

# Royalty found in Nixon's ancestry

LONDON (UPI)—Former President Richard M. Nixon has royal blood. He is a direct descendant of King Edward III of England, is related to Queen Elizabeth, to Sir Winston Churchill and to George Washington.

The experts of Burke's Peerage, the 150-year-old reference work on England's nobility, made these claims yesterday in a new book which traces royal blood in the veins of 13 American Presidents.

Burke says Washington was

descended from four kings, and Lincoln from one—mere commoners compared with President James Monroe with nine kings in his family tree.

Nixon is 20th in line of descent from Edward III, who died in 1377, the book said.

"Similar claims can be made by thousands of others," said Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd, editor of "Burke's Presidential Families of the United States of America," a 676-page reference book being published next week.

One is the editor—22nd in line from Edward III.

Another is David Williamson, who worked for seven years to compile the new book's presidential genealogies.

Williamson discovered he, himself, and Nixon are 13th cousins once removed.

The \$39 book is largely a serious study of the 37 American Presidents and their families. It lists every descendant of all presidents and each president's brothers

and sisters and their descendants.

An appendix of simplified presidential family trees stretching far into the past shows the White House awash in royal forebears.

Thomas Jefferson, William Howard Taft and Ulysses S. Grant all descended from David I of Scotland, who died in 1153. James Garfield had the earliest royal ancestor traced—King Henri I of France, who died in 1060.

Presidents Lincoln, Washington, Monroe and John Quincy Adams all numbered the same king among their forebears—Edward I of England, who died in 1307.

"But Washington's lineage is the most spectacular of all the presidents," Montgomery-Massingberd said. "It goes back to 1180 at least and probably even further, to the kings of Scotland. It is a lineage the grandest peer would be proud of."

President Ford, Montgomery-Massingberd added, no known royal blood.

# Scott: no comment on Hearst

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Jack Scott, radical sports figure sought for questioning in the Patricia Hearst case, surfaced yesterday and said he had done "nothing wrong."

But he refused to say whether he knew anything about the Hearst case.

With Scott was his friend Bill Walton, \$2 million star rookie of the Portland Trail Blazers of the National Basketball Association, who urged "rejection of the United States government" and termed the FBI "the enemy."

Scott, sought for questioning as the man who rented a Pennsylvania farmhouse where Miss Hearst hid out last year, did not comment specifically on whether he knew anything about the case and declined to answer questions.

He said he had nothing to apologize for if his actions during the past year had averted "bloodshed and killing," but did not elaborate.

"First of all, we have done nothing wrong," said the bearded and bespectacled Scott, dressed in a blue suit and tie and flanked by his wife Micki and Walton, in a statement read to about 100 newsmen.

Scott, former athletic director at Oberlin College in Ohio and prominent critic of professional sports, said he and his wife would refuse to cooperate in the investigation of Miss Hearst's whereabouts.

He charged that his family and friends had been harassed by the FBI.

"We have no intention of talking to the FBI now or in the future," Scott said. "If a grand jury subpoena is issued, we will appear but we will not answer any questions."

"We feel that we cannot allow our testimony to hurt our friends. We do not want to become accessories to more murders by police."

At least six FBI agents showed up at the news conference but made no move to detain Scott, who is not charged with anything in the Hearst case.

The Scotts and Walton left immediately after reading their statements for an undisclosed destination.

Scott's name came out of a grand jury investigation in Harrisburg, Pa., into the farmhouse near South Canaan, Pa., where Miss Hearst's fingerprints were found.

It has been reported that the Scotts rented the farmhouse from June to September last year.

Also found in the farmhouse was evidence indicating that William and Emily Harris, Symbionese Liberation Army members who disappeared with Miss Hearst last summer, had been there.

The trio disappeared on May 17, the day six other SLA members died in a shootout with police in Los Angeles.

Miss Hearst, daughter of Randolph A. Hearst, president and editor of the San Francisco Examiner, was kidnapped by the SLA on Feb. 4, 1974, and later announced she had chosen to

remain with her captors.

She and the Harrises were last heard from last June 8, when they left a tape-recorded statement outside a Hollywood radio station.

Walton said he regretted he had ever cooperated with the FBI in the search for Miss Hearst.

Walton said he accompanied the Scotts to the news conference because he wanted to offer a "public apology to Micki and Jack."

"I am terribly sorry that I cooperated in any way, shape or form with such a counterproductive organization as the FBI," Walton said. "And you can rest assured that I will never talk to the enemy again."

