

28 May 53

WESTMINSTER HALL

GV Hall as trumpets blow

"Bless Queen Elizabeth." (applause)

"Vice-Chairman of the Gen. Council... it became one of the most powerful  
the world had ever known, but in this case.... [ Her Majesty the Queen

✓ (all stand) - ~~playing of God Save Queen (and played)~~ - all sit.

✓ Trumpets.

(applause, as Queen stands to speech)

Queen

"I thank you all most sincerely for the kind way in which you have drunk  
my health.] I thank you also, Mr. Holt, for this most ~~valuable~~ interesting  
book which  
you have just given me on behalf of your members of the Commonwealth

Parliamentary Association.

[ I was delighted to accept the invitation of the Association to be their  
guest today, for it gives me this opportunity of welcoming my PMs and  
Ministers and the many other Parliamentary representatives from our great  
Commonwealth of Nations.]

(then camera missed) ... here ~~in~~ *at* the Palace of Westminster which is the  
home of the Mother of Parliaments, and of the many ties linking this  
family of nations not the least is that system of Parliamentary govern-  
ment which is common to us all.]

[ I have vivid memories of my visits during my father's lifetime to Common-  
wealth Parliaments overseas, and I am looking forward with pleasure to  
seeing others during my forthcoming journey ] (then camera missed)...  
enjoyable stay (camera end 'in this country') (applause)

Subject: Queen at Commonwealth Parliamentary luncheon  
Place: Westminster Hall  
Cameraman: J. Turner.  
Date covered: 27th May.  
Opposition: Television Newsreel.  
Length: 100 ft (approx)

Queen and Duke arrive and are greeted by Mr. Holt.

Queen greets Prime Ministers and Principal Guests.

NOTE: Fixed position provided a poor angle on this material.

Handwritten notes in cursive script, including the word "Te" at the bottom left.

Subject: Queen at Coronation Luncheon  
Place: Westminster Hall  
Cameraman: Rudkin  
Date: 27th May.  
Recordist: Simon  
Opposition: Television News

G.V. Fanfare Queen's entering into Westminster Hall.

Mr. Harold Holt introduces the Queen for the Toast.

The Toast.

Queen's speech.

Reply by Sir W. Churchill.

Mr. St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada.

Queen leaves.

Churchill

DARK

Madam, in this Hall of fame and antiquity a long story has been unfolded of the conflicts of the Crown v. Parliament, and ~~we~~ I suppose we are, most of us, at this moment (laughter) within a hundred yards of the statue of Oliver Cromwell. (laughter)

..... The vehement, passionate, moral and intellectual forces that clashed in tragic violence together 300 yrs ago are now united. It is no longer a case of Crown v. Parliament, but of Crown and Parliament. (applause)

In our island, by trial and error, and by perseverance across the centuries, we have found a very good plan. Here it is (slight laughter) The Queen can do no wrong (laughter and applause). Fifty or 60 Parliaments - and one Queen. (applause) And the youngest here----- we here --- therefore content myself with the observation that no Constitution was ever written in better English. (laughter) ---- Constitutional Monarchy and the Republic of the United States of America is the hatred of dictatorship. Both here and across the ocean, over the generations and the centuries the idea of the division of power has lain deep at the root of our development. We don't want to live under a system dominated either by one man or one theme. Like nature we follow in freedom the paths of variety and change, and our faith is that in the mercy of God things will get better and better if we all try our best. (applause)

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For Canada"

St. Laurent PM Canada

"The honour of having been asked by the Canadian branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association to join on their behalf in the thanks to her Majesty which have been so eloquently expressed by the PM of the United Kingdom. In Ottawa the Canadian members of our Association are not always unanimous in their support for what I have to say. (laughter) But here on this occasion I am sure they all want me to associate them with their colleagues from other parts of the Commonwealth in giving undivided approval and appreciation of the message which Her Majesty has just given us. To outsiders it is frequently a great source of wonderment how an association like the Commonwealth, whose members are so widely scattered over the globe, who have such diverse interests, who comprise so many ethnic elements, can possibly survive as a harmonious international entity. If they who are thus perplexed could have been with us this afternoon they would have been better able to understand why this achievement of the Commonwealth has been possible. We never have to overlook our differences, but we do endeavour in our relations one with another to emphasise those things which tend to unite rather than divide."

(Hurray, hurray, hip hip hurray, hip hip hurray. God Save the Queen - applause - all stand and trumpets - Queen goes through crowd as 'Land of Hope and Glory' - then 'God Save Queen.' )