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SOLEMN OPENING OF THE STATES GENERAL IN THE HAGUE BY H.M. THE QUEEN

Date: September 15th '53

Length: 173 M.

The Royal Palace on the "Lange Voorhout" in The Hague, before which military men of the Guards Regiment Rifles have mounted guard, flies the Royal Standard.

It is the first time that this Palace serves as a starting-point for the Royal train, in which our Queen, accompanied by Prince Bernhard, proceeds every year to the Knights' Hall, in order to deliver the speech from the Throne. Since a short time the familiar Palace on the "Noordeinde" has namely become an international academy. The sphere by which this day is always surrounded, hasn't changed however.

Along the route of the Golden Coach, which has even become a little longer now, again immense crowds of people are waiting, not only from The Hague itself, but from all parts of our country, who want to be eye-witnesses of this event, always captivating again.

The escort of honour of the train consists of the Royal Military Band, one company of the Guard Regiment Grenadiers, one detachment of the Royal Military Police, and a command of the mounted Government Police.

✓ Across broad rows of cheering people, the Golden Coach goes to the Knights' Hall on the "Binnenhof".


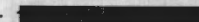

SOUND: NATIONAL ANTHEM

In the Knights' Hall the two Chambers of the States General are in joint session, under the chairmanship of the President of the First Chamber, Dr. Jonkman.

✓ On both sides of the Throne on which Her Majesty sits down, the members of the civil and military House of the Queen are lining up. We now let hear some parts of the Queen's speech:

SOUND: QUEEN

Translation: Members of the States General,
For our country 1953 will live on in the memory as the year of the floods, which brought so much sorrow and caused so much damage. However the memory of the touching sympathy from at home and from abroad, of the warm spontaneity with which help was given, and of the liberality shown, will remain inseparably attached to it.

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Translation: (sequel) In the struggle for a speedy recovery of the destroyed dikes and a rapid draining of the flooded districts, the best traditions of our nation have been maintained. With thankfulness we can put on record that now all the dikes but one have been closed. There is good hope that before the autumn storms the closing will be finished. This were the finest reward for the unwearrying work of many. -

In order to supply the ever grinding lack of houses the Government stimulates realization of a building-program of 65000 houses. By that it will pay special attention to the construction of houses as a substitution for the ones that got lost owing to the war and the floods.

In the forthcoming year an ample task is waiting for you, with great responsibility of the decisions to be taken. May God give you wisdom and strength to carry out your task as good representatives of the people.

With this prayer I declare the session of the States General opened. **END QUEEN'S SPEECH. CHEERS.**

✓ Our Queen and the Prince returned to the Palace along the same route. About ~~af~~ an hour after leaving the Knight's Hall the Golden Coach arrived at the Palace on the "Lange Voorhout", in which in former times Queen Emma has lived, the grandmother of Queen Juliana, whose Residence it will be on the day of the Opening of the States General from now on.

✓ With that the official ceremonial on the occasion of the Opening of the States General has come to an end.

✓ The Queen and Prince answered smiling and with a greet the cordial tribute of the crowds before the Palace.