

# Sharps

THE WORD FOR TOFFEE

## 'COPYBOY' MAKES THE BIG TENNIS NEWS OF YEAR

By HAROLD LAWRENCE

MAUREEN CONNOLLY, the 17-year-old San Diego copy-boy (she fetches reporters' tea and they call her "boy"), gave her Californian newspaper its biggest story of the year when she joined the great few who have won Wimbledon at their first attempt.

Playing a perfectly-timed tournament and reaching her peak form when most others are too nervous to reproduce their best, Little Mo defeated three-time winner Louise Brough 7-5, 6-3 in 70 minutes yesterday.

American champion at 16 and virtually world champion 11 months later is no fluke, for Maureen has been working for years with this one ambition in mind.

### Coming back

We may as well get used to Maureen's successes for she is a lone youngster stepping into the future when her once famous compatriots are past their best. "Sure I'm coming back, long and lots of times," she said. "I think Wimbledon is wonderful."

It has not been an easy debut for the young American. Two days before Wimbledon began she was forced to scratch from a London championship final with fibrositis. In spite of the pleas of her coach to scratch from Wimbledon, Maureen carried on.

Most of us expected Louise to at least win the first set and we were encouraged when she broke Maureen's service in the fifth

# LITTLE MO BECOMES MIGHTY MO



Duchess of Kent presents the men's doubles cup.

game. Before we had time to congratulate ourselves on our foresight, Maureen sent back four of Louise's best services with "an outright winner" label attached.

At this stage with Louise still full of confidence, it was great tennis thoroughly worthy of the occasion which strangely enough is a rarity at a Wimbledon final.

Then the former champion was being pulled up for foot-lifting. Her sureness began to waver and for the first time we all knew—and I think she did—that a successful comeback, the toughest thing in sport, was not to be hers.

Louise led two-love in the second set but it did not blind us from the inevitable for she was now having to battle against two opponents—herself as well as Little Miss Confidence.

Like a burnt-out firework which throws out that last burst of the old sparkle, Louise saved three match points in the eighth game of the second set, mostly

with outright winners. But with Maureen hitting at the lines, it was only a slight delay before Louise finally put a low back-hand into the net.

Maureen had to wipe tears of joy from her eyes before she received the famous trophy from the Duchess of Kent, who chatted with her quite a while on the court.

