

New American 'Monarchy' Is Suggested Developing

LONDON (AP) — Malcolm Muggeridge, a critic of the Royal Family, says Americans without knowing it are acquiring a monarchy of their own. Writing in the Daily Herald, the commentator says: "King Jack, Queen Jackie, Princess Caroline and the various royal dukes and duchesses are as entrenched in the social scene as their equivalents in England."

His article was headlined "Muggeridge Rediscovers America — King Jack starts a dollar monarchy."

"Great families, comparable to our Salisburys, Derbys and Devonshires, are 11kewis emerging," Muggeridge says. "Americans would seem to be in the process of developing a new mystique of nobility based on privilege and inheritance rather than on personal achievement and acuity."

He said the most notable recent change in the U.S. is the public taste for millionaires in high office.

"That old legend of all good men and true originating in local cabins would seem to have become quite extinct," said Muggeridge.

Muggeridge quickly drew scoffs from a prominent American historian, Dr. Henry Graff, chairman of the history department at Columbia University in New York City.

Dr. Graff, who also is the author of numerous books and articles on American history, asked when queried for comment on Muggeridge's remarks: "The American presidency is not in danger of being made over in the image of the British monarchy."

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Subterranean passages dug beneath Havana by the Spaniards in colonial days have been put in order by the Fidel Castro regime for use in case of an invasion, the Cuban Revolutionary Council said here.

The council report detailed a vast underground network and suggested it could be used by the Castro regime as an escape hatch as well as for defence against an enemy.

The council, major anti-Castro organization which mounted the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, said also that a network of secret airports and hangars had been constructed throughout Cuba.

At San Julian in the province of Pinar Del Rio, the report said, "there have been constructed subterranean platforms which are in themselves hangars for nuclear bombers."

The council said it based the report on information gathered through the anti-Castro underground in Cuba.

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Lobster Surcharges Have Been Removed

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Nowlan assured J. W. Pickersgill (L. — Bonaville-Twilligate) in the Commons that the austerity-drive import surcharge on lobsters has been removed.

The statement, in reply to a question Mr. Pickersgill asked in the House several days ago, prompted a stinging attack on the government by the Liberal member who argued that the extra import charge should not have been imposed in the first place.

He ended up by asking Mr. Nowlan for an assurance that those who paid the surcharge while it was in effect will be entitled to a refund, provided the lobsters were re-exported. The finance minister replied that where proof of re-export to the United States will have no difficulty recovering the surcharge payment from the revenue department. Applications already were being processed.

The exchange took place during Communist consideration of a government bill to amend the Excise Tax Act.

Mr. Pickersgill said young lobsters are imported into New Brunswick from the United States while their shells still are soft and re-exported after the shells have hardened.

He said the surcharge evidence was imposed last June in "a fit of absence of mind" while Justice Minister Fleming was finance minister, without the knowledge of three Maritime cabinet ministers—Mr. Nowlan, then revenue minister; Forestry Minister Fleming and Fisheries Minister MacLean.

That was one of the great dangers of enacting laws "in a great rush" by order-in-council.

Fishing interests in the U.S. were "sensitive" to this sort of measure. A New England lobby was trying "all the time" to have tariffs placed on Canadian fish imports, and Maine fishing concerns already were trying to use the lobster surcharge as an argument for such tariffs.

It was "unfortunate" that the surcharge should have been in effect even for a short time. It was included in the list of food

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surcharges whose removal was announced by Mr. Nowlan last week.

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