Caribbean: Antigua welcomes the Princess 22nd Feb. 55

[redacted] ANTIGUA welcomes the Island's first Royal Visitor for thirty-five years.

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And it was typical of [redacted] Princess MARGARET (with her long interest in Youth Movements) that her first visit was to a Rally of six-thousand School-children on the cricket ground. [redacted]

During the afternoon, six hundred guests attended a Garden Party in the grounds of Government House - and many were presented - the reward for long years of loyal service to the Island community.

A more formal occasion was the State Dinner Party - and [redacted] Her Royal Highness (wearing a floral evening gown) was later entertained in the West Indian manner that won her heart in Trinidad. SOUND.

First discovered by Christopher Columbus, Antigua has long associations with the Royal Navy. For 160 years, English Harbour was the main Naval base in the Eastern Caribbean, AND WAS ONCE COMMANDED BY NELSON. [redacted]

The economy of the island depends chiefly on its sugar-cane crop and [redacted] during a country drive - a halt was made at a plantation. Here, old-fashioned locomotives were on parade: they are employed in the transport of the cane.

And the Princess (who confessed to having a sweet tooth) was given a whistle-stop send-off by the sugar workers. SOUND.