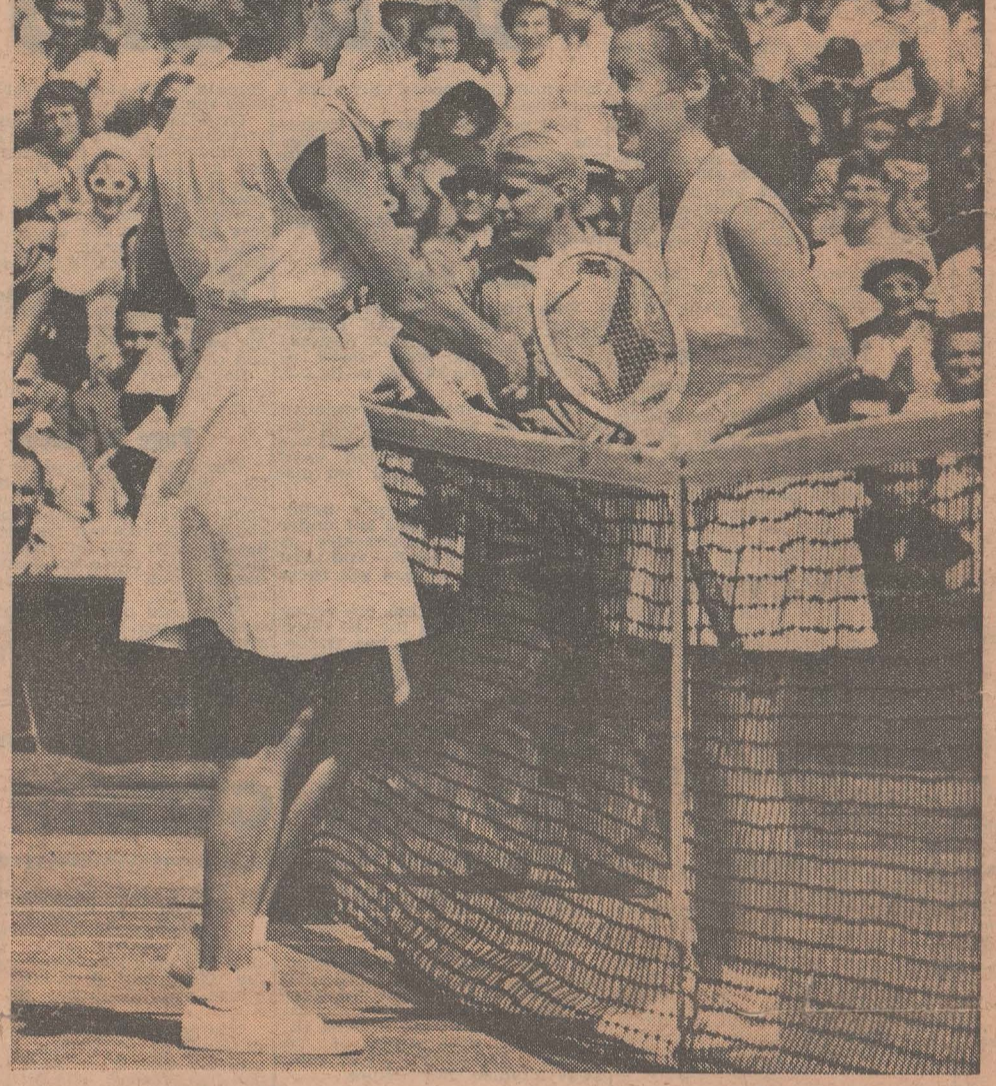
### So excited

"I was so excited that I can't remember what the Duchess said. I wish I could. She was so sweet," Maureen told me.

Neither the women's nor the men's doubles titles changed hands for both Doris Hart and Shirley Fry and Ken McGregor and Frank Sedgman were too strong for their opponents.

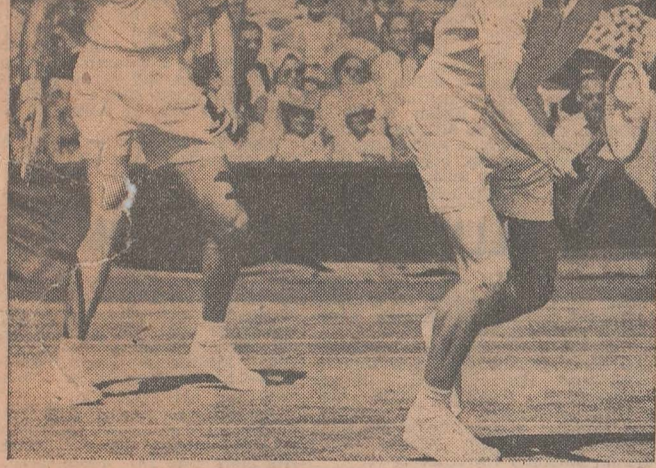
The outstanding player of 1952 and one of the finest winners since the war is Frank Sedgman, who followed his Friday singles success by taking the triple crown back to Australia for the first time in history. Results:

Women's Singles—Final: Miss M Connolly vs Miss L Brough 7-5, 6-3. Men's Doubles—Final: K McGregor and F A Sedgman, holders, vs V Seixas and F W Sturges 9-2, 7-5, 6-4. Women's Doubles—Final: Miss S Fry and Miss D Hart, holders, vs Miss L Brough and Miss M Connolly 6-3. Mixed Doubles—Semi-final: E Mores and Mrs T D Long vs K McGregor and Miss L Brough 6-2, 7-5. Final: F A Sedgman and Miss Hart vs Mores and Mrs Long 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

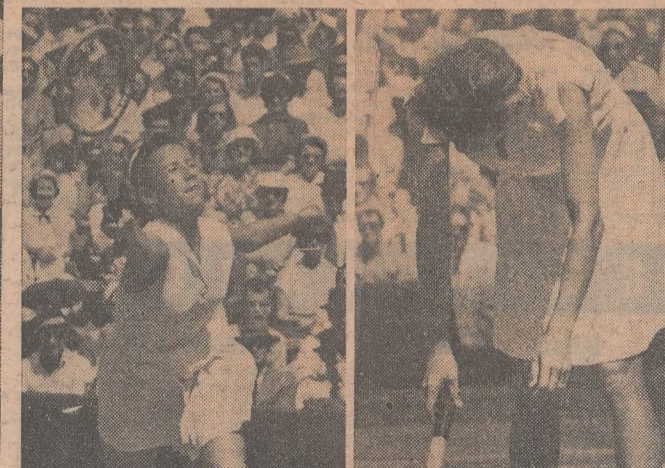


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SHAVING BRUSHES



Australia's Ken McGregor (left) covers Frank Sedgman. The world's greatest doubles pair easily won another title.



