

# Sands of Aussies Camp Along Coast Awaiting Arrival of Elizabeth and Duke

(Reuters) — Thousands of Australians camped along the coast tonight to be on hand to greet the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh on their arrival Wednesday from New Zealand.



The sleek, white royal liner Gothic will arrive off Sydney harbor at 6 a.m. local time (3 p.m. EST) today and will drop anchor about two hours later. The liner will be cheered by the thousands who camped out all night on the cliffs above the cove.

Royal Australian Air Force jet fighters will fly in salute as scores of vessels, from tugs to luxury yachts, escort the Gothic to her anchorage not far from where the first English settlers set foot in Australia.

First to welcome the Queen officially to Australia will be the governor-general, Field Marshal Sir William Slim. He and his wife will go out to the Gothic by yacht. So will Prime Minister Robert Menzies, Sir John Northcott, lieutenant-governor of the state of New South Wales, and Joseph Cahill, premier of New South Wales.

At 10:30 a.m. local time the Queen will step ashore in the shadows of Sydney's lofty and gaily-decked buildings.

Firefly and Sea Fury aircraft from the Australian carrier Vengeance flew past the royal yacht today in an aerial salute, and then turned over the ship in a formation making the letter E in honor of the Queen.

Later the Vengeance carried out a rocket attack on a target towed by other ships.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh watched the show but otherwise spent the day quietly in preparation for their Australian landing.

Monday night the household staff and ship's officers saw a film "Botany Bay" which told the story of the first British settlement in New South Wales.

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Final arrangements for a Valentine's tea and plans for a rummage sale next month were discussed when members of the United Church Women's Association held their monthly meeting in the church hall with President Mrs. G. W. Graham in the chair.

The Valentine's tea will be held at the home of Mrs. L. M. Greene, February 11. The rummage sale is planned for March 6.

The group also planned a general housecleaning in the church to be staged early in April.

Materials were distributed for making up articles for the spring sale, to be held May 6, after which refreshments were served.



THREE RABBITS LOOK LIKE PILGRIM LAWBREAKERS in a pillory as the furry hares are fitted into experimental boxes by a lab assistant. Technicians will take the rabbits' temperatures every 15 minutes as part of a pharmaceutical test. This laboratory is in Copenhagen, Denmark.

## Rupert Air Cadet Squadron Praised For Progress Made Since Inception

Congratulations to the Prince Rupert air cadet squadron for the rapid progress it has made since its inception was contained in a letter from the B.C. committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada read last night at the annual general meeting of the sponsoring committee.

"The members of the B.C. committee were most impressed with the fine display put on by the squadron (at its annual inspection), and the squadron staff is to be congratulated on the excellent results achieved in so short a time," the letter said.

This correspondence was contained in the annual report of the retiring president, Fred Adames. Elected to succeed Mr. Adames for 1954 was J. F. Magor. Other officers elected were Roy Brown, vice-president, and John Wakeley, secretary-treasurer.

SPECIAL DISTINCTION  
Mr. Adames pointed out that during the year three cadets achieved special distinction. Robert Pedersen completed his senior leaders' training course, and Ron Black and Stan Kaardal received their "wings."

The retiring president also spoke highly of the successful showing during the annual tag day and of the squadron's performance at the annual inspection. He recommended that this year the squadron should undertake to place a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

SPEAKS OF SHIELD  
Mr. Adames also drew attention to the awarding of the Commanding Officer's shield to the flight which does the best drill and is the best disciplined during the year's training. This shield, which is in its first year of competition, was donated by the former C.O., R. W. Garrett.

Directors elected at the meeting were: Mr. Adames, F. E. Anfield, L. A. Gordon, M. M. Johnston, Jack Laurie, L. A. McBroom, A. D. Ritchie, D. R. Selkirk, J. E. Taylor, Ray Lougheed, Neely Moore, S. Collins, David Radford, Ron Allen and Pat Deane.

It was agreed that the committee would meet on the fourth Monday of every month.

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## Mrs. JAMES ROOSEVELT SEEKS MAINTENANCE

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. James Roosevelt names three women as co-respondents in a suit filed Thursday seeking separate maintenance from the son of former President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Two letters filed with the suit identify nine other women as having been intimate with her husband.

The letters, the suit charges, were written to her by him in 1945.

## Catholic Prelate Praises Ike For Setting Good Example

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's religious observances have brought him praise from a Roman Catholic prelate for giving a good example.

The president, a Presbyterian, Sunday attended the traditional "red mass" at St. Matthew's Cathedral here. The service, named for the color of the vestments worn, is conducted annually to invoke divine guidance in the administration of justice and conduct of government generally. Eisenhower was the first president to attend while in office.

Msgr. John K. Cartwright referred in his sermon to the heavy duties of the presidency and continued: "To them you have added that of giving your fellow countrymen a good example in paying homage—and not only on this Sunday—to the God who hath made and preserved us as a nation."

High government officials, members of Congress, diplomats, judges and scores of lawyers attended the mass.

Mrs. Richards Wins at Whist  
Thirteen tables were in play at the Moose whist drive here when Mrs. Joe Richards and All Jensen took first prizes.

## Sick Leave Privileges 'Abused' by Federal Workers

OTTAWA (CP)—The health department has accused federal employees of abusing sick leave privileges and urged stiffer controls to reduce "unnecessary absenteeism."

Studies during a six-year period "substantiated" earlier impressions that the number of days lost, both from casual and certified illness, "is in excess of that occasioned by actual illness," the department said in its 1952-53 annual report tabled Monday in the Commons.

The government employs about 130,000 workers. About 30,000 work in Ottawa. Regularly-employed civil servants are allowed three weeks sick leave a year, including seven days of casual leave without a medical certificate.

Under the current system of administration and recording, it was impossible to gauge the exact extent of the abuse, but the department concluded that "it must be substantial."

"This is particularly true with respect to casual leave. It is increasingly apparent that government departments must make important changes both in their attitude to the problem and in their system of record-keeping if this gap is to be narrowed and if any tangible reduction in absenteeism chargeable to sickness is to be achieved."

The department suggested employees be taught to conserve and not squander sick leave, cumulative from year to year.

Interpretation and administration of sick leave regulations should not be handled by a

junior clerk, which "too often" was the case, but by a senior personnel officer.

Departments must assume greater over-all responsibility for sick-leave control and not rely on the civil service commission or advice of the health department's civil service health division.

Federal employees made 177,400 visits to health units in their areas in the 1952-53 fiscal year. Of these, 80,900 were by women and 96,500 by men. Leading complaint was respiratory ailments with digestive troubles second.

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## Players Appoint Committees For Production of "Streetcar"

Committees for production of "Streetcar Named Desire" were appointed last night's monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert Theatre in the Civic Centre.

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## Many at Dance, Whist Party Here

Mrs. A. Anderson and S. Stefanson took first prizes at the Sons of Norway whist and dance in the Sons of Norway Hall here, at which 14 tables were in play.

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## readers

Regular monthly meeting Canadian Legion W.A., Thursday, Feb. 4, 8 p.m. (28)

Borden St. Parent-Teacher Rummage Sale, Feb. 4, 2:30 to 4:00, at Borden St. School. (28)

In the interests of the Canadian Legion and Legion affairs, a film will be shown at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2. Everybody welcome. No admission charge. (27)



BELIEVED the oldest person in Canada, Mrs. Agnes Keith of Victoria celebrates her 104th birthday. Mrs. Keith, typically feminine, will not admit to being more than 99. But 70-year-old Edmund Scott of Olympia, Wash., a son by a previous marriage, said his birth certificate says she was 34 when he was born.

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