

In Mauritius Princess Will Need 9 Languages

By HENDERSON GALL
 PORT LOUIS, Mauritius (Reuters) — Princess Margaret will move among people speaking nine different languages when she visits the 720-square-mile Indian Ocean island of Mauritius later this month.

She will be on the island, which boasts on its coat of arms that it is "The star and the key of the Indian ocean," from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 during her East African tour.

Like Zanzibar, where the princess will go immediately afterwards, Mauritius has a long history of conquest and settlement by a wide range of peoples beginning with the Phoenicians 2,000 years ago.

Such diversity is reflected in the fact that the following languages are spoken in the island: English, French, Gujarati, Hindi, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu, Chinese and Creole.

MAIN GROUPS

The main population groups are the Europeans, Africans, and people of mixed origin, together totalling nearly 160,000; Indo-Mauritians, numbering 300,000; a third group, the Sino-Mauritians, consisting of immigrants from China and their descendants, of whom there are about 20,000. The total population is about 500,000.

Sugar is the main industry and production runs at just about one

ton a head a year, on average; and as a sideline, rum is brewed for local consumption. Most of the sugar crop is exported.

Mauritius lies 1,400 miles off the coast of Africa and 500 east of Madagascar. It is a typical Indian Ocean island, exotic in appearance. Its shores are covered with blinding white coral sand; the sea is warm and deep blue; just off shore lie the coral reefs where the incoming tides smash their spray high in the air with a deep booming sound, and where the schools of tiny, brilliantly-colored fish swim. Outside roam sharks, barracuda and other big-game fish.

Along the coast grow palms and the fragile-looking, pale green casuarina trees.

HER AGENDA

During her stay, the princess will be given a ceremonial banquet and will attend a garden party. As she tours the greater part of the island, she will see signs of Arab, Dutch, French and English influence.

One of her first calls will be to Government House, built on the handsome, cool-looking lines of the tropics, known as Le Reduit. It dates back to 1758, and as the name suggests, was built by the then French governor as a retreat for the women and children of Port Louis, the capital, in case of English attack.

Other towns the princess is to visit have similarly French names — Beau Bassin (the lovely harbor) for example. It was the Dutch who gave the island its present name after Prince Maurice of Nassau. Under the French in the 18th century, African slaves were imported, and during the French Revolution it was notorious for its pirates.

In 1810, the British arrived and annexed the island, in 1833 slavery was abolished. The freed slaves were replaced on the sugar plantations, which in places stretch down to the sea, by laborers from India, whose descendants have multiplied.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Both English and French are the official languages, and some members of the legislative council habitually make speeches in French.

The French community is interesting. Families descended from the aristocrats of pre-revolutionary France lived, until recently, in almost the same style of "grand seigneur" as their ancestors in France.

Princess Margaret will arrive in Mauritius aboard the royal yacht Britannia. She begins her East Africa tour at Mombasa, Kenya, Sept. 22. Then she visits Mauritius, Zanzibar, Tanganyika and Kenya, arriving back in Britain by air Oct. 28.



EILEEN STAVERT CATHERINE MILLIGAN KEIR ADAMS

AWARDED SHARP SCHOLARSHIPS

BACKVILLE, N. B. — (Special) — Three Prince Edward Island students will enter Mount Allison University this Fall on Herbert S. Sharp scholarships which have an annual value of \$500, or a total value of \$2,000. The Island scholars are: Keir Adams of Conway, P. E. I., Catherine Milligan of McNeill's Mills, and Eileen Stavert of North Bedeque. Mr. Adams graduated with honours from Prince of Wales College this year after having taught school for five years. He plans to take the Science degree in Chemistry. Miss Milligan was the leader of the Summerside High School this

Tuna Is Only Interest Now Anywhere Near Wedgeport

By ED SMITH
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 WEDGEPORT, N. S. (CP) — "World series fever" again is beginning to grip this famed fishing community but it doesn't concern baseball. It's the 13th International Tuna Tournament, starting Sept. 12.

Seven perhaps eight, nations will be represented and three of them—Peru, Portugal and Germany—will be making their first championship in deep-sea angling.

The other teams, comparatively old hands at the business of boating 600-pound "horse mackerel," are the British Commonwealth, United States, Mexico and Argentina. An eighth team may turn up from Cuba.

Before the three-day tournament practice rounds will be underway. Anglers who spend thousands of dollars on equipment and transportation like to get out ahead of time to test the grounds.

FAMOUS AREA

The fishing grounds are the world-famous Soldier's Rip, a turbulent mile-wide stretch of water where the Atlantic tuna pack heads in late summer to feed on schools of herring and mackerel. It's called the Rip because of the action of constantly changing tides over a relatively shallow plateau on which the smaller fish feed.

