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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Inverness

To historic Fort George, near Inverness, comes Princess Margaret - Colonel-in-Chief of the Highland Light Infantry. It is her first visit to the Regiment since her appointment in Glasgow a year ago. Marching past the Princess, the 1st Battalion is led by a Company of men in Mackenzie kilts.

For Britain's youngest - and prettiest - Colonel, the visit to Fort George marks the end of her Balmoral holiday. Lake Como Just beginning a Royal holiday are King Leopold of the Belgians and his wife (who have brought a formidable array of golf bags) to Lake Como. Rejected by Belgians at the end of the war, Leopold's future may soon be settled by a referendum.

Giving his version of his surrender to the Germans in 1940, the King puts the blame on the British and says that he told the military commanders of his intention to capitulate.

Paris

Also raking up the past are two Parisians, who want to be different. NO streamlines for them. They've gone "way back" to come out with something old (amid the something new) at the Grand Palais Motor Show. For the first time since the war, France shows cars that aren't to be looked at only. They are for sale - to all and sundry with the necessary cash. Delivery time is three months, but people with pounds to spare haven't a chance. Dollars get priority, francs come second best.

The Parisian couple have put things in their right perspective. For though there is a lot to be said for the 1949 car with all its trimmings, it's got nothing on grandfather's days. Then a car was still an automobile and a dollar just five bob.