

FLASHES!

Mablethorpe's new sea defences bear a plaque recording their inspection by the Duke of Edinburgh. Two years ago he came here to see the indescribable devastation after the great sea flood. A million and a quarter pounds have gone to rebuilding the prom, gardens and other seafront amenities. At nearby Sutton the Duke called on the District's oldest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Silcock. A week ago the old people celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. He is a very young 80. The Duke said he expected they'd have quite a bust up on the 60th anniversary!

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The night ferry from Paris brought to Victoria the Italian Prime Minister Signor Scelba. He and the Foreign Minister, Signor Martino, were welcomed by Sir Anthony Eden. On the way they had talks with French Statesmen and ~~Atlantic~~ <sup>Atlantic</sup> ~~Commander-in-Chief~~ <sup>Atlantic</sup> ~~General Gruenther~~. Here they will discuss Western Union, and German rearmament, <sup>p. 2</sup> ~~and exchange views on Formosa. We welcome our Italian visitors.~~

WASHINGTON, FRIDAY - BRITISH SHIPOWNERS HAVE URGED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT NOT TO BUY APPLES ON THE WEST COAST OF THE U.S. THROUGH THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION UNLESS ALL THE APPLES ARE CARRIED IN BRITISH SHIPS. DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS SAID TODAY. THEY SAID THAT BRITAIN CAN BUY APPLES WORTH \$1,400,000 DOLLARS, CHIEFLY IN OREGON, THROUGH F.O.A. WITH COUNTER-PART FUNDS. BUT F.O.A. HAS STIPULATED THAT HALF OF THE CARGO MUST BE CARRIED IN U.S. SHIPS TO COMPLY WITH A CONGRESS-IONAL DIRECTIVE. HOWEVER, THEY UNDERSTOOD F.O.A. MAY FIND A WAY OF NOT INSISTING ON THE 50-50 CARGO STIPULATION IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT U.S. FEW CARGO SHIPS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEST COAST TO CARRY CARGOES TO EUROPE. THEY POINTED OUT THE BRITISH SHIPPING INDUSTRY WAS INCENSED THAT HALF OF A SIMILAR DEAL WITH F.O.A. TO BUY \$1,250,000 DOLLARS WORTH OF COAL HERE HAD TO BE CARRIED IN U.S. SHIPS TO BRITAIN.

WASHINGTON, FRIDAY - RUSSIA'S MOST RECENT OFFER TO SHARE ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL KNOWLEDGE - PROVIDING IT IS MADE IN GOOD FAITH - GOES "PART WAY" RUSSIA'S ATOM OFFER GOES "PART WAY"