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NEWS FLASHES

Duke of Edinburgh

Portsmouth: Piloting a Whirlwind helicopter, the Duke of Edinburgh literally "dropped in" on the new Australian Aircraft-Carrier, "Melbourne". He was received on the flight deck by her Commander, Capt. Gatacre. The Duke (who had flown from Buckingham Palace) made a ~~detailed~~ "good luck" tour of the thirty-thousand ton vessel, before she leaves for the voyage "Down Under!"

Avalanche

From Yugoslavia comes the first news of disaster following Europe's unprecedented Arctic conditions. A sudden rise in temperature, in the Mount Alrab area, causes an avalanche, with fifty casualties, many of them fatal.

A rescue column from the town of Gostivar battled through adverse conditions to the entombed villages. Many survivors had to be carried long distances before they could be despatched for hospital treatment. With their houses smashed or completely buried, the homeless (many with young children) are taken to reception areas. Refugees from the aftermath of winter.

Meanwhile, in Japan, the heavy snowfall is moulded, by amateur ~~sculptors~~ sculptors, into fascinating works of art.

This was the traditional display of frozen sculpture at Toku-Machi... The winning exhibit was both timely and topical - it featured a South Polar ^{EXPEDITION} ~~Expedition~~...

Still Feeling cold? Well, Spring is in the air, right here in California, where they're taking the bounce out of the world's biggest trampoline. Recently installed at Palm Springs, it can hold forty people. Sometimes that's thirty-nine too many...

And to prove that Spring is in the air. Here she comes!

~~Now a story with a different kind of bounce. Watch Frank D'Angelo bounce Earl Thomas down on the canvas, during the Golden Gloves semi-finals, in New York.~~

~~But that's not gold in Frankie's gloves - that's dynamite...~~

~~And when the fight was stopped in the third round - the Earl needed a pick up...~~