

THE QUEEN IN SE ULSTER

DRIVE TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE

From Our Special Correspondent

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The Queen, with the Duke of Edinburgh, arrived this afternoon at Aldergrove R.A.F. Station, and in the short journey thence to Government House at Hillsborough, felt the first glow of the warm and loyal welcome that awaits them in Northern Ireland.

The Queen was received at Aldergrove by the Governor of Northern Ireland, Lord Wakehurst, who presented to her the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Lord Brookeborough. Later the Prime Minister presented the Ministers of his Government, her Majesty's Lords Lieutenant of the counties, and the heads of the services.

In the bright sunshine of this midsummer day the royal aircraft—a Viking of the Queen's Flight—came to Aldergrove like a gleam of silver. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were greeted by a distinguished assembly of people prominent in the life of Northern Ireland. Chief among them, the Governor was



The Queen receiving a bouquet in the square at Lisburn yesterday.

an impressive figure in his official uniform and cocked hat with white plume. As the Queen took her place on a dais the royal salute was given by a guard of honour of the R.A.F. and the National Anthem was played.

PLEASANT COUNTRYSIDE

The drive to Hillsborough took the Queen through some of Ulster's pleasant countryside with the distant hills of Antrim standing clear against the summer sky. At many points along a mainly rural route clusters of school children gathered to cheer the Queen and sometimes were joined by farm workers able to snatch a pause from their labours in the fields. The villages were decorated with a wealth of bunting and flags stretching across their single roads and proclaiming now "Welcome to Crumlin" and now "Welcome to Northern Ireland."

Lisburn, the only town of any size on the royal route, was decorated as fully and as brightly as it is possible for any place to deck itself with flags. In Hillsborough many parts of the street were almost roofed with bunting and there was the inevitable lambeg drum being lustily beaten by an Orangeman in welcome to the Queen. At the entrance to Government House a guard of honour of The Royal Irish Fusiliers was inspected by the Queen.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attended a state dinner party given at Government House last night by the Governor and Lady Wakehurst. After dinner the Queen received 120 guests at a reception in the Throne Room.