

INDIA WELCOMES MOUNTBATTENS

No visitors to New Delhi are ever more welcome than Earl and Countess Mountbatten. To greet them on this occasion protocol was disregarded by Premier Nehru. ~~The following~~ ~~stated~~ ^{He} was receiving not only personal friends but friends of India. His daughter, Mrs. Indra Gandhi, was ³ ~~among the reception party.~~ ^{to.} Lord Mountbatten was the last Viceroy of India. It was his duty to convey authority to a great nation achieving independence, ~~and this was done~~ ~~in a manner which was~~ ~~in accordance with the~~ ~~principles of the~~ ~~Indian Independence Act~~ ~~of 1947.~~

While in office he attended with his wife ~~the~~ cremation of Gandhi. Without shoes they now paid their tribute at the Mahatma's cremation ground. The Mountbattens' work in India endeared them to both leaders and people.