

Jamaica greeted its second Royal visitor in just over a year when at Port Royal, Princess Margaret laid a wreath ^{of poppies} on the cenotaph in the Memorial Park dedicated to her Father- King George VI. (2)

A reminder of the earlier visit came when ~~the~~ the Princess looked at a cotton tree- planted by her sister, the Queen, during ~~the~~ ^{THE} Commonwealth Tour.

It was almost an "Ascot occasion" when the Guest of Honour attended a Race Meeting at the 50 year-old Knutsford Park Course.

Here, many turf-personalities were introduced, and it was a ~~xxxx~~ winning moment in a long career for jockey Stephen Myton, when he was presented to the Princess.

To ~~MARK~~ ^{MARK} the occasion, the big Race of the Day was named the "Princess Margaret Stakes". The charming guest watched eagerly from the Royal Box, as ~~the~~ "Birnawood" ^{No. 6 -} the favourite- was first past the post in a driving finish. But after an official enquiry, he was disqualified.

Next day, Her Royal Highness attended Divine Service in the ancient Cathedral of Spanish Town. A visit which, in the words of the Lord Bishop of Jamaica, inspired and encouraged the youth of this lovely Caribbean island.

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Jamaica- Sunshine Tour nears its end-

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The great day has come- and the hearts of all Jamaicans are centred upon the ancient town of Port Royal as, decked in gayest mood, it welcomes a Royal visitor- the second in just over a year. Soon after arrival, Princess Margaret laid a wreath at the cenotaph in the Memorial Park- (dedicated to her ~~mother~~ Father)- in honour of those who fell in two World Wars. At the civic reception, attended by thousands of ~~citizens~~- (not to mention a battery of press photographers), the Mayor of Kingston- the capital- presented many Councillors and dignitaries of the island.

There was a sentimental highlight of the ceremony, when the Princess paused to look at a cotton-tree- planted by the Queen, during her visit in November 1953.

The glories of Ascot came to the 50 year-old Knutsford track when the guest of honour gave racing in the island ^{Royal patronage.} ~~Royal Patronage.~~

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From the Royal Box, ^{HER ROYAL HIGHNESS} ~~the Princess~~ watched the ^{BIG} ~~1st~~ race- the Princess Margaret Stakes- No 6, "Birnamwood"- the favourite- was first past the post- but, next morning, after an official enquiry, he was disqualified.

After a twelve mile ride from Kingston with Sir Hugh Foot, the Governor, the Princess (wearing a blue and white dress) was acclaimed by thousands of loyal islanders at Spanish Town, (once the capital of Jamaica in the days of Spanish Rule).

A balcony-appearance was the signal for a tremendous ovation, and Spanish Town voiced its welcome with flowers.

On the next day, the Princess joined a West Indian ~~congregation~~ congregation of 2000 in prayer, at the Cathedral in Spanish Town, where she was received by Dr Dale, Lord Bishop of Jamaica.

Dr Dale said that Her Royal Highness's visit- as President of the Church of England Youth Council- had inspired and encouraged hundreds of young people in Jamaica.

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