



Twenty-two-year-old Princess Elizabeth, elder daughter of England's King George VI, gave birth to a prince in London's Buckingham Palace Sunday night. A palace announcement said "her royal highness and her son are both doing well." The princess is shown with her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, on June 8, 1948, when he was made a Freeman of the City of London. (AP Wirephoto).

ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

Possibly a few of you will remember my mentioning the fact that Doodle-bug Hedgepeth, a member of the local semi-pro football team, had his shoulder dislocated during the game with the Richmond Rockets...
The girls' basketball team of the Roanoke Rapids High School began practice today, at the Army with Miss Mary Turner as coach. The fans as well as the team will be looking forward to seeing last year's star forward, Evelyn Rooke, perform again this season.

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Weather

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U.S., France, Britain Make Formal Replies To Evatt-Lie Peace Appeal

Paris, Nov. 17—(AP)—The United States, Britain and France told top U. N. officials formally today that they want the Berlin dispute with Russia left in the hands of the Security Council "as a threat to peace." The three powers reaffirmed their decision against negotiating with Russia on Berlin while the Soviet blockade of the western sectors continues.

Baptists May State Vote On Alcohol

Charlotte, Nov. 17—(AP)—The Baptist State Convention here today may act on a committee recommendation that the state legislature hold a statewide referendum on alcoholic beverages. The committee of social service and civic righteousness also proposed the establishment of a fund for the referral and treatment of victims of alcoholism.

Tobacco Prices Reported Weaker

Raleigh, Nov. 17—(AP)—Old and middle belt flue-cured tobacco markets reported weaker prices yesterday. Prices slumped \$1 to \$4 per hundred pounds for the losing grades on the old belt. A few increases of \$1 to \$2 were noted for leaf and smoking leaf grades.

Tourist Drops Dead In Weldon

Weldon—A New Jersey tourist, Wesley Frank Garrison, 62, of Paterson, N. J., dropped dead of a heart attack in a Weldon tourist home here late last night after he had just taken a room for the night. Garrison, accompanied by his wife and another lady passenger who was not identified, stopped at the home of Mrs. W. E. Daniel, on Washington Street here about 11 o'clock last night and inquired about lodging for the night.

Army Plane Lands On Mush Island

Weldon—How, when, where and whether to try it or not were the thoughts of United States Army Colonel Smythe, from Peninsula Air Field in Hampton, Virginia, as he flew his army plane over the city of Weldon on his way to Hampton Monday night. The reporter asked the Colonel if he was forced to land. "Not at first," said the Colonel, "but I couldn't find a landing field any place and after circling and circling, I just landed that's all in the back side of Mush Island near the river and the home of John Miles, who so kindly brought me to town."

HOLLYWOOD GLAMOR AT INAUGURATION

Hollywood, Nov. 17—(AP)—There'll be a touch of Hollywood glamor at President Truman's inauguration. Actor Melvyn Douglas says that at request of Washington officials he's heading a committee to organize a sizeable movie-land delegation to the ceremonies in the capital Jan. 20.

China Seeks Statement on U.S. Policy as Government Claims Red Losses Are More Than 90,000

Washington, Nov. 17—(AP)—Diplomatic authorities speculated today that the American government soon may issue a pronouncement designed to boost the morale of China's anti-communist forces. President Truman and the State Department have before them a plea from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek for a policy declaration reaffirming support of China's Nationalist Government.

Sources See U. S. Issuing A Statement

Undersecretary of State Robert A. Lovett scheduled a news conference for noon (EST) today but it was uncertain beforehand whether he would discuss this aspect of the China situation. Most informed officials considered it more likely that any broad policy declaration would have to await the review of international affairs with Mr. Truman and Secretary of State Marshall will hold at the White House next Monday.

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Louis St. Laurent (above) succeeds William L. Mackenzie King as prime minister of Canada. Mackenzie King is retiring after about a quarter of a century in office. (AP Wirephoto).

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Official Reports Give Nanking New Hope

Nanking, Nov. 17—(AP)—The Government asserted today that 90,000 casualties were inflicted on Reds routed east of Suchow, gateway to Nanking. The official and pro-government reports buoyed the capital. But skeptics, mindful of other government claims at Tsinan, Chinsien and Mukden just before they fell to the Reds, waited for more information. These points, however, appeared true on the basis of information here:

- 1. The Chinese Air Force blunted Red attacks across the open country east of Suchow, 200 miles northwest of the capital.
2. Gen. Huang Po-Tao's Seventh Army group, which was isolated east of Suchow, lost full strength of four armies. It survived repeated attacks and still is in the field. Its ability to take and give punishment heartened government units.
3. The executive Yuan ordered martial law extended to Tsinngao, site of the American Naval Base in the Western Pacific. The order goes now to President Chiang Kai-Shek for implementation. The action followed the application of martial law to Nanking, Shanghai and Suchow.
4. Gen. Pai Chung-Hsi's four national armies from Honkow approached the Pukow-Suchow railroad from the west after a forced march of 180 miles. The effectiveness of General Pai's troops in bolstering Suchow's defenses was undetermined since at least two Red columns paralleled them across the countryside.

No Sticker, No Licenses, Rosser's Idea

Raleigh, Nov. 17—(AP)—It may be a case of "no inspection sticker, no auto license," if an idea of the State Motor Vehicles Commissioner develops. Landon C. Rosser, commissioner of the Motor Vehicles Department, said yesterday he is looking into the possibility of refusing licenses to owners of vehicles which haven't passed inspection.

Merchant Directors To Meet Thursday

Mrs. Elva Martin, executive secretary of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association, announced this morning that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merchants Association which was scheduled for Thursday morning has been postponed until Thursday, December 9.

GOP To Wait Before Setting New Policies

Washington, Nov. 17—(AP)—Senator Millikin (R-Colo.) predicted today Republicans will wait and see President Truman's specific proposals to the new Congress before they adopt any opposition policy. Willikin, who heads the conference of all Republican senators in the present Congress, told a reporter he doesn't think anyone now can forecast what role the GOP will play as the new minority party.

Chennault Has No Plans For Reforming Famed Flying Tigers

New York, Nov. 17—(AP)—Although many American pilots have offered to join such a venture, Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault says he has no plans for reorganizing his "Flying Tigers" to aid China's embattled Nationalists. His statement was made last night in Shanghai in an American Broadcasting Company interview.

Truman Delays Appointments Until Replacements Are Found; May Ask Marshall To Remain

Key West, Fla., Nov. 17—(AP)—President Truman's delay in the reorganization of his administration was attributed by close associates today to concern about picking replacements for those who are to go. These sources unqualifiedly name, said the President is in no hurry to shake up his cabinet until he completes selection of a team to carry on during the next four years. As he told a news conference here yesterday, everybody has been shuffling the cabinet around but the President. Mr. Truman added that he would act at the proper time.

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Boys, Girls, What Do You Want for Christmas? See the Christmas Gift Displays in the Stores. Then Write a Letter to "Santa Claus," in Care of The Herald, and We'll See That He Gets It.