Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP) — For the first time, a questioning note creeps into comment on Princess Marg-

What the future holds for the bachelor-girl princess, one of the most publicized, most photographed and most fawned-over women in the world.

An aura of mystery surrounds her. The return from a roundthe-world tour of Peter Townsend, the divorced war hero she renounced in 1955, aroused speculation. Some felt the story of the star-crossed lovers was about to have a happy ending, after all. OFFICIAL VIEW

Official courses denied that the romance was on again and sophisticated opinion generally accepted the view.

Some newspapers reported that the Queen was annoyed that her sister should have invited Townsend to tea at Clarence House at a, time when the sovereign was on a state visit to Holland.

Suggestions of royal displeasure came during what columnists called an "equivocal" period in Margaret's life, marked by undercurrents of criticism. From July to mid-October.

1957, the "princess with personality plus" accepted one public engagement. Occasionally, last-minute "indisposition" prevented her from attending funetions she had formerly enjoyed. A ceremony at Glasgow, in which she was to have been the central figure, was cancelled on short notice.

A Sunday newspaper, The Pictorial, suggested she was becoming a "part-time, stay-at-home"

Insiders did not try too strenyously to defend her.

MOMENTARY "MOODS"

Evidently there was a feeling ing sense of pique, a momentary | brooding solemnity the next. **loneliness** ordained by royal es abruptly into icy formality. fild friends have married and a party. settled down.

long separation from Townsend. | Queen." Before his return, she seemed an FRIENDS UNEASY increasingly lonely figure with a Some of her old chums say the delight of bluebloods at diminishing circle of friends and they no longer feel at ease in her Mayfair party. no apparent desire to make new company. Caustic remarks spring

The 27-year-old princess is de-switch from "Maggie" to "ma'am" scribed as having a strong will.

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PRINCESS MARGARET . . . which way will she turn?

"Like most people, she is a the West Indies. complex human being," said a Official informants expressed Minister Diefenbaker and Liberfriend. "She has her gay side confidence that she would do her al Leader Lester Pearson, but and her serious side, her off-days job well as an ambassador for most Canadians she meets will and her on-days. And she cer-| the crown. But beneath the as-| be new to her. tainly had a mind of her own." | surance there is an undercurrent |

the dainty princess with the gla-| become unpredicitable. mor-girl figure has become a "Such perversity!" one official zest and conscientiousness, but is puzzle to the people who know snapped with unconcealed irri-physically slightly more frail

When she is with friends her Townsend last month. she was experiencing "one of her blue eyes sparkle with gaiety one | Margaret, brought up to know touch of Queen Mother Eliza-

"One assumes." she replied, Margaret is no longer the Perhaps she was chafing at the "that you mean Her Majesty the 1

quickly to her lips, and she can

with bewildering suddenness.

More and more in recent pears of uneasiness, for Margaret has led and interested in everything. | She carries out her duties with |

> tation after her reunion with than the Queen and perhaps: lacks the professional trouper's

moods." Perhaps it was a pass-moment and cloud over with the workings of the British press. beth. might have anticipated the specrebellion against the essential Relaxed and chatty, she freez- ulation which her teatime tete- visit approaches, some feel that ulation which her teatime tete- visit approaches, some reer that playing polo. As ne was puning tered dummy with a trump and the beloved "little sister" of the on his sweater in the car park, pushed the nine of hearts are received by the beloved "little sister" of the on his sweater in the car park, pushed the nine of hearts are received by the beloved "little sister" of the on his sweater in the car park, pushed the nine of hearts are received by the beloved "little sister" of the on his sweater in the car park, pushed the nine of hearts are received by the beloved "little sister" of the on his sweater in the car park, pushed the nine of hearts are received by the beloved "little sister" of the on his sweater in the car park, pushed the nine of hearts are received by the beloved "little sister" of the on his sweater in the car park, pushed the nine of hearts are received by the beloved "little sister" of the on his sweater in the car park, pushed the nine of hearts are received by the little sister. wirth, a restiveness with life at "And how is your sister?" an touch off. In some British eyes Clarence House now that many old friend asked at the height of the speculation damaged the transitional point, perhaps involving a reconsideration of her dignity of the crown. role at court.

laughing princess of a decade ago, the madeap young prankister who danced the can-can to

APPEARS WORRIED

People close to her will tell you she now is Ionesome and moody.

Prince Rupert Daily News Tuesday, April 22, 1958

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

takes a perverse delight in de-It is not often that you will hold an opening two-|en." In normal circumstances the I and have your right-hand opponent open the bid-British press last November ding ahead of you. When this does happen, you need was found in the creek 20 feets would have been full of warm, human stories about the Queen's family dinner party preceding a bid that is absolutely forcing. An immediate overthe celebration of her 10th wed- call in the opponent's suit fills the bill.

