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The Duke with Miners

29th April 1955

Wales: Men of the Welch Regiment honoured the Duke of Edinburgh - when he arrived to present the Charter of Incorporation - ~~that marks the amazing~~ OF THE NEW BOROUGH OF RHONDDA, OF WHOSE AMAZING ~~growth of the new Borough of Rhondda~~ SOUND. (SOUND)

GROWTH THE DUKE SAID:

After presenting the Charter (on behalf of the Queen) the Duke (wearing the ceremonial dress of a Colonel of the Welsh Guards) signed the Visitors Book, ~~after a little difficulty with the date.~~ after a short deliberation regarding the date. SOUND

Later, Prince Philip drove to Fernhill Colliery - passing en route some of the many miner's homes that are dotted around this valley of coal.

At the Pithead, the Duke was reminded that Rhondda is a valley of song, too, as a choir of surface-workers greeted him SOUND

The Royal Visitor had come prepared for the occasion - and wearing a shirt and dungarees (reminders of his Naval days) he spent over an hour - several hundred feet underground -

CHEERS AND MUSIC echoed around the coal face - to round off a memorable day for Rhondda...