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Australian Tour-- The Queen's Garden Party- 26/2/54.

Australia -- where the BEAUTIFUL grounds of Government House, Canberra- set the seal upon a lovely fashion parade at the Royal Garden Party. The Queen, LOOKED radiant in a sapphire blue FLOWERED dress, with a wide-brimmed hat.

H.M saw something of Australia's man power in training, when she presented new Colours to the staff-cadets at the Common-wealth's Sandhurst- the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

On this occasion, Her Majesty wore a silk dress of emerald green, while the Duke was seen, (for the first time)- in the full-dress uniform of an Australian Field-Marshal.

To end a memorable day- a glittering State Ball was held in the King's Hall at Parliament House. The Queen- a fairy-tale figure in a gown of white and silver brocade, (adorned by the blue sash of the Garter, and wearing a diamond tiara and necklace) arrived with Prime Minister Mr Menzies. (2)

Though Her Majesty did not dance, she sat out, and watched nearly a thousand guests take the floor at the most brilliant function ever held in Australia.