

London: Royal Caribbean Journey Begins

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London Airport: A family send-off for a Royal Traveller - as the Queen leads the way to the waiting Stratocruiser, that will carry Princess Margaret on the first stage of her West Indies tour. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the Duke of Edinburgh made up the party.

And there stands "Canopus" - waiting to wing its way westward - towards the sun-drenched Caribbean.

Then, ^{Transport} after thanking the ^{and Airport} Minister of ~~Transport and Airport~~ officials, the Princess joins her family for those last good-byes - ~~taking~~ on board the aircraft which proudly flew her Personal Standard.

Time to go - the Royal Party re-appear and Princess Margaret is about to begin her first Commonwealth Tour - alone.

A tremendous responsibility awaits the Princess - amid the glare of ^{World-wide} Trans-world publicity - but now it's a moment for happy smiles and affectionate leave-taking.

~~The~~ Ready to take-off - and the Princess re-appears at a ^{port-hole} ~~port-hole~~ window. There she is under the letter "C".

The five thousand mile flight to Trinidad begins - opening up new horizons for a charming young ambassador - with an opportunity to study the ^{many} problems that are troubling those loyal Caribbean islands.

So ^{"Bon Voyage"} Farewell - Princess Margaret! May Good weather crown your journeys and bring you safely home.