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wedding

Well, it's all over. After all the publicity and glamour, Mark Phillips was married to Princess Anne. I wasn't one of the stalwarts who got up at 3 a.m. to watch the ceremony but I did catch a bit on the tube while I was devouring my instant mashed potatoes at supper.

Looking like a scene from the late 1700's, carriage upon carriage proceeded to Westminster Abbey, most drawn by spotless white horses with Napoleonic coachmen. A crowd of 45,000 clapped and cheered as they went by and waited for their return later.

Beautiful, wasn't it?
 Meanwhile, back to reality and the economic crisis the United Kingdom is facing. Strikes are occurring with the frequency of snowflakes on Christmas Day. Scores of people are leaving London in the wake of wage freezes combined with a drastically increased cost of living.

Ugly, isn't it?
 The wedding cost has been roughly estimated at a quarter of a million dollars. Then there is the honeymoon in the Barbados on the Royal Yaght.... The eventual cost will undoubtedly be much higher.

And all this from the Queen's allowance, which of course comes from the people who have had their wages frozen.

I wonder if a "small" (say only \$50,000) wedding had been held, how much help the other three or four hundred thousand dollars would be to the people of Britain. Quite a bit, I should think.

B. Carl Kuhnke



Third element

Although sympathizing with the issue she discusses, I feel Nadia Rudyk is expecting the impossible in her "Who Am I" letter of Nov. 13.


Miss Rudyk feels that the English and French peoples of Canada are wrong to consider themselves first and second class citizens respectfully because "their ancestors also came from Europe and elsewhere." But the fact is that the English and French have accepted the Canadian identity, and given up their European "connections." The so-called "third element" is trying to maintain their ancestral heritage while at the same time calling themselves true Canadians; having their cake and eating it too. If various ethnic groups want to isolate themselves according to race (ie. the Ukrainian Club, Chinese Students' Association, etc.) that is fine because I realize how important heritage is, but they must realize that they are creating the discrimination by this isolation. The "mosaic-melting pot-theorem" taught to us in Grade two is used to Miss Rudyk's letter, but it seems that in a mosaic culture, the race(s) that constitutes the majority is the race that will create the culture in the country. The English and French constitute that majority in Canada.

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