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Queen Launches Royal Yacht

GLASGOW (Reuters) — The Queen launched her gleaming 416-foot yacht Britannia and told a cheering crowd of 20,000 it would often serve as a home for her much-travelled family. Built at a cost of nearly \$5,000,000 at the Clydeside yards here, the 4,000-ton Britannia is the first new yacht for the royal family in 54 years. Its construction was originally envisaged by the late King George VI.

The name Britannia for the sleek blue and white vessel was a secret until Elizabeth, working a pushbutton, broke a bottle of wine over its bow. When the band's strains of "Rule Britannia" died away, Elizabeth made a short speech.

"The Britannia is not only the most modern addition to a long line of royal yachts which goes back to the reign of King Charles II, but it is to be, at times, the home of my husband and myself and of our family."

Danish Ship Rolls Over After Fire

HARWICK, England (AP) — The Danish luxury passenger ship Kronprins Frederik was swept by fire in port here Sunday night. She rolled over on her side Monday and at high tide only three feet of the 3,895-ton vessel were above water.

Most of the crew had gone ashore and there were no passengers aboard. The fire is believed to have been caused by an electrical fault.



THE GOLD STATE COACH which will be used by Queen Elizabeth at her Coronation is paraded in a rehearsal around the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace. Postillions are mounted on the horses on the left side of the four pairs drawing the coach and a groom walks beside each horse.

Dulles Questions Sincerity of Soviet Shift From 'Offensive to Defensive Mood'

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Secretary Dulles declared that Communist agreement to an "strong foreign policies of the Eisenhower administration had forced Russia to go on a "peace meet. President Eisenhower's

CLOCKS IN BRITAIN NOW NINE HOURS AHEAD OF B.C.

LONDON (AP) — Britain went on summer time last Sunday. Clocks were advanced one hour at 2 a.m. This put Britain nine hours ahead of Pacific Standard Time. But daylight time begins next Sunday and the time differential again will be eight hours.

British Composer Completing Opera to Honor Coronation

ALDBOROUGH, Eng. (AP) — British composer Benjamin Britten is putting the finishing touches on an opera to celebrate the Coronation. The 39-year-old Britten already has placed the first two acts of the three-act opera "Gloriana" in the hands of Joan Cross, dramatic soprano, and Peter Pears, tenor, who will sing the principal roles.

"Gloriana" will have its world premiere at the Covent Garden Royal Opera House in London June 8, six days after the Coronation. Britten, who has been reading Strachey's "Elizabeth and Es-

sex," at first was doubtful he could finish it in time. In September Britten began writing the first notes. By January the opera needed only the trimmings and the orchestration. The Sadler's Wells ballet will perform the stately Elizabethan dances in Gloriana on the gala evening of June 8 when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will be in attendance. Gloriana may well add another honor to Britten who already has to his credit the successful operas "Peter Gimes" and "Billy Budd" and the little opera "Let's Make an Opera."

Efforts to Diversify Trade Paying Off For Canada

OTTAWA (CP) — Trade Minister Howe, who has guided Canada's trade economy since 1948, says that at no time in the past has Canada been more prosperous and he thinks there are even better times ahead.

The 67-year-old American-born minister made his annual report on domestic and foreign economic conditions to the Commons. He said Canada has attracted the attention of the world by her rapid expansion and her stability, and he predicted a continuation of the trend.

The expansion, he said, is no flash in the pan based on temporary boom conditions. Investment plans for capital expenditure are expected to touch \$5,400,000,000 this year—compared with \$5,100,000,000 in 1952—and this "reflects the growing diversity and adaptability of Canada's industry and the capacity to produce economically an increasing proportion of the world's requirements."

Giving an extensive report as his estimates came before members for scrutiny, the minister said that in spite of predictions of recessions and depressions, Canadian production and expansion rarely faltered since the end of the war.

Canada's gross national production reached \$23,000,000,000 last year, compared with \$21,400,000,000 in 1951, a year of "notable progress in the standards of living for the Canadian people." Continued development of resources and productive capacity would make possible an even higher standard.

Continuing world-wide demand for Canada's major export products and the relative stability of export prices "provide evidence of the basic strength of Canada's position in world trade," the minister said.

There was a continuing demand for Canadian wheat. In the present crop year Canada expected to export "all the wheat that can be handled by our transportation and storage facilities."

The United States remained Canada's best customer, but overseas trade with Britain and other countries was increasing. Efforts to diversify Canada's trade were paying off.

'Army' Cook Posed as Man For 25 Years

GRIMSBY, England (AP) — A 62-year-old Salvation Army cook who had posed as a man for 25 years was exposed in death as a woman.

The cook, who used the name John Wilson, fell ill Monday but refused to see a doctor. She died 24 hours later. Major F. J. Brown, in charge of the Salvation Army hostel here, told reporters:

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