Walton was questioned by the FBI about his knowledge of the Scotts, who lived for several months in his Portland, Ore., home.

"I would like to reiterate my solidarity with Micki and Jack Scott and also to urge the people of the world to stand with us in our rejection of the United States government."

Charles W. Bates, the FBI agent in charge of the Hearst investigation, said he was checking a charge by the Scotts that their attorneys had talked to the FBI three times in the past month and

# Simon: dollar is rising

PARIS (UPI)—Treasury Secretary William E. Simon said yesterday the dollar is gaining on international money markets as American recession begins to bottom out and inflation drops in world oil prices.

"We see definite touches of blue in a gray sky," Simon told newsmen on a visit to the French capital to sign a charter setting up a \$25 billion Western industrial world's

war chest to be used in case of another world oil crisis.

The fund is designed to protect the 24 member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, grouping the Western industrial powers and Japan, if they run short of cash because of high oil prices.

Simon said he expected oil prices to go down as the leading oil-consuming countries develop their huge

untapped energy resources and continue applying energy-saving measures.

"The dollar is improving on money markets," Simon said.

"Inflation is coming down, helping the dollar to gain further strength. Most expectations are—both government and private forecasts—that we will bring the inflation rate down to about five per cent annually," he said.

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would not confirm that Lopez received the money.

United Brands, and the nation's largest importer of bananas, said then-chairman Eli M. Black, who committed suicide Feb. 3, "effected a payment to an official of that country of \$1.25 million" and agreed to second payment of \$1.25 million, but the board of directors refused to pay it.

The bribe allegedly was made to get Honduras to lower a proposed banana tax of 50 cents per 40-pound box. In April, 1974, United Brands said Honduras agreed to a tax of 25 cents with step increases to come in subsequent years.

United Brands said it notified the SEC about the bribe April 1 but asked that the information be kept confidential.

But the State Department also learned of the bribe, and a spokesman said United Brands and the SEC were told the State Department "condemns such actions in the strongest possible terms."

and advised that the department would not "participate in any proceeding to seek to keep the information from being disclosed."

The SEC has been investigating the affairs of United Brands since Black, who was 53, committed suicide by plunging through his office window on the 44th floor of the Pan Am building in Manhattan.

As a publicly owned company, United Brands is required by law to make full disclosure of such financial transactions to stockholders as well as the government. No reference was made to the payments in its annual reports.

United Brands, a \$2 billion conglomerate, holds 28,000 acres of banana properties in Honduras. Company officials reportedly were worried that the bribe disclosure would result in expropriation of the property by the Central American republic.

# Researchers will speak

Samuel Kausner, director of University of Pennsylvania's Center for Research on the Acts of Man, will speak on "Energy and the Poor" at a colloquium 4 p.m. in S131 Human Development Building.

A coffeehouse for journalism professors and students will be held 7:30 tonight in McElwain piano lounge.

The State College Area League of Women Voters is conducting a special voter registration until Saturday in the Glennland Building, corner of South Pugh St. and Beaver Ave. Registration will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and tomorrow.

The Air Environment Studies Center is sponsoring Floyd Elder, who will speak on "Contamination of Water Bodies by Air Pollution" at a seminar 2:20 tomorrow in 140 Fenske.

The Free University and Internal Revenue Service will have representatives to help students fill out income tax forms 7 to 9 tonight and Monday night at the Wesley Foundation.

Those interested in working on Food Day will meet 7 tonight in 117 Human Development Building.

The Penn State Outing Club Sailing Division will discuss plans for sailing instruction and racing at its meeting 7:30 tonight in 214 Boucke.

The Catholic Chapel Choir will perform choral arrangements of American hymns and spirituals at the 5:05 Mass today in Eisenhower Chapel.

Beta Alpha Psi, the national accounting fraternity, is offering free income tax information services fourth, fifth and sixth periods

Monday through Friday until Tuesday. A table is set up on the HUB ground floor.

An Israeli dancing festival will be held 7:30 tonight at the Hillel foundation.

The Penn State Cycling Club will meet 7:30 tonight in 369 Willard.

The Free University course "Discussion of Ideas in Philosophy" is still open and will meet 7:30 tonight in 311 Boucke.

The Penn State Ultimate Frisbee Team will hold their first home game 9 p.m. tomorrow on the Astroturf field. The team will play Rutgers University.


The astronomy department and the Penn State Astronomy Club are presenting an open house 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. tomorrow on the roof of Davey Lab. Cloud date is Saturday night.

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