WINNER'S ACTION—Little Mo (left) all out for a return. LOSER'S REACTION—Louise Brough all in after the match. Mo and the heat were too much.

WINNING SMILE from Maureen Connolly and "Well done!" from Louise Brough. America's Little Mo had just beaten Louise 7-5, 6-3 to win the women's singles.

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SENORA PERON - WORSE

Condition of Senora Eva Peron is believed to have taken a turn for worse, says Buenos Aires report. She has been ill nearly a year and underwent a major operation last November.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER: Fine and warm; thundery rain possible.

OUTLOOK: Warm and thundery.

## MUM

End-of-the-paper smile

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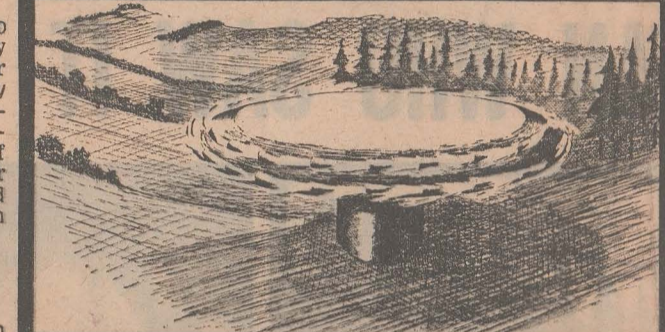
# 50 YARDS AWAY I SAW TWO MEN TAKE OFF IN A 'FLYING SAUCER'

From ANTONY TERRY, Berlin, Saturday

ARMED with a sensational affidavit sworn by an eye-witness, intelligence officers in West Berlin are to-day investigating one of the most amazing "flying saucer" stories ever reported.

Evidence that a weird contraption—"like a 50ft. warming pan with a handle, and with a 10ft. conning tower"—took off with a crew of two from a forest clearing in the Soviet zone is being studied at the highest level. It is hoped to answer the big question: Are "flying saucers" a secret new Russian invention?

Man who first brought to light this remarkable story (reported briefly in later editions of the Sunday Graphic last week) is grey-haired, 48-year-old ex-Mayor Oskar Linke, of Glemershausen, near Meiningen. He had escaped from the Russian zone with his wife and six children.



The Saucer begins to take off: the outer disk whirls faster and faster, rising up the centre "conning-tower," which remains stationary.

### Men in metal

I can now reveal that in the company of West Berlin officials, Herr Linke, with his 11-year-old step-daughter Gabriele, last week swore this solemn and formal affidavit before a judge:

"I was riding home on my motor-cycle, with Gabriele on the pillion, when a tyre near the village of

machine toward Hasselbach, Gabriele pointed to something about 150 yards away. At first sight, in the half light, I took it for a young deer.

"I then realised that my first impression had been incorrect. The thing I had seen was really two men in metal.

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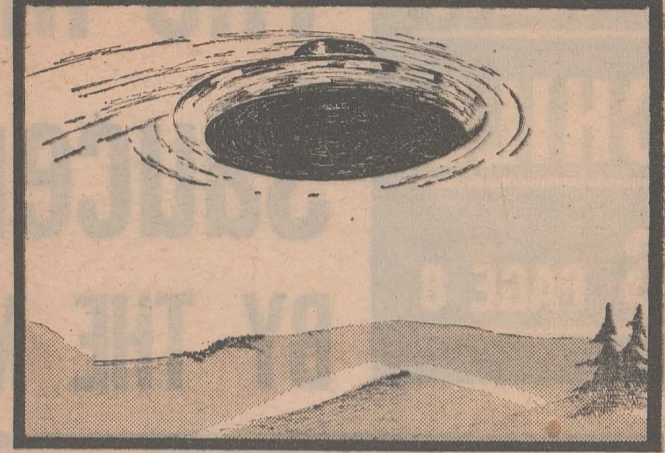
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Airborne, the strange craft whirls off at terrific speed, soon to be out of sight. As it left the ground the central tower rose again.

roughly a foot and a half from the next. "Out of the metallic object rose a black cylindrical 'conning tower' about ten feet high."

Linke went on. I was now alarmed by a call from my daughter, who had remained some distance back. The sound must have reached the two figures, for they rushed back to the object, clambered rapidly up the side of the 'conning tower,' and disappeared inside

that one appeared to be carrying a lamp on his chest. The lamp flashed on and off at regular intervals. "The outer edge of the holes were sunk, now started to glow."

"The colour at first seemed green, then changed to red. At the same time I heard a slight hum. As the glow and the sound increased, the 'conning tower' was retracting into the centre of the 'warming pan,' and the whole object rose slowly from the ground."

