

For ninety years, Wellington, the Capital, has watched over the interests of New Zealand. So it was fitting indeed, that at the Town Hall, the Queen should hold an Investiture to honour service to the Nation. The Accolade of Knighthood for Sir Harold Barrowclough - the Chief Justice and a war-time Divisional Commander. While ~~over 100~~ <sup>MANY OTHERS</sup> received Civil and Service decorations.

And now - for the first time - the Royal Tour takes on a note of <sup>formal</sup> Majesty - as the Queen (accompanied by the Duke) arrives, ~~at the Town Hall~~, to open a special session of the New Zealand Parliament...

Her Majesty is wearing her Coronation Dress with the Garter Sash and a diamond tiara. And though the magnificent setting of Westminster is replaced by the homely Council Chamber, the Queen's stately dignity reaches the hearts of her people - forging another great bond of Commonwealth.

Here, too, could be seen the firmly-rooted Parliamentary Institutions of the Mother Country. ~~Except that Mr Holland, the Prime Minister~~

The Prime Minister <sup>Mr Holland, takes</sup> ~~taking~~ the place of the Lord Chancellor in handing to Her Majesty - the document containing the Speech from the Throne.

And for the first time - a Reigning Sovereign opens the New Zealand Parliament. ~~SOUND.~~

The Queen spoke for ten minutes and then, after bowing to the Assembly, she walked from the Chamber - pausing to present the Copy of the Address to the Speaker of the House, Sir Matthew Oram.

Soon - this Parliament celebrates its centenary - ~~in~~ a hundred years of history that has guided a young country to Nationhood. But to New Zealand, this brief session will <sup>surely</sup> ~~be~~ remain its most cherished memory.