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The City: Lord Mayor's Show

9th November 1954

London: Martial music blends with November sunshine, to bring a welcome touch of colour to ~~London~~ - the Lord Mayor's Show.

~~From the Mansion House~~

And from ~~the Mansion House~~ the Mansion House, the salute was taken by the new Lord Mayor, Alderman Seymour Howard.

For the first time for many years - the traditional service floats were joined by gaily-decorated tableaux - making the installation of the First Gentlemen of the City - the gala occasion we remember of old.

And the music of eleven bands helped the whole thing along. **SOUND**

The theme of this year's two-mile procession was "The Colonies come to Town". A contribution from East Africa paying tribute to industrious pioneers, ~~the~~

The wines and fruits of Cyprus offered by loyal Nationals in their picturesque costume. **SOUND**

The dignity of City procession is thawed under the melting strains of gay Calypsos ~~played by~~ **SOUND** and multi-coloured ~~bands~~...

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The offering of Jamaica - bananas and cigars from the ~~island paradise~~ - soon to play host to Princess Margaret.

This was a Show that tried its hardest to get away from the sombre military note of post-war years....

So with ~~the~~ familiar escort of Pikemen ~~and~~ the Golden Coach and its proud ~~escort~~ occupant reached the Law Courts.

Here, in accordance with time-honoured custom - the new Lord Mayor entered to make his formal declaration of office. The 664th holder of an office that dates back to the twelfth century. **SOUND**.