

Malta lies eastern-- and the Royal Yacht "Britannia" is hailed by the passing French Cruiser "La Gloire" , as the Queen and the Duke approach Gibraltar.

And soon the historic Rock ~~looks~~ looms ahead-- the 1400 ft high bastion of Britain's great Mediterranean naval base.

Slowly and ~~majestically~~ ^{majestically} "Britannia" glides into harbour, with the Queen and her husband taking up ~~commanding~~ vantage points on the upper bridge.

Aft- Prince Charles and Princess Anne are ^{the} in charge of the Royal Navy. And what better guides than two leading stokers to answer the many questions put to them by enquiring young minds?

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke, ~~and attended by Lady Pamela~~ stepped ashore to be greeted by ~~the~~ General Sir Gordon MacMillan, the Governor. The Royal Tour of Gibraltar had ~~been~~ begun. After the presentation of ~~the~~ ~~original~~ ~~keys~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~fortress~~, Sir Gordon offered Her Majesty the original keys of the fortress, which has been in British hands since 1704.

Then, ~~she~~ ~~was~~ ~~in~~ ~~Admiral's~~ ~~uniform~~ ^{REVIEWED} a mighty parade of the Combined Services-- a gracious tribute to this fortress stronghold- vital link in the North African operations during the last war.

During almost the last hours of the great Commonwealth Tour, the Royal children ~~were~~ ^{WERE TAKEN} to see the famous Barbary apes. Though Prince Charles ~~is~~ found the animals, (which are larger than himself) a bit formidable, he succeeded ⁱⁿ feeding them with pea-nuts.

34 apes are kept in two separate packs- and legend has it that if they disappear, Britain's rule of Gibraltar will end. ~~BACK ON BOARD BRITANNIA~~ THE Royal children are again seen with their naval guides. IT IS FAREWELL, GIBRALTAR. So this tour of many months through the lands of the British Commonwealth came near to its end and its climax in London.... where countless thousands prepared to give our Queen the greatest welcome ^{home} of all time.