

## PRINCESS MARGARET MEETS W. INDIES PEOPLE

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Trinidad's Government House was the glittering scene of a garden party and reception in honour of Princess Margaret. Many races are represented in the population of the island and Her Royal Highness spoke to several hundred of the guests. Already, ~~immediately~~ <sup>so soon after her</sup> arrival, she had enchanted all to whom she had spoken, as well as the many thousands that cheered her passing by. The authentic note of the West Indies was struck, that evening, by a calypso written and sung to celebrate her visit.

Next day the Princess visited ~~the~~ Town Hall ~~at~~ Port of Spain. Thousands gathered to welcome her ~~and~~ <sup>(100,000 people)</sup> it was on behalf of the whole capital that she was received by the mayor and ~~the~~ mayoress.

Like the Queen her sister ~~Princess Margaret~~ <sup>Princess Margaret</sup> used the open land-rover method of seeing, ~~informally~~, <sup>children</sup> as many ~~people~~ as possible at ~~the~~ ~~Queen's Park Oval~~ <sup>at Queen's Park Oval</sup>. ~~They~~ gave her a wonderful reception. ~~The~~ <sup>The</sup> Bel Air dance is one of the traditions of Trinidad.

Opening a new road the Princess permanently commemorated her visit; it will be known as the Princess Margaret Highway ~~and~~ the first car to use it after the ceremony carried the Princess. Arriving at the Botanical Gardens Her Royal Highness planted a tree.

At the San Fernando colonial hospital the Princess performed another opening ceremony. Trinidad has good reason to ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> proud of this institution; Mr. Tang, the Minister of health, told the royal visitor it was the finest hospital in the West Indies. The visit to Trinidad ended ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup> too quickly. Her Royal Highness flew then to Tobago, ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> island about 20 miles away, ~~She~~ <sup>She</sup> flew in an airliner of the British West Indies Airline.

After saying goodbye to the crew of the aircraft Princess Margaret began her sight-seeing of this island paradise, which is said to be the one Defoe had in mind in Robinson Crusoe. The visit here was for one day only but the Princess found time to unveil a plaque at the new Bishops High School. One of the notables of Tobago is a veteran of the Boer War, 84-year-old Amar Khan. ~~Tobago~~ <sup>Tobago</sup> ~~did~~ <sup>did</sup> not say farewell to the Princess till she had seen the glories of Bacolet and Rockly Bays.