

News in a flash round the world

Plane Crash

Hertfordshire: The scattered debris of an R.A.F. Canberra lies on the lawn of a children's home at St. Margaret's, near Ware, and twenty-six children (all under five years old) had escaped death by a miracle. The crash occurred in darkness and the plane burst into flames - after two of the crew had baled out. Glass from the shattered windows of the home showered upon the children's beds; but none of the youngsters was injured. ~~One~~ Member of the crew ~~was killed.~~

is known to have died.

N.A.T.O. Council meeting

In Paris - the Foreign Ministers of the Western World met for the final N.A.T.O. Council Meeting of the year - when they reviewed past events and planned for the future.

After the two-day session, America's Mr Dulles chats to M. Spaak of Belgium.

and following a year of achievement, shared by the French Premier, Sir Anthony Eden sums up his hopes for Western Unity and peace. SOUND

At the Elysee Palace - a year of outstanding military service was honoured, when President Coty of France received General Gruenther, the Supreme ~~Allied~~ Commander Allied Forces in Europe.

The occasion was the presentation of the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour to the American General - the highest distinction France has ever conferred on a foreigner.

Queen of Light

London: Reviving a custom that lapsed, in England, about two hundred years ago, girls from cities and towns throughout Britain compete for the title "Queen of Light". Originally, the festival was held on the shortest day, when the year turned towards the lighter days of Spring.

But now the ~~accent~~ ^{ACCENT} is on light... and ~~beauty~~ ^{BOW-TIE.}...

^{Tu+hrs} ~~national~~ ^{Tie-up} contest - the preliminary heats began back in August - and ^{plus beauties!} now nineteen lovelies parade before the judges.

In keeping with the general theme - all the entrants had to be blonde.

And here's the inaugural "Queen of Light" - Miss Stephanie Howell - a Liverpool Model, being crowned by a Swedish title-holder.