

PRINCESS L.T. Delco Mon. Oct. 31st - '55:

~~Today~~, <sup>today,</sup> In London, the Chief editors of two British news agencies received a summons - to go to Clarence House, home of Princess Margaret. There, they were handed Margaret's decision - whether or not to marry Group Captain Peter Townsend. The decision was given in the form of a statement by the Princess. The two British editors - to pass it along to other news agencies, and the newspapers. Which was done - by telephone.

~~So~~ Tonight, Britain is astounded. It had been confidently believed that Princess Margaret's decision would be - she'd marry the divorced officer of the R.A.F. But it's <sup>the</sup> reverse. Her decision is - duty, instead of love. She renounces - the marriage.

All of which seems to bring echoes - of nineteen years ago. When King Edward the Eighth had the same sort of decision to face. But - gave a different answer. Renouncing the British crown - so that he might marry a divorced woman.

*And we all remember how*  
~~and~~ he made a statement - on the radio. Words  
 that still echo in memory. *Remember how he*  
*said:-* "You must believe me when I tell you, that I have  
 found it impossible to carry the heavy burden of responsibility,  
 and discharge my duty as King as I would wish to do - without  
 the help and support of the woman I love."

So how does his niece express her decision? Her  
 brief statement reads: "I would like it to be known that I  
 have decided not to marry Group Captain <sup>Peter</sup>~~Townsend~~.

"I have been aware, she goes on," that subject to  
 my renouncing my rights of succession - it might have been  
 possible for me to contract a ~~an~~ civil marriage. But,  
 mindful of the church's teaching that christian marriage  
 is indissoluble and conscious of my duty to my Commonwealth -  
 I have resolved to put these considerations before all others.

"I have reached this decision entirely alone," the  
 statement concludes, "and, in doing so - I have been strengthened  
 by the unfailing support and devotion of Group Captain Peter

Townsend. I am deeply grateful for the concern of all those who have constantly prayed for my happiness.

(Signed) Margaret."

In this you perceive - the urgent command of duty. Her sister, Queen Elizabeth, is head of the Church of England. Margaret, herself, ~~third~~ third in line of succession - after the Queen's two children. The Princess - always fervently ~~is~~ religious. She makes it clear that there was no pressure on her - by royal family or Church authorities. The decision - her own.

You gather - that she's deeply attached to Group Captain Townsend. But it all works out in - renunciation.

During two-weeks-and-a-half, ever since he returned from Belgium - they were constant companions. Meeting for dinner at night - spending weekends together at country houses of friends. The same- this weekend which is just over. Together - again. Seen strolling in the country, hand in hand.



~~And~~ <sup>again,</sup> Today, Group Captain Townsend went to Clarence House. One more meeting, the last one - before the statement was issued. Perhaps he helped her prepare it. They were together two-hours-and-a-half, and then he left - and vanished in the London fog. Tonight, the word is - Group Captain Townsend is returning to Brussels, to resume his duties at the British Embassy there.

It is ~~now~~ now apparent what transpired between the two - during their constant companionship, day after day. You find it in the words of Margaret's ~~renunciation~~ declaration:- "I have been strengthened by the unfailing support and devotion of Group Captain Townsend." Together, they made the resolve - the ~~renunciation~~ renunciation.

If you want a situation of high drama, there you have it - what went on between the Princess and the man she

renounces. *And I am not got to prophecy about the future. But - it will be exceedingly interesting to watch the developments that follow this dramatic announcement.*



## AMERICANS

Today, four more Americans came out of Red China - under the agreement for the return of U.S. civilians. One of the four Americans returns - with praises for the Chinese Reds. Talking - a ripe line of Communist propaganda.

The four are a Jesuit priest from Lawrence, Massachusetts. A white Russian, wife of an American sailor, returning ~~wikxk~~ with her daughter. And, a Fulbright scholar, who had been sent to study in China. So which one sings a song in praise of the Reds?

Miss Harriet Mills of New York says that, while a Fulbright scholar, she did spy work for the British and Americans. She confessed espionage, and says the Communists were quite right in putting her in prison. She also believes the Americans engaged in germ warfare in Korea.

Miss Mills is the fourth Fulbright scholar to come out of China - talking pro-Communist line.

## GENEVA

At Geneva, today, Secretary Dulles made a surprise announcement. The lifting - of all passport restrictions on American travel to Soviet Russia and the Satellites. U.S. passports good for Iron Curtain countries. This - in a move to break down barriers, and promote a freedom of movement, an exchange of information and ideas. Break down - the Iron Curtain.


Along the same line, the American Secretary of State proposed a series of other measures to bring east and west closer together.

Behind the scenes, the question of Israel is foremost. The western Big Three, we hear, have agreed to furnish limited supplies of defensive <sup>(weapons</sup> ~~ammunition~~ <sup>)</sup> to Israel - to offset Communist armament for Egypt. But they've rejected Israel's plea for new security guarantees.

Premier Moshe Sharett of Israel has been urging Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov - to do everything he can to

stop the flow of Communist weapons for the Arabs. What

Molotov may have replied - we don't know.





PALESTINE

More shooting along the border of ~~the~~ the Gaza Strip. Reports from Israel declaring - that Egyptians made a raid, and shelled Israeli positions with mortar fire. And then were chased out. This - at a place where there was an exchange of machine gun fire yesterday.

## MOROCCO SULTAN

Today, former Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef arrived in France - with his two wives and nineteen concubines. Returning from exile in Madagascar, he expects to be put back in power, as the Sultan of Morocco - together with his two wives and nineteen concubines.

