

### The Queen's Return

IT is almost certain that the Queen, who returns from Scotland to-night, will drive to London Airport to see the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret off to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, to-morrow afternoon.

Her only engagement is an investiture in the morning. Prince Charles, who has a passion for aeroplanes, may go with the Queen.

At London Airport to-day the B.O.A.C. Comet which will take the Royal party for the fortnight's trip to-morrow was being tested.

This is the second time steward Eddie Charlwood, the only member of the crew who will make the flight right through, has flown with the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret.

He was on their first Comet trip last May when they flew over Europe and the Queen Mother took over the controls.

### Four Stops

Special sleeping accommodation and a dressing room has been fitted up for the Royal party, which also includes Lady Hambleden, lady-in-waiting to the Queen Mother, Miss Iris Peake, who will attend Princess Margaret, Captain Oliver Dagnay, the Queen Mother's private secretary, and Lord Plunkett, equerry.

The trip out of just over 6,000 miles will take more than twenty hours, with four stops of one hour for refuelling at Rome, Beirut, Khartoum and Entebbe.

At Clarence House to-day the rustle of tissue paper could be heard as the maids began packing the Royal travel outfits.

### Light Colours

Clear, light colours in diaphanous light materials have been chosen, Mr. Norman Hartnell tells me. The dresses which the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret wore at Ascot are included as well as the charming "lampshade" embroidered organdie frock Princess Margaret wore at

the Lambeth Palace garden party on Saturday.

At the last moment additional dresses of Nottingham lace have been included, but they were finished in good time and have all been delivered to Clarence House.

Princess Margaret has her gayest collection of hats to date—tiny shell-like caps for frothy dresses and penny-shaped berets for tailoreds. She intends to wear mostly white accessories of handbags, shoes and gloves.

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# Royal Air Passengers Will Make Jet-liner History

"Evening News" Reporter

AT noon next Wednesday a Comet is due to touch down at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, after a flight which will have made Royal history. From it will step Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and Princess Margaret, first Royal passengers to make a continent-to-continent flight in a jet-liner.

This flight, which may well be the forerunner of a new era in Royal travel, is the first step in a programme of engagements which will keep the Royal air travellers busy for 18 days, until they leave—again by Comet—for home on Thursday, July 16.

Main purpose of the Queen Mother's visit is to open the Central African Rhodes Centenary Exhibition at Bulawayo on Friday next week.

Government House, Bulawayo where Queen Elizabeth and the Princess will stay three days was originally the home of Cecil Rhodes.

## Five-Day Train Tour

After declaring the exhibition open the Queen Mother will press a button to open the main gates. The following evening she and Princess Margaret will attend a gala performance by the Halle Orchestra (who flew to Rhodesia) in the specially built exhibition theatre.

The Royal visitors later leave by train for Gwelo, 108 miles away, at the start of a five-day train tour of the country.

At Zimbabwe they will inspect what are probably the most mysterious ruins in the world—a temple, an acropolis, and the remains of an extensive settlement whose origin is unknown. All are built of dry stone.

By contrast, back at Salisbury they will attend a tobacco auction and see something of the modern industry which brings in an annual income of some £20,000,000 to Southern Rhodesian growers.

## Will They Go Back?

At Mrewa African village the Queen Mother and her daughter will see how Southern Rhodesia is dealing with the native problem. Princess Margaret will lay the foundation stone of a new African women's club in the village.

The Queen Mother will also lay a foundation stone—of the new Rhodesia University in Salisbury, which has a five-year plan of development envisaging 285 students in residence by 1958.

There is no mention in the official programme of one engagement the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret will surely

wish to carry out—a return visit to the grave of Cecil Rhodes in the lonely grandeur of the Matoppo Hills, where they went six years ago with King George VI.

That day, in 1947, Queen Elizabeth told Sir Godfrey Huggins, Rhodesian Prime Minister, as she looked across the countryside: "It's wonderful. We must come back and see it all again."

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2.52PM. THE QUEEN MOTHER AND PRINCESS OFF TO RHODESIA.

QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER AND PRINCESS MARGARET LEFT LONDON AIRPORT THIS AFTERNOON ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THEIR FLIGHT TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA FOR THE RHODES CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

THEY FLEW IN A B.O.A.C. COMET - THEIR SECOND FLIGHT IN A JET AIRCRAFT SINCE THEIR OUT AND BACK JAUNT ACROSS EUROPE LAST SUMMER.

THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH DROVE FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE TO SEE THEM AWAY ON THEIR AFRICAN TRIP, FIRST STOP ROME IN TIME FOR TEA ROUND ABOUT 4.30.

IT WAS A VERY GAY PARTY. THE QUEEN MOTHER AND PRINCESS MARGARET, OBVIOUSLY THRILLED AT ANOTHER JET FLIGHT, LAUGHED AND CHATTED WITH THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE AND AIRPORT OFFICIALS ON THE TARMAC IN FRONT OF THE AIR LINER, NO G.A.L.Y.W.

THE QUEEN MOTHER WORE A WHITE AND GREY PRINTED SILK FROCK AND SHADY WHITE STRAW HAT. PRINCESS MARGARET'S FULL-SKIRTED GROSGRAIN COAT WAS OF A DELICATE SHADE OF PALE BLUE AND WITH IT SHE WORE A TINY WHITE STRAW BOATER. BOTH THE QUEEN MOTHER AND THE PRINCESS WERE WEARING SPRIGS OF WHITE HEATHER.

BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE, THE QUEEN, WHO WAS IN A PRINTED SILK FROCK OF STRAWBERRY PINK AND BLACK, SMALL PINK FELT HAT AND BLACK ACCESSORIES, ACCOMPANIED HER MOTHER AND SISTER UP THE GANGWAY. THE DUKE FOLLOWED AND THEIR FINAL FAREWELLS WERE SAID INSIDE THE AIRCRAFT.

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2.58PM. ADD QUEEN MOTHER .

THE QUEEN MOTHER AND THE PRINCESS STOOD FOR SOME MOMENTS AT THE HEAD OF THE GANGWAY SMILING AND WAVING IN REPLY TO THE CHEERS FROM THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

AFTER SAYING THEIR FAREWELLS THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE WENT UP TO THE ROOF OF THE ROYAL LOUNGE WHILE THE AIRCRAFT TAXIED INTO POSITION FOR HER FLIGHT.

SITTING FACING EACH OTHER IN THE CENTRE OF THE PLANE THE QUEEN MOTHER AND PRINCESS MARGARET COULD BE SEEN WAVING AND BLOWING KISSES TO THE QUEEN.

WHEN, WITH THE FAMILIAR COMET WHINE, THE PLANE WAS AIRBORNE THE CROWD CHEERED AGAIN. THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE STOOD SIDE BY SIDE WAVING GOODBYE AS THE AIRCRAFT SET COURSE FOR THE ENGLISH COAST.

WHEN THE PLANE COULD BE SEEN NO LONGER THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE STROLLED BACK TO THEIR CAR . THEY WERE GIVEN AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION BY THE EXCITED CROWD AS THEY DROVE OFF ON THEIR WAY BACK TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE.