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ALL COMMONWEALTH MOURNS DEAD KING

Historic Pageantry And Simple Rites as King Goes to His Final Rest

Two Million People Line Funeral Route—Nobility And Common People Mingle

LONDON (Canadian Press)—Amid historic funeral pageantry, Britain today laid a King to rest beside his father and others of his royal line in the "Tomb of Kings" at Windsor Castle.

The grey walls of St. George's Chapel, high above the River Thames, again echoed the words—for King and commoner alike—of the simple Anglican prayer of committal: "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life."

The sovereign's simple oak coffin was born from Westminster Hall at 9:30 a.m. to crepe hung Paddington railway station for the journey to Windsor. There, among slopes carpeted by floral wreaths, the funeral started at 2 p.m. as two minutes silence enfolded the land.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, officiated at these rites—climaxing a series held since the weary King died in his sleep of a blood clot at his Sandringham estate a week ago Wednesday.

With Dr. Fisher were the Dean of Windsor, the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Winchester and canons of the chapel.

Europe's greatest postwar gathering of royalty brought together sovereigns of the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Iraq, Luxembourg and Greece along with several others who have lost their thrones.

THOUSANDS OF HUMBLE PEOPLE queued up in the chill damp night to pass by the purple-draped catafalque in Westminster Hall. The doors of the 900-year-old edifice remained open until 6 a.m.—only 3½ hours before the body of the King began its journey in regal panoply to Windsor. As they walked by ten abreast, many persons let fall single flowers and little bouquets in front of the bier.

Under grey skies and a cold northerly wind, close to two million of the dead King's grieving subjects jammed the streets of London and Windsor to pay their last respects as the coffin was carried past on a gun carriage, the same one that had carried Queen Victoria, King Edward VII and King George V to their final resting place. Naval ratings drew the gun carriage.

More than ten thousand men of the Royal Navy, Army and Air Force, posted 1½ paces apart, stood between the crowd and the procession. Two thousand extra police helped control crowds.

While Big Ben, giant clock in Westminster Palace, tolled a mournful stroke for every one of the King's fifty-six years of life, military bands played selections from Handel's "Saul."

Beethoven, Chopin and Mendelssohn.

Massed pipers played laments. Draped with the royal standard and bearing the glittering Imperial state crown, the royal coffin was drawn slowly along the streets.

In a horse-drawn coffin almost immediately behind the coffin rode the Queen with Queen Elizabeth, her mother; Princess Elizabeth, her sister; Mary, Princess Royal, her aunt.

It took 3½ hours for the cortege to journey through London to Paddington station where the train was taken for Windsor.

FOUR DUKES

Four royal dukes walked behind the Queen's carriage. One of them was Edward, Duke of Windsor, who in 1936 abdicated after eleven months as uncrowned King. On his left was the Duke of Kent, his 16-year-old school boy nephew, on his right, the Duke of Gloucester, younger brother of the dead King, and the Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen Elizabeth.

The Queen made a surprise visit to Westminster Hall after sundown Thursday, joining her people in paying tribute to her father as he lay in state for final hours before it was taken to Windsor, 21½ miles to the west. Unnoticed by the crowds passing the catafalque, the Queen, her sister, Princess Margaret, and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, stood for ten minutes beneath the doorway of the great hall.

The young queen, already shouldering state duties passed on to her by the death of her father, had broken with tradition to greet visiting royalty and other notable visitors from foreign lands at a luncheon and reception rather than the state banquet usually given on the eve of a King's funeral.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who became a fast friend of the dead King during the Second World War, was among late arrivals.

Auto Spending Exceeds Food

Canadians Prefer Driving to Eating, Statistics Would Indicate

OTTAWA—Canadians would rather drive than eat, it appears. They are spending more for automobiles than for food, Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures show.

Last year automotive expenditures in this country were \$2,350,000,000 as compared with about two billion dollars for food.

In 1950 there was a similar excess of car expenditures over food.

Automobile dealers' sales in 1950 were up 16.6 percent while grocery sales were up 15.3 percent.

On this Day of Mourning for the late King George VI we join with the rest of the world in expressing our deepest sympathy to the Royal Family on their great loss.

Management and Staff of Daily News

Prince Rupert Pays Homage at Crowded Service of Tribute

More than 1000 Prince Rupert citizens thronged their way into the auditorium of the Civic Centre this morning to pay their last homage to the late King George VI while Britons attended his funeral in the Motherland.

The public observance ceremonies, under the auspices of the City of Prince Rupert, assisted by Prince Rupert Ministerial Association, were opened at 11 a.m. by Dr. E. A. Wright, president.

On the stage, a 40-voice choir representative of Prince Rupert churches, was under the direction of Peter Lien. An Altar draped with the Union Jack was placed before the platform.

Civic officials headed by Mayor Harold Whalen and aldermen were seated in the front row, followed by Provincial, Federal and foreign government officials.

Flanking the centre seats were 100 Canadian Legion members, 50 members of Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, uniformed reserve Army and Navy personnel and 100 Boy Scouts and Cubs.

Red-coated RCMP added a touch of regal color.

Dr. Wright spoke the opening sentences and the invocation, followed by the hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past."

Responses were in charge of Rev. L. G. Sieber, First United Church, and Rev. H. Olson, Lutheran Church.

Father O. P. Mohan, OMI, presented the Scripture reading. Rt. Rev. J. B. Gibson, Bishop of Caledonia delivered the sermon.

Rev. Fred Antrobus, First Baptist Church, offered prayer.

A general holiday was observed by all city businesses.

City schools were closed, but organized ceremonies had been observed Thursday in the schools.

Hymns were "O God Our Help in Ages Past" and "Abide With Me" with band and orchestral accompaniment and the proceedings closed with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

Tornado Kills Four Persons

NASHVILLE—Four persons are dead and one hundred injured as a result of a tornado which swept four states yesterday.

The states were Tennessee, Alabama, Missouri and Arkansas.

The wind was so violent as to carry loaded freight cars off the tracks.

In one small town 150 houses were damaged.

Scientists to Watch Eclipse

KHARTOUM, Sudan—Astronomers and scientists are assembling here with their equipment for a total eclipse of the sun which will be visible February 25 on which day the sun for a space of three minutes will be totally obscured by the shadow of the moon.

Valuable data is expected to be gathered.

The eclipse will not be visible in North America.

Wet Snow Makes Radar Limited

OTTAWA—The National Research Council admits the ineffectiveness of radar equipment when wet snow is prevalent. In navigation, the visibility of radar is seriously limited when there is wet snow. It could be almost useless in narrow waters.

Tenders Called For Fifty Low Rental Houses in City

Tenders are now being called by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for 50 houses at Prince Rupert under the federal, provincial, municipal low rental housing scheme. The tenders will close March 18. Plans, specifications and forms of tender are available for inspection at the office of the Chamber of Commerce in Prince Rupert.

Snow Delays Mill Workers

Considerable inconvenience was caused this morning by a combination of two factors—snow and the holiday.

More than a dozen cars filled with Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd. employees were stalled at the foot of Frederick Street and Eleventh Avenue hill this morning. No sanding trucks were available from the provincial public works department, said Mill Manager W. C. R. Jones.

"I was told today is a holiday and no sanding would be done," said Mr. Jones. "We've been sitting here for more than an hour. We are getting our own trucks and men to do the job."

The pulp mill is operating today.

TIDES

Saturday, February 16, 1952

High 4:18 20.1 feet

16:43 17.4 feet

Low 10:40 6.0 feet

22:37 6.8 feet