With these thoughts in mind,

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Instead, papers splashed the In today's deal Mrs. Keen's news that a family dinner took bid of two clubs forced Mr. Dale she saw another chance. If Mr. to take some action. This bid is Champion had both king and Since Townsend's departure in forcing all the way to game, queen of hearts (as seemed fair-1955 more and more of Marg- with one exception. If one play- ly likely from his opening bid aret's friends and escorts have er bids a suit and gets a single on an accless hand), she would married, had children, and with raise in that suit from partner, need only one heart lead from the may then pass. For example, dummy, Or, if Mr. Abel had a Her invitations to the inti- Mrs. Keen could have passed her doubleton honor in hearts and mate, informal parties she partner's three spade call, but she could guess the true situarelishes--cocktails in Mayfair, she elected to gamble it out for tion, she would be all right.

the theatre, night clubs—have 10 tricks. She almost blew the contract she led the jack of hearts at When she goes to Canada in at the start but recovered just trick three. Mr. Abel couldn't be July for the British Columbia in time. Of course, she got a lit-stand it. It appeared to him centenary celebrations, it will be the help from the enemy, too. that his queen would never take

her first visit apart from a brief. The opening lead was the six; air stop on a trip elsewhere. She of clubs and she won with the basi dealer has always wanted to visit North ace. Now, apparently obsessed Neither side vulnerable America, and occasionally has with the idea that the king of ruefully referred to the fact that spades was a singleton, she laid she will be one of the last mem- down the ace. Nothing happenbers of the Royal Family to do ed. She captured only the deuce | and the trey.

She has already heard much | Since she needed two entries | about Canada from her family to dummy for leads up to her | \$\lambda\$ 6 2 and from Jennifer Bevan, a for-theart holding, she should have | 🔻 Q 3 mer lady-in-waiting who was on led a small spade to dummy's | 4 9 7 6 3 the vice-regal staff in Ottawa. seven at trick two. After that | 4 10 8 7 6 3 She is acquainted with leading lost to the king, the eight and personalities such as Governor-the jack would be the entries General Vincent Massey, Prime she wanted.

Realizing her mistake at once,

WINDSOR, England on - A a club. California girl caused a tizzy Mrs. Keen ruffed and led a Sunday by asking Prince Philip small spade. Mr. Champion won! tor his autograph. As the time for the Canadian

The prince had just finished club. But Mrs. Keen ruffed, enyear-old secretary at the United heart finesse assured the con-States Embassy, with pen and tract.

The era of "madcap Margaret" : paper and a big smile. A police inspector rushed up to order her away. And Col. Gerard Leigh -- who had been more purposeful phase, perhaps playing for the Life Guards National Cancer Institute of against the prince's squad, the Canada, 30% of its funds come; in welfare or social work, may Welsh Guards—summoned offieials from all directions.

Only the prince remained

"That's perfectly all right—it's Painting of Queen Lizzabeth lieut. Philip Mountbatten a very ancient custom," he add-became public property. ed when she apologized.



draws mixed press reaction

LONDON (Reuters)—A new portrait of the Queen, published throughout Britain yesterday to commemorate her 32nd birthday. drew the traditional mixed reaction from London's newspapers. The Daily Mail says the pic-

ture, painted by 47-year-old An- Charles and Princess Anne. thony Devas and scheduled for public exhibition next month, from all parts of the world portrays the "very firm side to her personality."

The tabloid Daily Sketch says ently cold figure" while The Daily Express says she seems nore mature, more poised. more self-assured." "Gone is the look of a fairy-

Daily Mirror, "In its place Devas mi has put dignity, maturity, and i confidence." The Queen posed for the portrait in a slim, rainbow-hued lace dress, sprinkled with pink. m green and blue sequins and jewels, which she wore during

and some of the Order of the Carter completed her appearance. The Queen planned to mark her birthday with a quiet fam-🚆 ily party and to spend most of , the day with her children, Prince

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, her appearance in New York

last year. A tiara and the blue

flooded Windsor Castle. The court post office at the castle was swamped trying to handle the mass of telegrams, cables Salutes were fired by Royal -

Messages of congratulations

Naval warships and shore batteries, from the Tower of Lontale princess," says the tabloid don and in London's Hyde Park.

Meanwhile, until Margaret marries, reports of her activities The princess set off last Sat- has few real friends, seems wor- will continue to be front-page calm. He cheerfully told Miss urday on a 17-day official visit to ried over what life may have in news. The princess keeps her Davis the Royal Family doesn't own counsel, remembering how give autographs. her sister's romance with a cer-

—the pleasure-bent princess who

relished late parties and low-cut

dresses-is apparently ending. I

be at hand.

Officials will find her animat-

"A woman of mystery, not

completely understood by any-

one," Italian artist Pietro Anni-

Her intimates suggest she

goni said after painting her por-

fying royalty's staid etiquette.

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