

Duke Sends His Christmas Message From Royal Yacht

LONDON (Reuters) — Following is the text of the Christmas message by the Duke of Edinburgh from the royal yacht Britannia. This is Britannia. I am speaking to you from the middle of the south Pacific, 65 degrees south and 123 degrees west, roughly half way between New Zealand and Cape Horn. You will have to turn the globe upside down to find the place.

It is now 7 a.m. on the 25th of December and I wish everyone of your listeners a very Happy Christmas.

Funeral Today Of Walter Dalziel

Walter Dalziel passed away at his residence at 219 Euston Street, Charlottetown on Sunday, Dec. 23, 1956 in his 65th year. The funeral will be held today, Wednesday, with a short service at the MacLean Funeral Home at 1 o'clock then to St. David's United Church, Georgetown where the funeral service will commence at 2:30. Interment will be in the United Church Cemetery, Georgetown.

He was the son of the late John Dalziel, C.N.R. driver, and the late Jemima Robertson, originally of Eureka, N.S. He is survived by his wife, the former Edith Raife of Georgetown, and by one daughter, Shirley, Mrs. Carol Leet of Toronto.

The following brothers and sisters also survive: William, Toronto; John, retired marine engineer, Charlottetown; Albert, employed on the C.N.R.; Jessie, Mrs. L.W. Shaw, Katherine, on the supervisory staff of the Provincial Sanatorium; James H. and Misses Joan and Janice, White and Sandra Hooley were heartily enjoyed and members and guests participated in singing Christmas carols. Miss Alvah Brehaut and Mrs. Archie Hiltchey were piano accompanists.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

LODGE PARTY — At the close of the regular meeting of Acme Rebekah Lodge, Montague, Thursday evening, December 20th, the members enjoyed a delightful Christmas party convoked by Mrs. Neil Hooley and Mrs. Leroy White. Vocal selections by Misses Joanne and Janice, White and Sandra Hooley were heartily enjoyed and members and guests participated in singing Christmas carols. Miss Alvah Brehaut and Mrs. Archie Hiltchey were piano accompanists.

CHRISTMAS PARTY — Mrs. Neil Hooley was hostess to the members of the Acme Rebekah Past Noble Grand's Club, Montague, at a delightful Christmas party Tuesday evening, December 18th. The program featured the singing of Christmas carols, with Mrs. Howard Vickerson and Mrs. Douglas MacLaren as piano accompanists, and an exchange of Christmas gifts. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. J.D. MacLeod and Mrs. Spencer Llewellyn.

PERSONALS

Mr. Gordon MacNeill, Halifax, N.S., is spending the holidays in Montague, guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacNeill.

Mr. Ian MacKenzie, R.C.A.F. St. Jean's Quebec, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Jennie MacKenzie, Montague.

Mr. Bloyce Beck, Shawinigan Falls, Quebec, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Beck, Montague.

Mr. Chester Campbell, who is in training at Rockfield, Ontario with the R.C.M.P. is visiting his home in Montague on leave.

Mr. and Mrs. James Collings, Montague, left last Friday for Lynn, Mass., where they will visit their daughter, Miss Tena Collings, R.N.

Sympathy is extended to the Frank Coyle, a patient in the King's County Memorial Hospital, on the death of his sister, Mrs. Wilfred Doucette, Prince Street, Charlottetown.

Mrs. William MacLean, Montague, left recently for Collingwood, Ontario, where she will visit her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. John MacLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart, Halifax, N.S. are spending the holidays in Montague, guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester MacLure and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stewart.

Dr. Preston MacIntyre, Montague, has as his guests for the holidays his sons, John, student at Dalhousie University; Kenneth, student at Prince of Wales College; and Dr. and Mrs. William MacIntyre, Springhill, N.S.

His many friends are pleased to hear that Mr. Lynwood MacNeill is convalescing at his home in Cardigan, following his recent operation in the King's County Hospital.

Mrs. J.W. Murdick, Montague, left last week for Ottawa where she will be the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goswell, for the winter months.

Mrs. M.R. Young and young son Garry, Red Point, spent a few days in Montague before leaving for Boston, Mass., where they will visit relatives. While there they were guests of Mrs. Young's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Llewellyn.

Many of you at home today will be toasting absent friends. I should like to try to reply in their behalf.

We are absent, most of us, because there is a Commonwealth, whether Africans studying in England, Indians in Africa, Asians learning in Australia, Administrators, scientists, planters or construction workers—we are away from the countries and the houses we know as home. And it is because people have been leaving their homes for hundreds of years that there is a Commonwealth now.

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Midnight Mass Is Celebrated At Montague

St. Mary's Church at Montague was filled to capacity on Monday night for the celebration of Midnight Mass.

Prior to the Mass, the children's choir, under the direction of Mr. George Coudreau, assisted by Mrs. Dan Condon as organist, gave a beautiful rendition of Christmas carols.

The Mass was celebrated by Rev. J.W. McCordie. Father McCordie preached a touching sermon on the nativity of Christ. He stressed the true meaning of Christmas and the need for Christian unity throughout the world. In his closing remarks, Father McCordie wished everyone a happy and holy Christmas.

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ANCIENT PRAYER
The wireless is not just a standby and a comfort—it has taken the anxiety out of absence. Not all of us who are absent from home, family and friends, can make use of this method of communication on this Christmas Day. In this I am fortunate—I can send a message direct to my family.

I hope all of you at Sandringham are enjoying a very Happy Christmas and I hope you children are having a lot of fun. I am sorry I am not with you but it is nice to think of you doing the usual things in familiar surroundings. I was particularly pleased to hear the bell of Sandringham Church.

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Premier David Ben-Gurion told the Knesset parliament Wednesday Israel will not under any circumstances let Egypt reoccupy the Gaza Strip. The narrow territory along the Mediterranean sea was seized by the Israelis during the invasion of Egypt in October. Egypt occupied the strip for eight years after the Palestine War.

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Finance Minister Harris announced this Friday in his regular monthly statement which showed a continuing heavy flow of revenue in November.

Last April he forecast a surplus of \$113,000,000 for the entire 1956-57 fiscal year. Bills tend to pile up at the year-end, reducing treasury gains. But on the basis of current indications it appears Mr. Harris will show an overall surplus of between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000 the biggest since the \$395,300,000 in 1948-49.

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