

This prince left hungry



Royalty in profile

I wonder what President Nixon thought of His Royal Highness Prince Philip's hearty appetite when they dined together Tuesday night in the White House.

Though Mason City Airport had fuel trucks ready to feed the Prince's airplane when it arrived Tuesday, it wasn't prepared for the royal's unexpected request for food. To add to the problem, the airport's restaurant is closed for remodeling.

An order was quickly called in to a Mason City grocery, and though Dr. Harold H. Jennings, chairman of the Mason City Airport Commission, tried to break all delivery boy records, the food arrived too late. The plane taxied off, fully fed with fuel, but the 16-member entourage must have arrived for tea and crackers during the flight between Iowa and Washington, D.C. And even a prince can get hungry.

"I hope the President took him well tonight," said airport manager Robert Fricker. He said he was worried the plane had left.

What will happen to Prince Philip's gift certificate? Fricker said he would either stage a "British" party or change the restaurant's menu.

Flight Lt. Graham Emmerson, captain on the prince's plane, carried the list of needed grocery items. He was very British—pungent and handsome in his royal Air Force uniform. He didn't become flustered when told there was "no food at the airport."

"Well, do you know where we can get some," he asked Lucille Edwards, Fricker's secretary.

He explained there was some food on the plane, but cheese, soup and a few other items were needed.

Lt. Emmerson's phone order to Kenyon's at Mason City, went something like this:

"We need some cheese, assorted cheeses, some lettuce to serve with crackers to 14 people."

"Oh, we have tinned soup?" He repeated this phrase several times until Eleanor McLaughlin, Globe-Gazette's women's page editor, suggested he say "canned." When Lt. Emmerson asked if the store had crackers or prawns, he was told to substitute the word "salmon" for "prawns." Shrimp or prawns, the store didn't have any.

He also asked for tinned fruit cake-type was available. "The French's line," said Lt. Emmerson. French loaves and loaves also were requested, but only the bread was in stock.

To check what type of food a prince enjoys for lunch. Don't you wonder who is going to eat the unsolicited royal food left at Mason City?

LT. GRAHAM EMMERSON

"Tinned soup for 14"

Mason City Mayor George Mendon took no chance of having anything going wrong when he presented the key to the city to Prince Philip Tuesday.

The mayor made the presentation in the nearly private confines of the conference room at the Mason City Airport where the Prince rested before a press conference.

Why did the mayor wait to make the presentation there rather than in front of the crowd which greeted the Prince?

Well, it might have had something to do with what the Prince is reported to have said after receiving the key to Canada while on an earlier stop on this trip. The Prince's remark on such an occasion was said to have been:

"Oh, lord, not another one!"

An orange kingdom stands out against the bright red tail section of Prince Philip's Avrocar aircraft which he flew into Mason City Tuesday.

"The symbol of Australia was painted without royal permission — on the tail by



Prince lands with flags flying

some grandiose members of the Avrocar Air Force during a visit the Prince made "down under" two years ago.

When Prince Philip's plane touched down at Mason City's airport Tuesday, two small flags popped out above the plane's compartment. One was the American flag and the other was the gold and yellow standard which is the Prince's private flag.

Prince people were pre-warned against early questioning of Prince Philip before a news conference Tuesday. A. K. Rutledge, Britain's Consul-General in Chicago, who greeted the Prince at the airport, told members of the press not to question the Prince before the prescribed time and place of "that'll end it."

He got the feeling from Rutledge that the Prince expects everything to be done in the proper and prescribed manner—without variation.

If Prince Philip receives the perfect picture of royalty, his pilot, Squadron Leader A. R. (Tony) Fording, has to be credited a screenshot of the perfect Royal Air Force (RAF) officer.

Handed straight and with a full mustache clipped to military perfection, the squadron leader was first off the Prince's plane when it landed Tuesday. You could almost hear reticence from "Bridge On the River Kaituma" as he offered the usual queering British hand salute to Rutledge.



Canadian flag brings wave from Prince

These girls were disappointed

"I was shocked," said Marcia Anderson, 16, Clear Lake. "He didn't look like what we expected of it."

It's easy to guess why the girls were disappointed in the visit which at Mason City Airport is catch a glimpse of royalty.

"We've never seen a prince before," they said. Though they had been excited by the school to come and see Prince Philip, they said they were not taking advantage of the offer to get out of a class.

They realized they had been studying English literature and also thought it would be a good idea to get pictures of the prince and his plane for the school's annual.

Before he arrived, the girls described Prince Philip as "a man who acts like royalty, kind of tall, with a long nose and not bad looking, especially when wearing his uniform." (The prince arrived wearing English tweed.)

Carol said she thought he would fulfill the image she has of a prince. Lynn commented the girls, however, saying "LAL" was what we see when they will recover from their disappointment of Prince Philip's physical looks, after all, they did see a bona fide prince-chose, by the way, what I thought was handsome and waddy English-looking. He was shorter than my pre-conceived image, but he walked tall.



Eyeing royalty

Four Clear Lake High School girls (left to right) Marcia Anderson, Lynn Holden, Susie Froehner and Cheryl Thornberry, watch as Prince Philip gets off his plane at Mason City's airport. The girls are

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'Just one more picture, Your Highness'