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# Queen appreciates sympathy

## Broadcast message relays thanks for outpouring

LONDON (AP) — In a broadcast message of thanks, Queen Elizabeth II told the nation Monday that she had been "deeply moved" by the outpouring of affection and sympathy that followed her mother's death.

"I have drawn great comfort from so many individual acts of kindness and respect," the queen said in the message filmed at Windsor Castle, where the queen mother died March 30 at age 101.

"My family and I always knew what she meant for the people of this country and the special place she occupied in the hearts of so many," she said on the eve of her mother's funeral at Westminster Abbey. "But the extent of the tribute that huge numbers of you have paid my mother in the last few days has been overwhelming."

More than 200,000 people have paid their respects at the coffin of the queen mother, lining up for miles, day and night, since Friday at Parliament where the royal matriarch lay in state.

Officials said 2,000 people per hour were passing through after waiting for up to five hours. The young, the middle-aged and the old were there, from London and other parts of the country.

Thousands still waited their turn as the queen spoke, standing patiently in the chilly evening air.

The queen mother, who won the loyalty and support of the nation during World War II, maintained that bond through half a century, appealing to

new generations with her humor and dignity.

"I count myself fortunate that my mother was blessed with a long and happy life," the 75-year-old monarch said in her broadcast. "She had an infectious zest for living, and this remained with her until the very end."

"I thank you for the support you are giving me and my family as we come to terms with her death and the void she has left in our midst," she said. "I thank you also from my heart for the love you gave her during her life and the honor you now give her in death. May God bless you all."

The queen, who often appears ill at ease when she speaks on television, seemed more relaxed and spoke in an unusually personal manner.

Twenty minutes before the nationwide broadcast, the queen mother's four grandsons held a somber vigil beside her coffin, replacing the armed guard that has stood watch around the clock since the coffin arrived.

Prince Charles, Prince Andrew, Prince Edward and Viscount Linley, son of the late Princess Margaret, stood at the four corners of the platform where the coffin rested on a purple-draped bier in Parliament's medieval Westminster Hall.

Watched by hundreds of ordinary Britons filing past silently, the four men stood straight and with heads bowed during the 20-minute vigil.

Prince Charles' sons, Princes William and Harry, were among



Britain's Queen Elizabeth, Prince Harry and the Duke of Edinburgh stand outside of Westminster Abbey during funeral services for the Queen Mother in London on Tuesday.

those watching as their father — dressed in the uniform of a navy rear admiral — and the others entered the hall in a slow, dignified line.

Shortly before the vigil began, the queen's daughter Princess Anne talked with the waiting crowds outside Parliament, joined by her husband and son and Prince Edward's wife Sophie, Countess of Wessex.

"It was such a nice gesture for them to make. I think it's something that people will really appreciate," said 60-year-old Tom Chamberlain, who had come down from Leicester in central England.

The huge demand from the public to pay their respects to the queen mother prompted officials to extend the opening hours of Westminster Hall until dawn on Tuesday.

Growing numbers of admir-

ers were already camped on streets around Westminster Abbey, where the coffin will be taken in a procession Tuesday morning for the funeral.

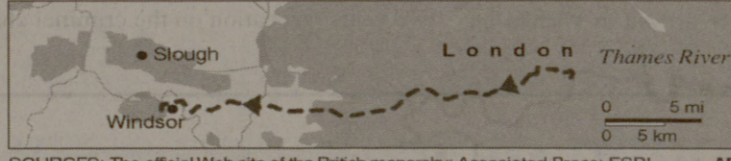
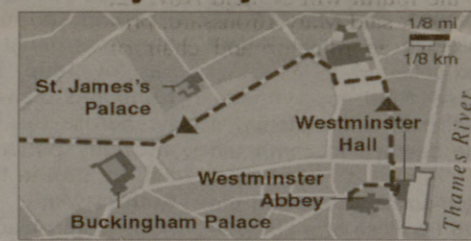
Some labor unions announced they had suspended protests out of respect to the queen mother. The Public and Commercial Services union said walkouts planned for Tuesday at navy bases in Scotland to protest planned layoffs would be called back to Friday.

London's Heathrow Airport said it would hold two minutes of silence Tuesday as a mark of respect, but air traffic would not be interrupted.

In addition to Laura Bush, wife of President Bush, and leaders of Australia, New Zealand and Canada, kings, queens, princes and dukes of other royal families around the world will travel to London for the service.

### Queen Mother's final journey to Windsor

The Queen Mother was interred next to her husband, King George VI, in Windsor. The funeral cortege traveled from Westminster Abbey to Windsor with up to 1 million people lining the route.



SOURCES: The official Web site of the British monarchy; Associated Press; ESRI

# Powell to meet Arafat, Sharon

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell called Tuesday for accelerated negotiations to establish a Palestinian state, even as he pressed for a cease-fire to Middle East violence between Israel and the Palestinians in the meantime.

Setting no deadline to complete his peace mission, Powell said he would meet Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as well as Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon later this week in an effort to broker a truce.

"We are going to have to act more quickly," he said, though adding, "I am prepared to stay for some while."

Powell said the United States was prepared to contribute a small detachment of State Department or other civilian government employees to monitor any cease-fire agreement.

For the Bush administration, Powell's emphasis on Palestinian statehood marks a shift in tactics. For more than one year, the

administration has focused on establishing a cease-fire as a condition for deeper peacemaking.

But Powell said all the Arab leaders with whom he has met have underscored the urgency of getting started on an accord. And he said he would deal with Arafat as the representative of the Palestinian people.

Powell said he talked to Sharon on Tuesday and was told Israel would expedite its withdrawal of troops from the West Bank, where they are pursuing Palestinian militants. "The sooner the better," Powell said.

"Time is of the essence" for ending the violence, he said after meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Powell is seeking greater Arab participation in the peace process as well as an immediate end to Israel's military offensive.

It was the first time Powell had said expressly that he would meet Arafat during his trip to Israel, where he arrives Thursday

night and plans talks with both sides through the weekend.

The Palestinian leader has been besieged by Israeli forces in his headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah. He said it would not try to stop the Powell-Arafat meeting.

Earlier, Powell had hedged, suggesting he would meet with Arafat only "if circumstances permit."

Powell said he had spoken to Sharon Tuesday and the Israeli had reiterated commitment to bring this to an end as quick as he can. Powell praised Israel for beginning to withdraw its troops from Palestinian areas but noted that the fighting persisted.

After 13 Israeli soldiers were killed in an ambush during heavy fighting in the West Bank refugee camp of Jenin, Sharon said in a nationally broadcast address that the Israeli offensive would continue.

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