The fact last year's tournament produced only two tuna, poorest catch in the history of the contest, has not lessened the interest. Spokesmen for the Nova Scotia government which sponsors the affair say there may be 10 teams next year. Italy and Uruguay have expressed their desire to send teams.

All competing teams say that Soldier's Rip is still "the best tuna hole" in the world. The disappointments of 1955 were chalked down as merely "a bad year." The tuna were there, but they were just not hungry.

The records show 1949 was the most productive year. A total of 72 fish were boated there with the United States team leading the parade on 19 catches totalling 7,591 pounds.

VETERAN ANGLERS

Six countries have already armed their squads and many a complement is studded with veterans.

Mexico, which won the Sharp Cup in 1953 and '54, will be captained by Robert Cantu Arreola of Monterrey, who led the team when it won a dramatic victory in 1954 by coming from behind in the closing hours. Other members are Aquilino F. Cisero of Tampico, Gilberto Cavazos and Humberto Miranda of Monterrey, Bernabe F. Barlos, Guadalupe, and Alfonso Corcuera, Guadalupe.

The British Commonwealth team has seven members and will be

captained by W. Eugene Meyer, Jr., of Bermuda. Canada will be represented by Alfred Trask of Yarmouth, N.S. The president of the British Tuna Club, Moray Stephenson, of London, Eng., is the United Kingdom member.

Two members of the squad are from Africa, Jean Jourdan of Sandhills, West Province, South Africa, and Peter Roscoe of Hartley, Southern Rhodesia. Another member is John Bell from Nassau, while team organizer is Tom Wheeler of Toronto.

SALT WATER EXPERTS

The U.S. has named seven of its outstanding salt water anglers.

The Americans, who won last year's match, were organized by S. Kip Farrington, Jr., East Hampton, Long Island. Other members are Don A. Allison, Los Angeles, Jack Anderson, Detroit, Neumann M. Harris, Broken Bow Neb., James M. Hutton III, Cincinnati, Maurice Meyer, Jr., Long Branch, N.J.; William Negley, San Antonio, Tex., and A. M. Whisnant, Jr., New York City.

Last year's triumph for the United States was the third in international cup competition and came when Whisnant boated the team's only fish, a 585-pounder. Carlos Behrens of the Venezuelan team had the only other catch, a 277-pounder. Venezuela has withdrawn from competition this year.

Germany will bring the smallest team to this year's tournament but all three members (the minimum allowed in competition) are keen sportsmen.

The team leader is Count Ruler von Bismarck, a great-grandson of Prince Otto von Bismarck, former chancellor. Others are Hartmuth von Koeller, who was born in Pomerania but who left the country for Santiago, Chile after the Russian occupation, and Christoph von Malaise of Munich.

FIVE FROM PERU

Peru will have a five-man team

Army Display To Go On Tour

MONTREAL (CP)—Army paraphernalia used in Quebec province recruiting drives has aroused so much interest that an enlarged display now is going on tour on its own.

A collection including 13 showcases of old and modern weapons, documents, medals and military gear and about 200 maps, documents and prints covering 300 years of military life in Canada will start a winter-long tour Sept. 8 at nearby St. Hubert.

"We got the idea of a travelling display after we found people particularly interested in old photographs and bits of equipment at recruiting depots," says Maj. G. de Grandpre of Quebec army command.

During the winter the collection will travel to 60 Quebec towns and villages, staying three to four days in each. The tour is scheduled to end next May.

MARINERS' MARK

Father Point, Que., where ocean steamers pick up pilots for the St. Lawrence, was a mission post in 1663.

Including Carlos Gibson, Lima, the captain; Manuel Prado, son of the president of Peru; Manuel Roza, Lima; Guillermo Mendoza, Arequipa and Juan Pedro Brckemeyer, Lima.

Portugal has listed four anglers and may add two more. The squad is headed by Dr. Arsenio Cordelro of Lisbon. Other members are Dr. Rocha da Silva, Fernando Teotónio Pereira and Miguel Mayer de Carvalho, all of Lisbon.

At dawn next Wednesday Wedgeport's fleet of sturdy Cape Island boats will head for the payoff and the payoff.

And like other world series there will be the attendant judges and umpires, for the rules are many and rigid.

Youngest Party Leader In West Coast Province

VANCOUVER (CP)—Deane Finlayson, 24-year-old Nanaimo real estate and insurance man, is conducting his second election campaign as Progressive Conservative leader in British Columbia. The provincial election will be held Sept. 18.

