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BRISBANE, Australia. (Reuters) Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh flew back here Monday from a five-day tour of tropical North Queensland to rest up in a night and a day free of official engagements.

The Australian health department announced recommendations to protect the royal couple when they begin their tour of polo-plagued Western Australia on March 26.

It had advised a ban on shaking hands with the Queen; that all food for the couple be supplied either from the royal liner Gothic or from the eastern states; that persons presented to the Queen stand farther away than usual, and that big gatherings of children be cancelled.

Nearly 200 cases of polio have been reported in the state in recent months.

Conservative Delegates From P.E.I. At Ottawa

OTTAWA, March 15—(Special)—A strong and representative delegation of Conservatives from Prince Edward Island registered at the Chateau Laurier Hotel here today for the three day convention of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada.

The delegation was welcomed by J. Angus MacLean, Conservative member for Queens, who brought the visiting delegation up to date on matters of party policy and plans for the future. Island delegates participated in today's meetings of the national association and in social events arranged for visitors from every province.

Members of the delegation are: Reginald Bagnall of Hunter River, president of the P. E. I. Progressive Conservative Association; Mrs. Don Lidstone of Summerside, president of the Provincial Women's Progressive Conservative Association; Col. E. Strong of Summerside; Chester MacDonald of Summerside; Mrs. W. H. V. Dunbar of Charlottetown; Gerald Foster, president of the Provincial Young Conservatives Association, Charlottetown; Bennett Carr of Charlottetown and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Delaney of Albany.

Rebels In First Big Battle In Seven Years

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The French said the Vietminh lost 1,500 men in the fighting, but gave no figures for their own dead.

For the first time in the seven years of the Indo-Chinese fighting, the Vietminh rebels dropped their guerrilla and infiltration tactics to wage a frontal, full-scale battle.

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Actually, it is understood, the operation already has started and will include in addition to defensive tests for Thule, several other Arctic bases. Among these are Sondrestrom, halfway down the Greenland west coast.

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