

NIGERIA OPENS NEW PARLIAMENT

Lagos almost put Westminster to shame in the pageantry always associated with the opening of Parliament.

It was the first meeting of the Federal House under the new Constitution, which gives high office ²coloured representatives and goes a long way towards self-Government.

After the Speaker's procession ~~and~~ ^{came} the Governor-General, Sir John Macpherson.

From the throne the Governor-General read a message from the Queen. Her Majesty said she had noted with pleasure the constitutional changes giving members great responsibilities, which she was confident they would worthily carry out.

APPROVED COMMENTARY FOR OPENING OF FEDERAL PARLIAMENT AT LAGOS
BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

CAP: LAGOS -
 LEGISLATURE OPENS.

CAP OVER STILL

This is the House of Representatives in Lagos, Nigeria, where the first session of Parliament under the revised Constitution was opened recently. The changes carry the Regions of Nigeria a considerable way towards internal self-government.

MIX TO TELECINE

Here is a detachment of troops marching towards the House as the members begin to arrive, accompanied by their friends and families.

CUE: PREMIER

This is the Sardauna of Sokoto, Premier of the Northern Region.

CUE: MEMBER IN
 EUROPEAN DRESS

The members, representing different regions of Nigeria and the Cameroons, came in European or more colourful dress.

CUE: GROUP

These wear their own distinctive robes.

CUE: CAR ARRIVING

Sir John MacPherson, the Governor-General, arrives to open the House.

CUE: GUARD DIPPING
 FLAG

Here you see the Governor-General taking the salute and, before the proceedings begin, he inspects the Guard of Honour, mounted by a detachment of the Nigeria Regiment with considerable smartness and efficiency.

CUE: GOVERNOR GOES
 TO THRONE

All the members are now in the House, and they stand as the Governor-General makes his way towards the throne. From it he will deliver his address and announce a message from the Queen and another from the Colonial Secretary, who had hoped to be present.

CUE: GOVERNOR ON THRONE

Sir John takes his place and then rises and bows gravely, before delivering the Queen's message and paying tribute to the constructive work of the former House of Representatives.