

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

A Sovereign's Escort of Royal Horse Guards accompanied King George and Queen Elizabeth from Buckingham Palace to Westminster. It was the first full State Opening of Parliament since 1933. The route lay down the Mall, ~~and~~ over the Horse Guards' Parade, and along Whitehall --- every yard of the way packed with cheering crowds. As the Royal Procession approached the Victoria Tower, the bells rang out their familiar peal of welcome. Yeomen of the Guard entered the Houses of Parliament to carry out their traditional searching of the vaults.

~~Attending the ceremony for the first time were the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose.~~ In the King's Speech His Majesty touched upon the forthcoming visits of foreign royalty, the situation in Spain and the Far East --- and the expansion of Britain's Defence Forces, as well as many other subjects which will engage the attention of the Government during the ensuing year.

The Princess Elizabeth & Margaret Rose had attended the ceremony for the first time, & followed the King & Queen back to Buckingham Palace.

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