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News flashes

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Duke at Nice

France: Flying from Britain in a Viking of the Queen's Flight, the Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Nice Airport. After a brief stay on the Riviera, at the home of his aunt, the Marchioness of Milford Haven, the Royal Visitor sailed in the yacht "Britannia" to watch Combined Fleet Exercises in the Mediterranean.

Cambridge Crew

Putney: Wintry conditions welcomed the Cambridge crew to the Tideway - to begin their final training, over the actual Boat Race course, for the 101st "Battle of the Blues".

The ill-wind was still blowing their way when Cambridge learned that their President, D.K. Hill (who has chicken pox) was out of the race. The Light Blues have two Americans in their boat and will be one of the heaviest crews in the history of the race.

Egypt

Egypt: Recently, the Egyptian Government has been embellishing the City of Cairo. Roads have been paved and resurfaced and it was decided to bring, from Memphis, the Statue of the Pharaoh Rameses the Great - to adorn a public square. The forty-foot Statue (which is about three thousand years old) weighs eighty tons.

New Olympic arena

Australia: With the fight for the Ashes over, preparation has begun at the Melbourne Cricket Ground - for the 1956 Olympic Games.

This is already, the world's biggest cricket ground; with the addition of new stands, Melbourne will accommodate 125,000.

Here's the model for the new Swimming Pool - the winning design, in a National competition.

The Pool will form part of the future Olympic Park - where such events as swimming, cycling and soccer will take place, as Melbourne prepares an arena - worthy of great world contests.