

THE KING IS DEAD

LONG LIVE QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND

LONDON, Feb. 6 — King George VI died this morning.

The announcement of the Monarch's death at his country home in Sandringham came at 10:45 A.M. local time (5:45 A.M. EST). The Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, the Royal couple's youngest daughter, were at Sandringham when the King died.

The new heir to Britain's throne, tiny Prince Charles, also is at Sandringham. He is just over three years old, born on Nov. 14, 1948.

The King, who last September underwent a serious operation involving cutting away part or all of a lung, was thought to be recovering. He went on a country outing yesterday. The palace statement said he retired last night in apparently good health, but passed away peacefully early this morning.

LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCE

The King's last public appearance was last week when he said goodbye at London airport to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke when they left on their tour of Commonwealth countries in Africa, Asia and Australia.

News of the death was immediately flashed to the new Queen at the shooting lodge at Nyeri, Kenya.

It was expected she would return to Britain immediately. Parliament was likely to be adjourned in the middle of an important foreign affairs debate.

Prime Minister Churchill held a meeting of the Cabinet immediately after the sovereign's death was announced.

Born Dec. 14, 1895, the second son of King George V and Queen Mary, who survives him at the age of 54, the late King succeeded to the throne Dec. 11, 1936, after the abdication of his eldest brother, King Edward VIII.

QUIET FAMILY MAN

The quiet family man who put Royal duty above personal pleasure quickly endeared himself to his millions of subjects around the world.

The monarch led Britain through her worst ordeal when the island kingdom faced the victory-flushed German armies alone. His words of comfort, his prayers, his encouragement, helped Britons meet and turn back the foe's blitzkrieg. With his Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the King will be long remembered for his part in "Britain's finest hour."

The monarch was better known both to his own subjects and to foreigners than any other modern king. His radio addresses were heard around the world. He travelled extensively despite poor health which plagued him from the time he ascended the throne.

To the modest, young brother—who wanted nothing more than to live a quiet life with his family—fell the task of being the nominal ruler of an empire with a total population in excess of 500,000,000 approximately a quarter of the people of the globe. He lacked three days of being 41 years old at the time.

Though the days of his reign saw the Empire shrink greatly, the King and his family vastly increased the love and respect in which the royal institution was held.

SHOCKED NATION

The official news of the King's death shocked the nation, which had been deeply worried about his health.

Some courts abruptly adjourned their hearings. One murder trial was suspended for 10 minutes after the presiding judge received the official news.

Both Houses of Parliament are expected to adjourn immediately after meeting today and making formal ex-

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THE LATE KING GEORGE VI

Queen Elizabeth II



Sudden Death Shocks World

MOMBASA, Africa, Feb. 6—(Reuters)—Elizabeth, the new Queen, burst into tears today when the news of her father's death was broken to her at the Royal Lodge in Nyeri. Then she immediately decided to fly back today to London.

LONDON, Feb. 6—(Reuters)—Britain's new Queen Elizabeth will arrive in London by air at 6 p.m. (1 p.m. EST) tomorrow.

MONTREAL, Feb. 5—(CP)—The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation today cancelled all commercial broadcasts on its networks for 24 hours in deference to the Royal Family on the death of the King. The commercial broadcasts are be-

ing replaced by appropriate music.

TO BE PROCLAIMED QUEEN

LONDON, Feb. 6—(CP)—Princess Elizabeth will be proclaimed Queen at a meeting of the Privy Council which has been summoned for this afternoon, it was announced officially today.

The Princess will return to Britain as quickly as possible from her tour of Africa.

AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6—(AP)—British officials in the United States awoke with a shock today to the news that their King was dead.

The death of King George VI was announced early today in London.

The word had not yet reached Washington when British offices were called immediately after the announcement.

Charles Campbell, press officer at the British Embassy, was stunned. He said he was notifying British Ambassador Sir Oliver Franks immediately.

At the White House, a spokesman said President Truman would have a statement later.

AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Feb. 6—(CP)—This capital was deeply shocked early today by the news of the sudden death of the King. Immediate plans were made to

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The Last Emperor

(An Editorial)

The King is dead; long live the Queen. His Majesty's reign was anything but an untroubled one. Called suddenly to the throne by the constitutional crisis resulting in his brother's abdication, George VI accepted the heavy task of reigning over the many lands and peoples in almost as many stages of political development, which constituted the British Commonwealth and Empire.

The new Queen, his daughter, is not Empress of India but the Crown has a hold on the affections of the Indian and Pakistan people, as on those of every nation of the Commonwealth. We are in a very real sense a band of brothers and it is profoundly due to the complete dedication of his late Majesty to his duty that this supremely important fact has not been lost sight of in the excitement of lively political developments.