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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Sharmen Douglas - daughter of America's ambassador to Britain - goes to a Dr. Barnado home in Stepney to act, together with American legionnaires, as an unofficial ambassador between the children of the two nations. With her, she brings 50 tons of toys - the gift of young Americans to orphans in Britain. With each of them comes a letter, and typical of them is this one from Michigan which says: "This is my best toy: I love it. I hope you like it too."

Lieutenant, the Duke of Edinburgh, goes to Rabat - Atlantic seaport in French Morocco - for a naval conference following the Anglo-French manoeuvres in the Mediterranean. With Prince Philip is his uncle - Vice-Admiral Lord Mountbatten, who commanded the British task force during the exercises, in which Prince Philip's destroyer - H.M.S. Chequers - played a leading role. Lord Louis will be returning shortly to become Fourth Sea Lord. Prince Philip will stay with the Mediterranean Fleet.

Further East, the Turkish Tommy Atkins parades his new equipment. Placed in an unenviable position - midway between Russia and the rich Middle East (goal of Soviet ambitions) Turkey finds herself a key strategic centre in the cold war. Thirty million pounds worth of military equipment have gone to her from the Western Nations so that she can maintain her independence and keep the cold war from becoming a shooting war. 25,000 troops pass in review order, as Turkey parades her newly-organised armed forces.

With 300,000 men on the active list and another million in reserve, Turkey stands ready to defend herself, should she be attacked.