.

Mr. Abel had nothing to lose by going in with the ace of spades and leading a club. It was very probable that Mr. Dale didn't have as many as four spades as he had failed to bid spades over his partner's one.

Salmon Getting Past Babine

First real proof that the slide on the Babine River was not blocking the salmon run was obtained by regional supervisor G. S. Reade of the fisheries department, who has just returned from a 10-day trip to Babine Lake.

Mr. Reade said the fish were getting past the slide without trouble and were arriving in Babine Lake in good shape. Last information showed that nearly 24,000 fish had passed through the counting net on the Babine.

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It was no trick at all for the 17-year-old son of the "Great Profile" to do saddle scenes, for he has been trained to ride from early youth.

John's mother, the former Dolores Costello, a one-time famous screen star herself, and his step-father, Dr. John Vruwink, have a large ranch near Fallbrook, California, where the young screen newcomer has his own horse.

"The Sundowners," which is playing from Monday to Wednesday at the Totem Theatre, via Eagle Lion release, is the excitingly dramatic saga of a Texas cattlemen's war, and the continuity of the story called for much action riding and shooting by the cast.

Young Barrymore shares top starring honors with Robert Preston, Robert Sterling and Chill Wills. Other members of the cast include lovely brunette Cathy Downs and veteran character actor John Litel. Adapted to the screen by Alan LeMay, from his own novel, the film was directed by George Templeton.

Shoot Committee To Meet Monday

A shoot committee meeting of the Prince Rupert Rod and Gun Club will be held Monday night at 7:30 in the Moose Temple. George Robinson, chairman of the committee, said today. The meeting will decide whether the club will hold a crow shoot on the following Sunday, August 2. All members of the shoot committee are asked to be on hand.

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