

# Evening Standard

24-HOUR FORECAST:  
Gale-force wind; rain; cold.MIDNIGHT: 7.5 p.m. Sets 12.4 p.m. to-morrow. ONE PENNY  
LICENSING UP TIME: 5.30 p.m.

FINAL NIGHT

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**GREAT GALE** rages on: Schoolgirl killed by tree: crane crashes on Thames-side  
more mines: 20 ft. gap in sea wall

## 130ft. MAST BLOWN ON TO THE MAST BEFORE THE CRASH SIX HOUSES

### Big seas flood Hastings

**FORECAST:** Stormy weather for two or three days—  
Britain is in the direct path of storms sweeping in from the  
Atlantic.

Evening Standard Reporters

The great gale, reaching 100 m.p.h. at one time, brought more destruction to Southern England to-day, and again mines were washed inshore by the heavy seas. High tide this afternoon was anxiously watched.

Fourteen people living in Bisham-gardens, off Highgate high-street, escaped death when, at 8.30 a.m., a 130ft. B.B.C. television mast, weakened by the gale, collapsed and crashed on to the roofs of six houses and broke into four pieces.

The mast, attached to an experimental television station at the top of Bisham-gardens, which links up with the B.B.C.'s main television station at Alexandra Palace, was made of wood.

Roofs were demolished, holes in walls, and windows shattered. Yet although each of the six houses was occupied, no one was injured.

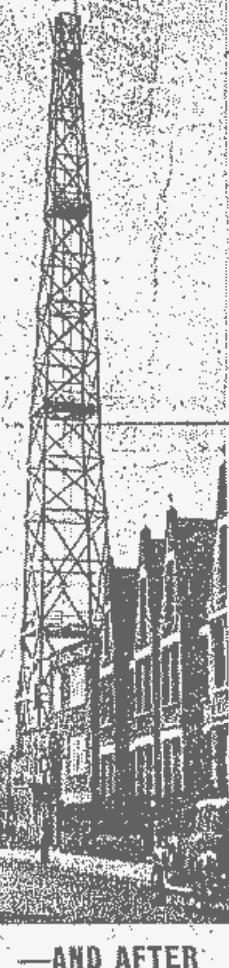
#### CHILDREN ESCAPE

The six houses were No. 13, occupied by Mr. Pussey; No. 15, Mrs. Evans; No. 17, Mrs. Smith; No. 19, Mr. Gladwin; No. 21, Mr. Barber; and No. 23, Mr. Smith.

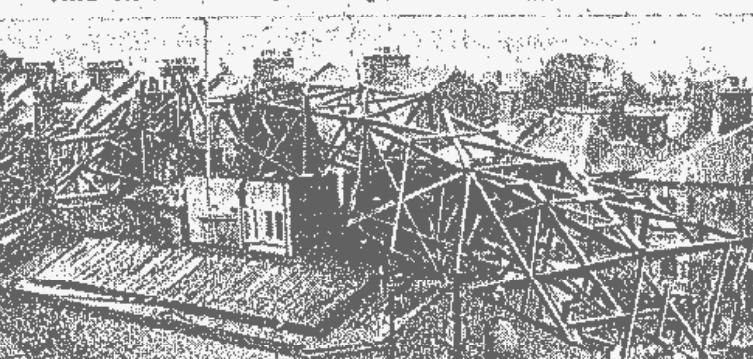
One large piece of the mast went through the roof of No. 13, the house farthest away, and fell upon a bed in which two children were sleeping. Neither was injured.

At Braintree, Essex, High School pupils were walking along the school paths when an elm tree crashed and killed Kathleen Read, aged 14, of Atherton-road, and seriously injured another pupil.

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AND AFTER



TELEGRAMS

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### The City's budget buying

#### Rapid changes in prices

Evening Standard City Reporter

A mad buying came to the big City to-day. Prices began half an hour earlier than usual, and prices moved so rapidly that it was difficult to keep pace with them. At midday did things quieten. A tendency to take profits bright about price reaction here and there.

