

B AND K END VISIT

Covent Garden Opera House presented the Sadlers Wells Ballet in honour of Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev. The Russians were received by Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Lord Reading, the Prime Minister and Lord Waverley. An audience of 2,000 ~~was~~ <sup>saw</sup> the visitors ~~as they entered.~~ <sup>take to places,</sup>

40 B and K went backstage after the performance. They congratulated Beryl Grey on her Brilliant dancing in <sup>Violetta</sup> The Lady and The Fool. The exquisite ~~musician~~ Elvin, a Russian, they knew by reputation, and Mr. Khrushchev/<sup>in his turn</sup> quite lavished praise on Beryl Grey. Then Dame Margot Fonteyn was presented. Her portrayal of the princess in Swan Lake deserved the highest praise. The magic of the ballet had cast its spell; for the moment world affairs were forgotten.

20 Three of the new Russian jet airliners were at London Airport next day when B and K flew to Scotland, where another very busy day lay before them. At the ~~Palace~~ <sup>Palace</sup> of Holyroodhouse they saw the state rooms and, for the first time, absorbed something of Scottish atmosphere.

123 At Edinburgh Castle bands of the Royal Scots played in their honour. B and K took the salute at the march past.

153 Soon after eleven that night, at the Foreign Office, Sir Anthony and Marshal Bulganin signed the joint communique. Both governments undertook to support United Nations peace-efforts in the Palestine region. Both would continue disarmament efforts. Russia agreed to buy from Britain goods to the value of nearly £1,000m., if strategic controls were lifted. Neither government has given way on the question of Germany's future.

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214 (2 out) No-one expected that in the ten days Mr. Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev were in Britain all difficulties between ~~the~~ two countries would vanish. But it was the first meeting of its kind and the general verdict seems to be, well worth while.