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LONDON AP - A British newspaper said Sunday that Sen. Edward M. Kennedy went night clubbing in Paris with an Italian princess on the eve of a memorial service for Gen. Charles de Gaulle. The People, a mass-circulation Sunday paper, said a picture published in the continental press showed Kennedy escorting Princess Maria Pia of Italy from one of Paris' swankiest restaurants to a club where they danced till 5 a.m." It said the picture showed another man with Kennedy and Princess Pai, but he was not identified.

Kennedy could not be reached for comment. A Washington aide of the Massachusetts senator said Kennedy was in Brussels at a North Atlantic Treaty Organization conference at the time of De Gaulle's death and went to Paris as part of the congressional delegation to the memorial service. He said the senator was accompanied by his wife in Brussels and Paris.

The article in The People said the French government was "shocked" at the alleged incident and, "for diplomatic reasons, the French press has been asked by the government to print neither picture nor story of Ted's night out."

A spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in Paris said the embassy was unaware of any such incident and had received no communication from the French government on such a matter.

The picture referred to by The People was not available.

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