

The three-day tour of Jamaica is over. After a touching ceremony of farewell, the Royal Barge carries the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh across Port Royal Harbour to the liner "Gothic".

The first stage of the Commonwealth tour has ended, and ~~the~~ boarding the liner (the Queen's home during the thousands of sea-miles ahead) Her Majesty meets the Ship's Company for the first time.

Anchor is weighed, and the Gothic (escorted by the cruiser Sheffield) sails across the Spanish Main - heading for Panama.

After a calm crossing - the arrival at the Port of Cristobal - where a joint American and Panamanian welcome awaited the Royal Travellers...

The Canal extends across a corridor of American territory - about ten miles wide...

~~And~~ Stepping on to foreign soil for the first time since her Coronation, Her Majesty receives a friendly Service greeting.

And a surge of welcome ~~that~~ almost envelops the Queen as, with President Remon of Panama - she makes her way to a waiting car - for the drive to Colon - to receive a Golden Key to the City.

Though Panama is now in the midst of its rainy season - the Queen sought the shade of a parasol from the burning sun.

During ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> drive across the Isthmus, the Royal Party visited one of the locks - near the Pacific coast. The Canal is just over fifty miles long and its six locks are connected by the Gatun Lake...

~~At~~ At this point ~~the~~ the Queen went into the Control Tower to watch the Gothic pass by.

Her Majesty <sup>then</sup> took on the role of lock-keeper and assisted in passing ~~through~~ the American banana-ship "Junior". The Duke also lent a hand - <sup>through the lock</sup> no doubt a new experience, even for a sailor...

As the Gothic sailed through the Pedro Miguel Lock, the Queen arrived to rejoin the liner. ~~Now~~ <sup>Now</sup> the journey through ~~another~~ the Miraflores Lock - the last one before the open waters of the Pacific.

And from the decks of the liner, the Queen and the Duke watched the ~~manoeuvre~~ <sup>manoeuvre</sup> which ~~earlier~~ <sup>earlier</sup> they themselves had helped to operate.

an operation similar to that in which they themselves had assisted