

FRIENDLINESS

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Evening Standard

24-HOUR FORECAST:
Gale-force wind; rain; cold.

MON. REV. 7.5 p.m. Sat. 12.4 p.m. to-morrow. ONE PENNY
LICHING-UP TIME: 5.19 p.m.

FINAL NIGHT

SIFTA SALT

Free Running

**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 SIX HOUSES

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-river-street, escaped death when, at 9.30 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 torn in walls, and windows shattered. Yet although each of the six houses was occupied, no one was injured.

CHILDREN ESCAPE

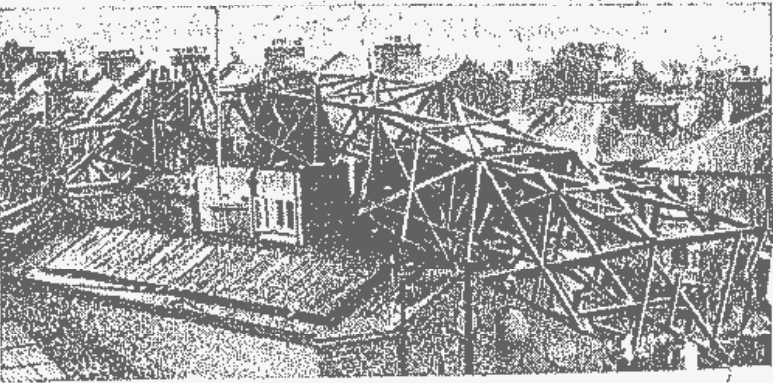
The six houses were No. 13, occupied by Mr. Dusey; No. 15, Mrs. Evans; No. 17, Mrs. Smalhurst; No. 19, Mr. Gladwin; No. 21, Mr. Imber; and No. 23, Mr. Smith.

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 path when an elm tree crashed and killed Kathleen Reed, aged 11, of Athletic-road, and seriously injured another pupil.

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She watched from No. 36

Evening Standard Reporter

The only person who saw the Highgate television mast crash was a woman living at No. 36, Bisham-gardens, immediately opposite the television station.

She said: "It had just struck half-past eight when I went upstairs to a front room to water some plants. As I entered the room I heard a loud creaking and rumbling. I looked out of the window and saw the mast sway. "Then it swayed back upright, stayed motionless for a moment, then crashed on the houses opposite with a tremendous crack."

The City's budget buying

Rapid changes in prices

Evening Standard City Reporter

Budget buying came to the City today. Prices began half an hour after the usual, and prices fell so rapidly that it was difficult to keep pace with them. At midday things began to level off. A tendency to take profit by about price reaction here and there.

A new high

Well-edged stocks led. Old bonds jumped to a new high level of 100 1/2, a rise of 1/2.

Prices in Gift-edged reflected the Chancellor's hint of all-charge money, while income tax reduction and the cut in E.P.T. led to some substantial gains in foreign industrial stocks such as Continental, Debenhams, Avon Baker, Balmores and Crosses and Blackwell (see 2c. 4d.).

Smiling up, brokers said the budget was better than they had hoped for.

Noel-Baker starts U.S. talks

WEEBEC, Wednesday.—Mr. Noel-Baker, British Minister of State, was expected to leave here 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. officials.

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

TO MEET HALIFAX

Before leaving, Mr. Noel-Baker is expected to talk with Lord Halifax, who has 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.

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.

This official announcement was made after Quisling defence counsel and Os officials had refused to confirm a Norwegian newspaper report that he was executed last night.

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Mr. Annanes, Schjodet, attorney, and Mr. Henrik Benning, Quisling's defence counsel, who had not been notified of the execution.

The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Justice, in a statement said sentence of death was carried out at 2.40 this morning (the western time).

Quisling had rent the King's letter, in which he pointed out that he was innocent, but added that he did not ask for a reprieve. Mr. Quisling, however, requested a reprieve on behalf of his husband. At a Cabinet meeting yesterday the King rejected Mrs. Quisling's petition for mercy and decided the sentence was to be carried out.

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's 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 airport, New York. When last contacted from Shannon airport they had caught up on schedule and were within a few minutes of each other.

The King is godfather

The King was godfather and Princess Elizabeth godmother to the Crown Prince of Yugoslavia, who was baptised at Westminster Abbey to-day.

The Prince was named Alexander.

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. A report by P.L.A. officials puts the number idle 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 craft.

The appeal of the Transport and General Workers' Union, following yesterday's decision by the court, for the striking dockers to return to work, had no effect to-day.

At a meeting outside Westminster Docks this morning the new leaders attempted to address the strikers. Mr. J. P. McLoughlin, a member of the London Strike Committee, had spoken, but the strikers walked away.

Mr. McLoughlin had the support of the men when he declared that they would not resume work.

Lifeboat saves man and wife

Mr. Arthur Dixon Clayton and his wife, Mrs. Stella Clayton both aged 29, were rescued by St. Ives lifeboat to-day when their ketch, Mimie Flossie, 55 tons, foundered in St. Ives Bay.

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

Last night Mr. and Mrs. Clayton went to sleep with the ketch riding at anchor, but to-day the vessel was drifting in the gale towards Godfrey Light House.