The whole thing seems pretty well arranged - by the formal abdication of Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Moulay Arafa, who declares himself in favor of restoring - the potentate whose place he took two years ago, <sup>Sultan Mohammed</sup> when Ben Youssef was ousted by the French, because he favored the Nationalists of Morocco. So now the Nationalists want him back on the throne - and will have their wish, apparently.

Today, at an airport on the French Riviera, a crowd of Moroccans cheered ~~and~~ the return of Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef - with his two wives and nineteen concubines.

In Morocco, the news was greeted with demonstrations of joy. Crowds marching with cheers - for Ben Youssef - for

nationalism, for Moroccan independence. And - for the two  
wives and nineteen concubines.



Senator Knowland of California, suggests that President Eisenhower should make known his decision by late fall or early winter. Whether or not he'll seek another term. ~~which seems unlikely~~ The Republican leader puts it in these words:

"In the event the President should not be a candidate, ~~as~~ the party and the country are entitled to sufficient time to make ~~themselves~~ their own appraisals. ~~Republicans, in primaries~~ ~~and state conventions, should have a choice of~~ ~~alternatives.~~"

~~Which, translated, means that the President, if he~~ ~~doesn't run, should~~ give Republican ~~members~~ hopefuls a chance to get set, and campaign for the nomination.

## SHOOTING

The shooting, Saturday night, of William G. Woodward, Jr. owner of the celebrated race horse Nashua - has all the appearance of bitter irony. Facts gathered by the Nassau County District Attorney, make it appear that Mr. and Mrs. Woodward had laid a plan against a prowler. And the wife killed, not the prowler, but her husband.

They had been to a fashionable party, attended by the Duchess of Windsor - and ~~talked at ~~length~~~~ <sup>they had talked</sup> about a burglar, who, twice, had ~~be~~ been on their estate. Once - breaking into a ~~hathen~~ bath house.

"We learn from a guest at the party," says Nassau County Chief of Detectives, "that the Woodwards were of the opinion - that, having been bothered twice by the burglar, a third visit would take place."

Woodward is quoted as telling the other guests:

"Tonight we are most certain to catch him."

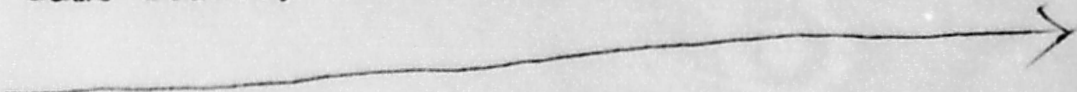
Chief of detectives Pinnell says - the couple devised a plan for catching the prowler. Both he and his wife - keeping

loaded guns by their bedside. Planning - to shoot, as soon as the burglar was detected. Mrs. Woodward - competent with firearms. Experienced - in big game hunting.

So that was the plan, when the Woodwards returned home. During the night Mrs Woodward was awakned, by the barking of the family dog, apparently. She got up, took her shotgun, and opened her bedroom door. Her Husband's bedroom was across a dimly lighted hall. She saw a vague figure down the hall - and fired immediately. Then recognized - it was her husband she had killed. Possibly he too, was looking for a prowler.

Today to get some information in this tragic story, I called the Cinerama studio, at Oyster Bay. Which - is near the Woodward home. The studio - a former <sup>indoor</sup> tennis court on the Woodward estate. In which inventor Fred Walker carried out his now famous experiments, creating Cinerama.

We're just completing another Cinerama picture in that same studio; and I inquired - if the film workers there





could throw any light on the case.

Film Editor Harvey Manger told me - that at the Cinerama studio there had been talk for days about the prowler. They heard - he was an ex-convict - who had broken out of jail at Mineola. The night watchman, on duty at the studio Saturday night, had the prowler in mind - when he heard the sound of a shotgun. He thought it might be the slamming of a door - the prowler. So he ran to the Woodward house, only to discover the tragic accident - as apparently, it was.

The District Attorney says there'll be a grand jury investigation - to put all ascertainable facts on record. →

Tonight the police questioned Mrs. Woodward at a hospital. She told them - her fear of burglars caused a "reflex action!" She knew someone was in the hall, and fired.

## PARIS FASHIONS

In Paris, the world of style is in a state of apprehension. *And there you hear a sinister word!* ~~The sinister word is around~~ pirates.

Which follows a lawsuit in New York. Charging - American piracy of Parisian fashions.

1/2 The plaintiffs - four of them the best known style creators in Paris - Dior, Fath, Lanvin, Patou. Who demand - one million, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars from a New York firm.

The Parisian fashion houses take elaborate precautions for secrecy. When there's a showing of new styles, the people invited are carefully selected. You have to be accredited, like a diplomat - to get in.

The world of Parisian fashions still remembers, with horror - two American buyers who visited the style showings, and ~~made~~ purchased all the latest models. They turned out to be New York dress manufacturers. ~~Whak~~ Who, back home, put the Parisian models into mass production. Selling them all over



the United States - at eight-ninety-five.

Then ~~was~~ there was the beautiful woman, handsomely gowned, who got in - with the best of references. She had an elegant umbrella and she tapped the handle occasionally with her delicate fingers. Just a nervous habit, it seemed. But, in the handle of that umbrella, was a tiny camera, and the tapping meant - snapping pictures.

The beautiful lady - was a pirate, <sup>Hugh</sup> Her elegant umbrella - a weapon as devastating as the cutlass of Captain Kidd or Blackbeard.