

When Her Majesty drove to Parliament House there was only one disapproving spectator.

The Queen came to open the 37th Parliament of New South Wales. It was a great occasion for the Premier, Mr. J. Cahill and his fellow legislators, whom Her Majesty bade be seated as she prepared to deliver her speech from the Throne. The Queen wore a fawn lace gown and diamond and pearl tiara.

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A huge department store was the scene of a State banquet in the Queen's honour. Here again Her Majesty was escorted by the New South Wales Premier. Mr. Cahill touched the emotions of all present, ~~including the Queen, when he said of his fellow countrymen, our soul is British, we think British, we act British.~~ <sup>5 h 6</sup>

The Queen found time to attend rallies of 120,000 children next morning. Later she attended a great rally of ex-servicemen (~~children again much in evidence.~~) This event was held in Sydney's Hyde Park, <sup>e</sup> ~~where~~ the Queen congratulated ~~three V.C.s.~~ <sup>five</sup>, then ~~in five~~ holders of the George Cross; <sup>and three Australian V.C.s.</sup>

It will surely be of Bondi Beach, that natural glory of Sydney, that the Queen and the Duke ~~of Edinburgh~~ will retain some of their most pleasant memories of the tour. ~~of Australia.~~ The special surf carnival ~~in the Queen's honour~~ starred members of the famous Life-Saving Club, superb physical specimens, typical of the 15,000

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members of similar clubs spread over the Australian sea-board. Since ~~the clubs~~ <sup>they</sup> were formed they ~~have~~ <sup>we</sup> saved 85,000 people from drowning. Naturally these men are expert riders of surf-boards and surf-boats ~~in the exhilarating sport of battling against the giant breakers Pacific.~~

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The Queen and Duke drove round the beach, marvelling, as every visitor must, at this wonderful playground on the very doorstep of Sydney, where it is now the height of a Royal summer.