Youngest leader of any party in the province, Mr. Finlayson took over the leadership in 1953 after serving as president of the Nanaimo District Association.

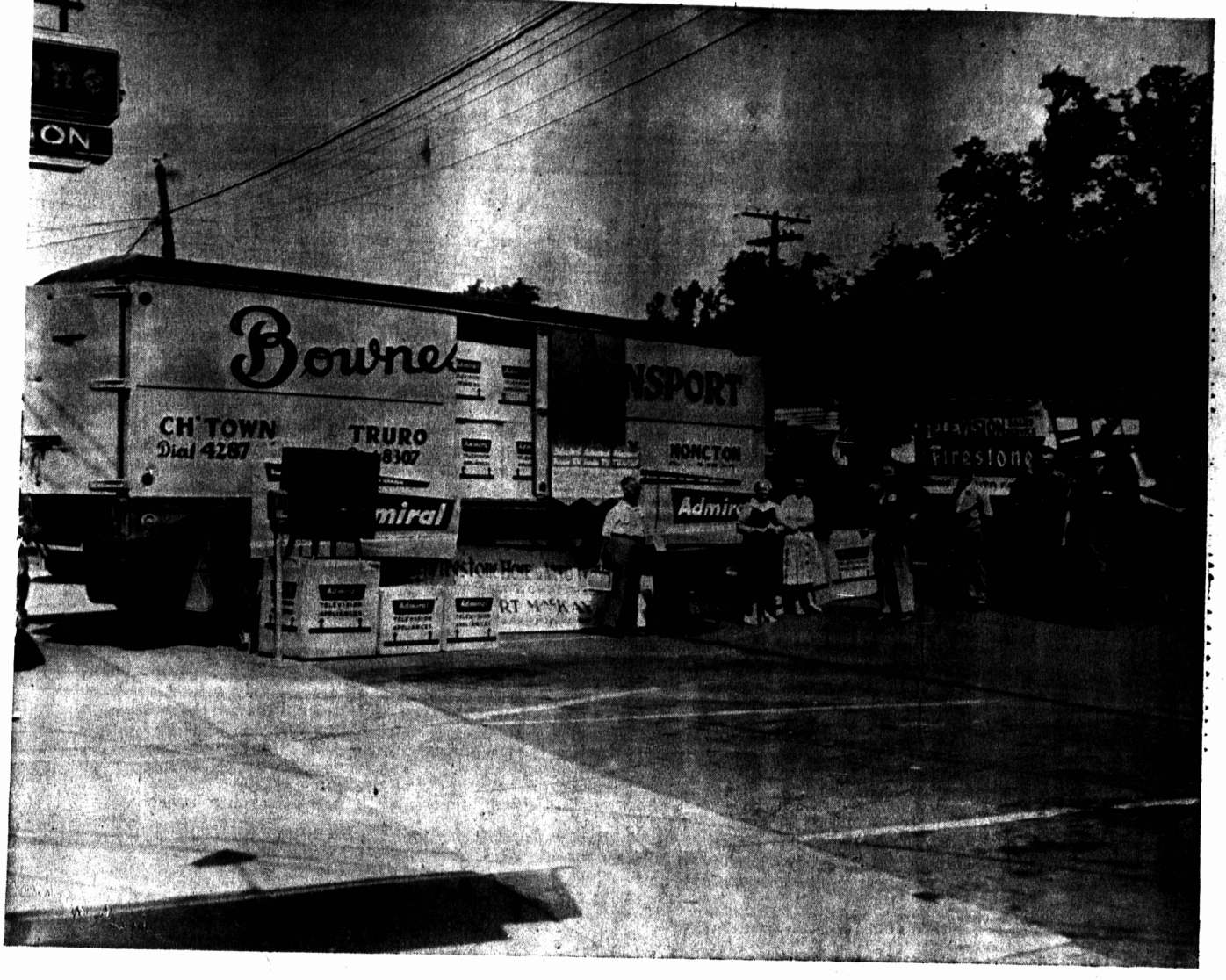
The broad-shouldered six foot veteran was unsuccessful in his candidacy for the Oak Bay seat in the 1953 election. He is running

this time in the two-member Vancouver North Constituency.

Mr. Finlayson has been interested in politics for a long time. When a youngster of 16 he attended a political meeting with some pals and made the late Senator G. G. McGee the target of some pointed questions. The senator stood the heckling for a time and then is reported to have called police to eject Finlayson and his friends.

His political views may have moderated somewhat, but Mr. Finlayson has lost none of his earlier verve. He is married and has one daughter.

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