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In Bulawayo, second city of Southern Rhodesia, ~~at the~~
~~1900~~ ~~celebrations~~, Her Majesty the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret
set out for their drive through crowded streets for the official ceremony
of the opening of the Rhodes Centenary Exhibition.

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Cecil John Rhodes was born at Bishops Stortford in Hertfordshire
one hundred years ago, a man of vision and of ideals, and the
exhibition which the Royal visitors were the first to see reflected
the work and leisure of the Central African peoples. For Rhodes was
a man who recognised no colour bar.

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Many of the first settlers in Bulawayo, which was founded only
sixty years ago, had the opportunity to meet the Queen Mother and the
Princess, and two of its youngest members had their tribute to pay.

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Later the Royal Party visited the high granite ~~boulder~~-encircled
grave of the great pioneer. Europeans and Africans alike clustered
on the steep slopes of the hill which Rhodes himself chose as his last
resting place. ~~As the crowd gathered~~ ^{at} the graveside a chill wind
stirred ~~the flames~~ among the massive boulders, the silent guardians
of the grave.