KING OPENS PARLIAMENT

In outward splendour the Lords outshone the Commons at the opening of Parliament. Mr. Alexander was among early government arrivals; distinguished visitors were many; genial Lord Woolton was all smiles as usual. Peers of the services included Lord Cunningham (Senior Service) and for the RAF Lord Portal.

Herbert Morrison, who drafts the legislative programme, promised a slightly less crowded session than the last.

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Outside the Palace the dense morning fog was beginning to lift as the King and Queen began their drive to [redacted] in the state coach. [redacted]

Onlookers already at Westminster saw the arrival of the King's crown. After that there was only a short wait before the hoof beats of the Household Cavalry annaounced the royal arrival. A new feature of the state opening of Parliament was that Princess Elizabeth ~~rode~~ in her own carriage.

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Parliament was on the threshold of a session upon which centre the hopes of the whole nation.