

MOMBASA WELCOMES PRINCESS

The royal yacht Britannia ~~sailed~~<sup>sailed</sup> nobly into Mombasa harbour to take its part in Princess Margaret's East African tour. At the Airport meanwhile H.R.H. arrived aboard the Angonaut ~~airliner~~<sup>airliner</sup> Ajax. She was welcomed to Kenya by the governor, Sir Evelyn Baring. It was the beginning of the very crowded programme arranged for the Princess for five weeks. The impressive guard of honour was mounted by the 7th (~~Kenya~~) Battalion, King's African Rifles. When the Princess concluded her inspection there were presented to her a number of important persons privileged to be at the airport.

Before driving to Government House the Princess ~~thanked~~<sup>thanked</sup> ~~the~~ crew of the ~~airliner~~ Ajax.

At Mombasa cathedral next day H.R.H. was welcomed by the Provost, the Very Rev. R. B. Jubb, when she attended morning service. The congregation here was of the ~~Ang~~ Anglican communion but Mombasa is a town of many races, and later in the Diamond Jubilee ~~Hall~~<sup>Mombasa women</sup> 1200 African, Indian and Arab ~~Mombasa women~~ met the Princess. An Indian girl, Bapsy Meta, led the dancing in the royal honour.

Very gracefully Bapsy placed round Princess Margaret's neck a gold chain garlanded with carved flowers. As the assembly was held in purdah and no men could be present the film had to be shot through a window. HRH complimented the women and the city of Mombasa on

achieving harmony among its races.... There was an interlude for resting at Government House, which commands superb views of the Indian Ocean. A most important engagement still lay before the Princess, an appointment with young Mombasa. At the municipal stadium 20,000 children, Indian, Arab, African and European rallied in her honour. At the royal request they were given a day's holiday from school, making the rally something they'll remember for a long time.