"From the swirling effect of the glowing 'exhaust,' I got the impression that the whole object was spinning like a top. "It seemed to be resting on the cylindrical piece which had sunk through the centre of the object and was now pro-

truding from the bottom and standing on the ground. "The warming pan, with its glowing outside ring of flame, was now some feet off the earth."

"Then I noticed that the whole object was rising slowly from the earth. The cylinder on which it had rested had now disappeared inside the centre and reappeared again through the top.

"The rate of ascent now became much greater, and at the same time my daughter and I heard a whistling sound, rather like that of a jet plane. The object rose in a horizontal position, swerved away towards a nearby village and

disappeared, still gaining height over the hills and forests towards Stockholm."

Several other people in the area later told Herr Linke they had seen something which they took for a comet. One, a shepherd, Georg Derst, who was about a mile and a half away, said he thought a comet had "bounced" off the earth.

A sawmill watchman told Herr Linke he had seen what he thought was a "low-flying comet" flash away from the hill where Herr Linke saw the object.

"When the thing had gone, I went to the place where it had been standing. I found a circular depression, evidently freshly made, where the shape had been driven down. "This was exactly the shape of the 'conning tower' I realised then that I had not been dreaming."

He continued: "I never heard the expression 'flying saucer' until I escaped to West Berlin from the Soviet zone. "When I saw the thing first, I thought it was a new Russian war machine."

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Mr. George Edwards, Chief Designer for Vickers Aircraft, had this to say about the East Zone "saucer" last night: "Believe in flying saucers? I don't know. There is little wrong in the idea of a circular wing. Before and during the First World War Britain developed a circular wing aircraft. And it flew. WE called it the Flying Doughnut."

There is little to stop us developing a flying saucer—better than a conventional aircraft? "If Herr Linke's description is accurate it may be that the machine is designed as a military bomber plane. It would appear from his comment on its 'glow' that it houses a jet plant obviously have to retract into the 'body' in order to prevent resistance. "Metallic suits are possible, too—they could be a form of protective clothing for use in high altitudes. There is nothing impossible about the story, although, to believe in the actual existence of the Saucer I would have to be shown one myself."

## Hole in ground

After appearing before the judge, Herr Linke told me: "I would almost have believed that my daughter and I had dreamed the whole episode were it not for one thing: "When the thing had gone, I went to the place where it had been standing. I found a circular depression, evidently freshly made, where the shape had been driven down."

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## That snowman again

FOOTPRINTS like those of the Abominable Snowmen were found, around 16,500ft. up, by the Swiss expedition which got to within 900ft. of Mount Everest's summit.

Dr. E. W. Dunant, leader of the expedition, said in New Delhi yesterday that the prints—about five of them—were 10in. long and 6in. broad, with nail marks. No living animal was encountered.

AGROUND on a sandbank off Clacton, the London pleasure steamer, Queen of the Channel, with 800 aboard, refloated after three hours yesterday.

PIT DISASTER which cost 48 lives at Zwickau, in East Germany, has resulted in a total of 45 years' jail for the manager and six other employees accused of "raising human health."

BISHOP of Chichester, Dr. G. K. A. Bell, was presented with an honorary member's card by the National Union of Public Employees at Uckfield

## QUICK LOOK AT THE NEWS

and addressed as "Brother Bell."

NOMINATION papers have been lodged in the Dundee East by-election for the World Parliament Party candidate, Edward Graham MacFarlane. The party has 42 members.

ANNA PAUKER, number one Rumanian woman Communist, has been dismissed from her post as Foreign Minister—Bucharest radio.

ACCUSED of having assaulted

Miss Pamela Mant (Christine Archer, of the B.B.C.'s "The Archers" programme), Ernest William Slater, of Tewkesbury, was remanded on bail at Tewkesbury.

BICYCLE presentation was made yesterday to Garry Garrad, of Ilford, winner of a Sunday Graphic competition at the State Cinema, Barking-side.

DR. MOSSADEQ, telling Persia by a broadcast yesterday that he had resigned as Prime Minister, said any new Government would be forced to continue his oil policy.

ONLY ONE of the quadruplets born to Mrs. Eileen Bennett, of Lucerne-road, Wallasey, was alive last night. The child, a girl of 1lb. 14oz., is in an oxygen tent.

BOY of 15, Bob Fletcher, yesterday swam the 10½-mile Lake Windermere in 6hr. 31min.—nine minutes over the record. He lives in Rotherham, Yorks.

## CAESAR

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