#### A new high

Bill-edged stocks led. Old bonds jumped to a new high of £90 10s., a rise of 5s. dd. Bills in Gilts reflected only the Chancellor's hint of cheaper money, while income tax reduction and the cut in E.P.T. led to some substantial gains in fishing industries such as Cod-lads, British Potash, Ilmote and British Fisheries, Denebours, Avon Rubber, Malins and Cross and Blawell (pp. 2s. 4d.).

Sounds up, brokers said the buoy was better than they had hoped for.

### Noel-Baker starts U.S. talks

MONTREAL, Wednesday.—Mr. Noel-Baker, British Minister of State, was expected to leave Quebec to-day for a 36-hour visit to Washington, where, it was understood, he will meet Mr. Byrnes, U.S. Secretary of State, and other leading U.S. states.

He is expected to discuss relations between Britain, the United States, and the Soviet Union, Western despatches said.

#### TO MEET HALIFAX

After leaving, Mr. Noel-Baker said that he was particularly anxious to talk with Lord Halifax. He strongly denied that his visit was due to uneasiness about the future of the United Nations Organisation or the Russian refusal to join the Food and Agriculture Organisation, now in session here. Reuters

### SPED FLIGHT HELD UP

Evening Standard Air Reporter

## QUISLING IS SHOT

Rushed before firing squad in middle of the night

Vidkun Quisling, the man who gave his name to all quislings, was shot before dawn to day in Oslo.

### Skymasters on last lap

Evening Standard Reporter

DUBLIN, Wednesday.—Two giant Douglas Skymasters, first land aircraft to fly the Atlantic on a commercial service, are racing the last 500 miles against strong headwinds and storms to be the first American aircraft carrying civilian passengers into Shannon airport.

They were due to touch down between 2 and 3 o'clock this afternoon, and were inaugurating the American Export Air Lines' regular transatlantic service to Europe.

Both aircraft took off at 10 o'clock last night from La Guardia field, New York. When last contacted from Shannon airport they had caught up on schedule, and were within a few minutes of each other.

The Royal Norwegian Minister of Justice, in a statement to-day, said sentence of death was carried out at 2.30 this morning (Norwegian time).

Quisling had sent the King a letter in which he pointed out he was innocent, but added that he did not ask for a reprieve. Mr. Annas Slijord, the prosecutor, and Mr. Henrik Holst, Quisling's defence counsel, also had not been notified of execution.

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Mr. Quisling, however, requested the King to intercede on behalf of his human rights.

At a Cabinet meeting yesterday the King rejected Mrs. Quisling's petition for mercy and decided the sentence was to be carried out.

—A.P. and Reuters.

## MORE TROOPS DRAFTED TO THE LONDON DOCKS

FIVE hundred more troops were drafted into the London docks area to-day, bringing the estimated total of soldier-dockers there to more than 5000. There is a prospect of further troops being called in.

The number of strikers, too, is more than estimated. At the beginning of the week, 17000. A recheck by P.L.A. officials puts the number little at 12,750.

The soldiers are unloading 32 ships and loading 16 others. Vessels awaiting unloading number 64-half of them ocean-going ships, with large cargoes, and most of the remainder are small carriers.

The appeal of the Transport and General Workers' Union, strike conference, for the striking dockers to return to work, had no effect to-day.

At a meeting outside Wapping Dock this morning the men voted to return. A union official attempted to address them after Mr. J. McLaughlin, a member of the London Strike Conference, had spoken, but the dockers walked away.

Mr. McLaughlin had the support of the men when he declared that they could not resume work.

Last night Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dixon Clayton and their wife, Mrs. Stella Clayton, both aged 29, were rescued by St. Ives lifeboat to-day when their ketch, Minnie Plastic, 6 tons, foundered in St. Ives Bay.

The ketch was bound for Appledore to Plymouth in ballast and put into St. Ives Bay to anchor on Monday.

Clayton went to sleep with his teeth riding at anchor, but early to-day the vessel was drifting in the gale towards Godrevy Light house.

—A.P. and Reuters.