

## MELBOURNE PUTS ON ROYAL PROGRAMME

Fully 100,000 people cheered Her Majesty outside Parliament House after the State opening of the Parliament of Victoria. Later in the day the Queen fulfilled a less formal engagement, meeting on Melbourne Cricket Ground a great assembly of Australian Ex-Servicemen. Including 13 V.C.s. Present were many disabled, several of them <sup>in</sup> the first world war. Both the Duke and the Queen spoke to the V.C.s. <sup>at</sup> The Duke ~~of Edinburgh~~ fulfilled an engagement of his own ~~when he visited the~~ Flinders Naval Depot, to present new Queen's Colours. As a ~~practical~~ naval man <sup>he</sup> ~~the Duke was able to~~ compliment the future officers of the Royal Australian Navy.

At Flemington the Queen attended the fashionable Victoria Racing Club's meeting, the Ascot of Melbourne. The big race of the day, appropriately, was named the Queen Elizabeth Stakes. Her Majesty had a personal interest in the event, one of the runners being Cromis, sired by Helios, a horse once owned by the late King. To make it all perfect Cromis won.