

Princess Margaret Displays New Trend Of Independence

By JAMES F. KING
LONDON (AP)—Princess Margaret has Buckingham Palace dismayed again by her public display of independence, says The Sunday Express.

The newspaper says the Queen was shocked when her younger sister passed up a palace party last Wednesday for a night out in the West End.

It was a special Royal Family party celebrating the 10th wedding anniversary of the Queen and Prince Philip. The Queen, Mother and other relatives attended.

Margaret was invited but, The Sunday Express says, she changed her mind at the last minute.

Instead the 27-year-old princess went to a theatre with friends and arrived at the Savoy and arrived at the palace just before the Queen's party broke up.

In giving what it calls the inside story on the episode, The Express says:

Members of the Royal Family knew weeks beforehand that Wednesday's palace party was to be held. Princess Margaret was invited to be there. Her change of plan was completely unexpected by the Queen and Prince Philip.

ATE IN PUBLIC
Her midnight arrival at the anniversary party came at a particular shock to the Royal Family when they found that, in addition to going to the theatre, she had gone on to supper and that she had gone to a public restaurant for this.

Two weeks ago she did not attend the royal film show of Les Girls along with the Queen and Prince Philip although she had no other engagement. But last Thursday night she went with her own friends to see the same picture.

The Sunday Express quotes Margaret's friends as emphasizing that her sister, mother and other members of the Royal Family is as deep as ever.

Eisenhower is expected to reach Paris about 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 and will stay at the residence of the U.S. ambassador, Amory Houghton.

The NATO conference begins Monday, Dec. 16. Plenary sessions will be held in the morning.

Eisenhower To Spend Three Days In Paris

PARIS (AP)—President Eisenhower will spend at least three days in Paris next month to discuss U.S. proposals for bolstering the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, James C. Hagerly, White House press secretary, said Sunday.

Hagerly arrived Saturday to work out press arrangements for the NATO summit meeting beginning Dec. 16. Hagerly made it plain he was dealing only with Eisenhower's part in the meeting.

He did not discuss the U.S. program. It is known to consist of proposals for cooperation in development of nuclear weapons, limited at present by U.S. security regulations, and a vast program of U.S. contributions of nuclear weapons to NATO countries.

Are Critical Of Fish Preference

HALIFAX (CP)—R. F. Johnson, secretary of the Canadian Atlantic Salt Fish Exporters Association, has criticized tariff preferences given by Canada to the British West Indies.

In an address to a businessmen's club here, Mr. Johnson suggested that continuation of such tariff preferences be conditional upon elimination of price ceilings or other restrictive controls on products imported from Canada. He specifically referred



SHAPE HONORS MONTY

Gen. Lauris Norstad, left, Supreme Commander Allied Forces in Europe, greets Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, his deputy supreme commander, as the latter arrives at dinner near Prince Monty's 70th birthday.

(AP Wirephoto)

COSTS HOLD STEADY
WASHINGTON (AP)—The cost of living in the United States held steady in October. It was the first time in 14 months the government measure of consumer prices had not risen. A slight drop in food prices was enough to keep the price index at 121.1—the same level as in September, the labor department reported Friday.

HOTEL FIRE
HALIFAX (CP)—Guests at the Lord Nelson Hotel were evacuated from their rooms when a small fire broke out in a private dining room Thursday night. The fire was quickly extinguished. About 200 guests were registered but it is not known how many were in the room at the time.

Tito's Skilful Diplomacy Has Avoided The Reefs

By ED SIMON
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For eight years President Tito has steered Yugoslav foreign policy through a perilous and uncharted channel.

His chances of survival seemed slim when he first broke with the Russians in 1949. A Communist dictator cut off from the main spring of danger, he was in imminent danger from subversion at home and hostility abroad.

Skilful diplomacy and frontal repression saw him through the early years. Russian agents found the Yugoslav people more interested in nationalism than ideology and failed to shake Tito's rule. And the West, intent on exploiting any division within the Communist bloc, was ready with military and economic aid.

While denunciations of the renegade continued to thunder out of Moscow, Tito settled his differences with Italy over Trieste and signed a defence treaty with Greece and Turkey. Much as the West disliked communism, it was prepared to live with his new ally.

Tito's next round of difficulties began when Stalin died and his successors began wooing Yugoslavia back to the fold. While Western suspicions mounted, he exchanged convivial visits with Khrushchev and began supporting Russia on some international issues.

Yugoslavia's first open clash with the West occurred last month when Tito announced his recognition of the East German government, which had been shunned by all countries outside the Iron Curtain as a Russian puppet regime.

West Germany immediately broke off diplomatic relations with Belgrade and many Westerners were ready to write off Yugoslavia as an independent power.

But there have been recent indications that Tito's hand is still at the wheel.

His spokesmen still pursue their own line in United Nations de-

bates. He has kept up cordial relations with Greece and Turkey. And his economic officials have made cautious overtures toward association with the European market, which the Russians have frequently denounced as a capitalist plot against world peace.

He has since emphasized his ties with countries uncommitted to either side in the cold war and Yugoslav delegates returning from Moscow's anniversary celebrations of the Russian revolution insist that they reserved the right to differ with their hosts on Soviet policies that do not, in Yugoslavia's opinion, "contribute to peace."

The channel remains long and tortuous. But Tito is still finding room to manoeuvre. And he remains an example to Russia's uneasy satellites as long as he stays aloft.

Expansion Plans For Royal Fair

TORONTO (CP)—Federal Agriculture Minister Harkness Saturday night brought down the curtain on the 26th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Following the pageantry of the final and most difficult of the international horse jumping team events—won by the United States—Mr. Harkness took the microphone briefly to declare the world's biggest indoor agricultural show closed for another year.

Only a few of the crowd of nearly 7,000 remained as Mr. Harkness spoke.

The fair—which has been held each year except during the war since 1922—closed with an eye to the future as President C. F. W. Burns announced plans to go ahead with a \$3,000,000 expansion program.

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