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## Ted Denies Frolick with Princess

WASHINGTON (AP) — A spokesman for Sen. Edward M. Kennedy denied today as preposterous the report of a British weekly newspaper that the Massachusetts Democrat went nightclubbing with an Italian princess the night before he attended the memorial service for Charles de Gaulle.

The newspaper, The People, published a picture it said showed Kennedy and an unidentified man escorting Princess Maria Pia.

"It's preposterous, and it's a phony," said Richard C. Drayne, press assistant to Kennedy. The senator was in Boston, and was not available for comment.

Drayne said Kennedy does not know Maria Pia, and was not dancing with anybody.

He said Kennedy attended in Paris a small dinner arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Gauthier, whom he identified as old friends of the senator. Drayne said about a dozen persons were in the dinner party, but that the Gauthiers were the only ones Kennedy knew.

The newspaper said Kennedy, the unidentified man and Princess Maria Pia were shown in the picture "leaving one of Paris's swankiest restaurants" to go "to a club where they danced until 5 a.m."

It said the French government was shocked, "but for diplomatic reasons asked the French press to print neither picture nor story of Ted's night out."