

DURWESTON

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Chicago, Ill.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth danced into the wee hours this morning - celebrating ^{ed} her fiftieth birthday at a glittering party, ^{Windsor Castle at}
~~in Windsor Castle~~ ^{Some 600} guests ^{were} at the ball ~~including some six hundred~~
~~at the castle in Windsor~~ including Prince ^{Philip} ~~Edward~~ and the Queen's four children; one of whom ^{perhaps} ~~probably~~ should have left early but didn't.

^A Princess Anne getting up at the crack of dawn with her husband Mark Phillips, driving more than a hundred miles to a riding competition at Durweston; where she fell on her next to last jump and was rolled on by her horse. The princess now in a hospital - suffering from concussion, shock and a cracked vertebra.

POLITICS

~~On the political front~~ President Ford, in Washington, ~~says~~ ^{says} the U.S. is and will remain - the greatest military power on earth; adding that charges ~~the U.S. is~~ ^{that we are} in a position of military inferiority" to the Soviet Union "are complete and utter nonsense." ~~While Ronald Reagan, at August again attacking the President's stand on the Panama Canal on the possible resumption of relations with Viet Nam, on aid to, education and so on.,~~

~~On the Democratic side~~, Jimmy Carter, Scoop Jackson, Morris Udall and George Wallace - were all campaigning today ~~through~~ ⁱⁿ Pennsylvania, where the next big Democratic primary will be held - next week.

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CADILLAC

The convertible automobile - once a staple of the U.S. auto industry - went the way of the Edsel today. The last production convertible to be built in the U.S. - an Eldorado - coming off the assembly line at a Cadillac plant in Detroit. ~~The newsmen at the passing of the convertible - including a group of photographers who were perhaps most disappointed of all. A company spokesman, explaining why saying: "we couldn't even put the top down - it was raining."~~

~~Here at home again~~ - Some seventy thousand rubber workers went on strike today - against the Big Four tire-makers. A union official saying the strike is expected to last - "for some time." An auto industry spokesman saying if it last^s_^ a month - it will "shut down every auto plant in the country."

QUONSET POINT

At Quonset Point Rhode Island - a retired U.S. AirForce Colonel today flew a hand-made, human-powered airplane - a distance of eighty to a hundred feet. Colonel Joseph Zinno, as far as we know - the first airman ever to take off under his own power; using a propellor attached to a bicycle wheel - to get ~~himself~~ airborne. ~~The Colonel~~ *The Colonel says* ~~adding, with a little luck,~~ he will soon attempt to claim the ninety-thousand dollar prize offered in Britian - to the first person to fly a human-powered craft around two pylons half-a-mile apart.

PRICES

The U.S. cost of living index - up again last month, but just barely; a mere two-tenths of one per cent, ^{The} ~~according to figures~~ released today. ~~Consumer prices thus rising at an annual rate of less than three per cent - over the past three months; the nation's best quarterly showing, as far as inflation is concerned, -~~ ^{in 4 years,} ~~in four years.~~

~~Says Government expert Herman Liebling, warning, however, "we should not get surphoric." ~~And the White House spokesman~~ Spokesman Ron Nessen saying; "no one here believed it will be possible to maintain this low a level - every month." "At the same time, the~~

^{The} President views this as excellent news" ^{Ron} Said Nessen, ^{and} ~~adding, "He~~ " sees it as further evidence - that his economic policies are working."

ROME

Left-wing terrorists in Rome today shot and critically wounded - the President of American-owned Chevron Oil of Italy. Giovanni Theodoli, who is also a Roman Nobleman, trapped in a narrow Old Rome street - ~~where he was~~ shot eight times.

PARIS

A lady doctor who has also qualified as a paratrooper and a helicopter pilot - ^{has been} ~~was~~ named ~~today~~ the first woman General in the French Armed Forces. Air Force General Valerie Andre, age fifty-four, the holder of numerous medals - and presently a counselor to the French Military Air Transport Command. ^{She} ~~is~~ now outranking her husband - a mere Colonel; which could lead to problems - but, as they say in France, "c'est la guerre."

And now this m -

KIRIN CITY

The greatest meteor shower ^{was} recorded, ~~city is recorded~~
~~from~~ ⁱⁿ Kirin Province, ~~in~~ Mainland China. More than a hundred
meteorites - the biggest weighing nearly two tons - landing in
an area of nearly two hundred square miles near Kirin City.

This more than a month ago - but announced only tonight in
Peking. ^{No serious damage or loss of life,} An eyewitness ~~quoting as~~ saying a large meteor hurdled
into the earth's atmosphere - ~~then~~ "exploded, in the sky and
scattered radially in all directions."

^{And now for CBS -}
~~By the way, the area in question populated by an~~
~~estimated one hundred thousand Chinese, but Peking saying there~~
~~was no serious damage - or loss of life." If true - a near-~~
~~miracle.~~