

CAERNARVON CASTLE

Tues. July 1st. '69.

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Caernarvon Castle, Wales - a majestic blending today of pomp and circumstance - as you no doubt have heard by now. Marking the addition of a new junior partner - to Britain's thousand-year-old "family business" - as the Duke of Edinburgh called it.

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Queen Elezabeth the Second investing her son Charles - as the new Prince of Wales. The young heir to the British throne, in turn, pledging loyalty to his mother - "with life and limb and earthly worship." And after a few remarks in excellent Welsh - the Prince was then presented to his people by his Queen. Neither threats - nor bombs - nor anything - staying the royal pair from their appointed rounds of the palace ramparts.

Indeed, the whole royal family - performing with perfect aplomb. Ignoring scattered acts of vandalism ~~XXXXXXXX~~ and sabotage - by die-hard Welsh nationalists; including ~~the~~ two who were killed outright today - in an abortive bomb plot.

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On top of that - a third nationalist narrowly escaping with his life - when he hurled an egg at the Queen's carriage. Loyal Caernarvons shouting "brawdry, brawdyr!" - Welsh for "Traitor, traitor!" Seizing the egg-tosser - throwing him to the ground - others shouting "lynch him, lynch him!" - when police finally stepped in.

BEN HET

On the other side of the globe - the siege of Ben Het is over at last. Enemy gunners melting back into the jungle - after eight weeks of non-stop shelling. ^{They} Headed for sanctuary in nearby Cambodia - after taking some of the heaviest bombing attacks in months. Leaving the field to a South Vietnamese relief force - ~~that~~ arrived today from neighboring Dak To. The government troops - reporting "no opposition."

All this - setting off a wave of celebration in Ben Het - as you can imagine. The Green Berets there - joining South Vietnamese irregulars and mercenaries in celebrating the triumph. For the natives, at least - the party including a victory feast; with one and all sharing choice cuts of water buffalo - just dropped by parachute especially for this occasion.

JORDAN-DAMASCUS

~~Reprisal in Jordan.~~ Israeli jets ^{were} attacking today - a number of widely-separated Arab commando camps, including one guerilla complex near the Dead Sea - another near the Sea of Galilee. This - apparently in keeping with Premier Golda Meir's warning of yesterday; a warning of "seven-fold" Israeli retaliation - against any further Arab terrorist attacks.

Elsewhere in the Mideast - the Syrian capital of Damascus was also having its troubles. ~~today~~. Thanks to a local baker - who accidentally mixed some insecticide in with his flour. The resulting batch of bread - making about five hundred deathly ill. Tying up the city's entire ambulance fleet - setting off rumors that someone had poisoned the city's water supply. Threatening wholesale panic - until the source of the contaminants was finally tracked down.

NEW YORK FOLLOW JORDAN-DAMASCUS

~~New this:~~ At U.N. headquarters in New York - the Big Four ambassadors today suspending their own Mideast peace talks. Announcing plans to resume "at a later date" - which is taken to mean sometime in the fall. And so another long, hot summer in the making in the Mideast - and still no end in sight.

BUENOS AIRES

Governor Rockefeller's three-day visit to Argentina - ~~ending~~^{ends} with a bang. Reports from Buenos Aires telling of a bomb explosion today - knocking out a government electric plant. Alleged leftist terrorists - also setting fire to a number of railroad cars. Defying a state of siege - ordered only yesterday. This in the wake of the assassination - of the country's top labor leader; a man who ~~refused~~^{earlier} to join - an anti-Rockefeller protest movement.

Meanwhile, Rocky himself - winding up his talks with government leaders. Heading next for Haiti - and apparently none too soon.

WHITE HOUSE

Reaction to House passage of that tax surcharge extension - an expression of jubilation today at the White House. After meeting with President Nixon - House Minority Leader Gerald Ford hailing the vote - as "a victory for the people in the battle against inflation."

At the same time - Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen predicting speedy approval in that body as well. When asked to explain his confidence - the Senator remarking simply: "The oil can - is mightier than the sword."

DIVORCE

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The month of June - just ended - another banner month for brides. Expected to spark an increase of about five per cent - in the total number of U.S. marriages this year.

Reverse side -a report today from the National Center for Health Statistics. Showing a ten per cent increase - in the number of U.S. divorces last year; all together - totaling nearly six hundred thousand.

Top state - percentage-wise: You guessed it - Nevada. With nearly twenty-two divorces - for every one thousand of population. Followed by Arizona - Oklahoma - Wyoming. In total figures - again a Western state - way out in front; California - with nearly seventy thousand divorces; and Texas - a solid second - with more than forty-five thousand.

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The wild, wild West of yore - ~~still~~ ^{John Schaffer - seems to be} far from domesticated,

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~~it seems.~~

GLOVERSVILLE

And now - a birthday greeting; from all of us at CBS
Radio - to station W-E-N-T in Gloversville, New York. Today
celebrating - its twenty-fifth anniversary on the air.

In Gloversville everybody goes to

~~Way to go, W-E-N-T! - and so long until tomorrow.~~

CAPE KENNEDY

The three Apollo-Eleven astronauts - fit as a fiddle and ready for space. Passing a major medical check-up today - at Cape Kennedy. Dr. Chuck Berry reporting Astronauts Armstrong, Collins and Aldrin - all "in excellent physical shape." Adding that "as of today - they look amazingly relaxed."

While at Houston - Apollo project chief Chris Kraft - was today confirming blast-off for July Sixteenth. "We're going to be ready - no question about it" - said he.