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Royal Visit to Wales--

July 10th. 1953.

With the arrival of the Royal Train at Newport, the eagerly-awaited two-day State Visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to ~~Wales~~ Wales had begun.

And waiting to greet the Royal Guests was the Lord Lieutenant of Monmouthshire- Lord Raglan- who was accompanied by <sup>many</sup> civic dignitaries, ~~and many other prominent citizens~~

Then Her Majesty passed in review the lines of ~~xxx~~ ex-service ~~men~~ men who acted as the Guard of Honour.

Through the decorated streets, to the new Civic Centre- ~~the~~

~~the~~ through cheering, warm-hearted ~~men, women, and children--~~ a spontaneous outburst of Welsh loyalty to the Crown, and affection for ~~their~~ their Queen. **THE MAGNIFICENT BUILDING IS AS YET UNFINISHED.**

Before leaving Newport's Civic Centre, the Queen and the Duke marked the memorable occasion by signing the visitor's book.

From Newport, the Royal Party drove up to Caerphilly, and climbed above the town to reach the mountains- part of the chain that separates Cardiff from the coalfields.

And all the way- through sunshine and shower, there were ~~xxx~~ cheering faces- and happy hearts- as workers in the industrial centres of South Wales crowded the roadsides to cheer the Queen.

Meanwhile- the ancient city and seaport of Cardiff was eagerly awaiting the moment when the Queen would cross into the City boundary. And as the Queen stepped from her car, she was warmly greeted by Major C. Traherne- Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan.

Then the Lord Mayor- ~~Councillor James Patrick Collins~~ was

~~presented~~ as well as civic heads and officials **WERE PRESENTED**

Next- an inspection of the triple Guard of Honour- provided by the Royal Navy, the Welch Regiment, and the R.A.F.- drawn up in front of the City Hall.

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Following this, the Queen passed along the ranks of ex-service-men- some of them wounded men from hospital/

Later, the Queen and the Duke took their seats on a ~~stage~~ dais outside the City Hall, where they watched a performance of dances, given by children in national costume/ **CARDIFF'S LORD MAYOR HAD RECEIVED FROM HER MAJESTY THE HONOUR OF A KNIGHTHOOD**

After lunching in Cardiff, the Royal visitors drove westwards- into the heart of the South Wales mining areas- along the Taff Vale- through the natural gateway in the hills. First stop on their 40 mile road-journey was at Pontypridd, where they met the Chairman of the Town Council, and leaders of the civic, legal, and industrial life of the town/

Here, at the foot of the Rhondda- one of the most famous valleys- the symbolic home of the Welsh Miner- Wales took the Queen to its heart. It was more than a passing cheer to Royalty driving through, it was a welcome to the hearth and home. For the visit of the Queen and the Duke brought renewed confidence in the future, to ~~the~~ hard-working men of the pits/

Before leaving, Her Majesty received a charming floral tribute from little Jillean Alexander.

Cheers- and still more cheers- as the westward journey continued. Could the Queen and the Duke ever forget the wonderful affection they received from warm Welsh ~~hearted~~ hearts.? (A)

Swansea was the next stopping place - and before the arrival of the Royal Party, heavy rain swept the town. But this ~~did not~~ <sup>did not</sup> deter the loyal ~~part~~ folk from thronging the streets- to catch a glimpse of their young Sovereign.

And the end of the first day of the Welsh tour ended on a ~~militar~~ military note, as the Duke of Edinburgh was made Colonel of the Welsh Guards- ~~the~~

~~appointment:~~ A ROYAL DAY WALES WILL LONG REMEMBER./