

Royal Arrival--

Jan 30th. '56.

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And a gracious word of thanks for the <sup>Atalanta's</sup> officers ~~and~~ crew <sup>who</sup> ~~of the~~ "Atalanta" which had brought her safely to African shores.

Then the triumphant 14 mile drive to the city ~~in an open car-~~ amid the deafening strains of "Kabo Lisibet"- ~~meaning~~ "Welcome Elizabeth"- surely a greeting that the Queen will never forget.

<sup>AT THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY</sup> On arrival ~~at the airport~~ Her Majesty - a radiant figure in a pink wide-brimmed straw hat- received joyous acclamation from the host of <sup>richly-robed</sup> ~~official~~ officials, LED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAGOS TOWN COUNCIL.

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After a loyal address ~~of welcome~~ by Oba Adele II- President of the Town Council- the Queen expressed her pleasure at visiting the people of <sup>Nigeria</sup> ~~the~~ ~~country~~ - who, for nearly a century, <sup>have been members of the</sup> ~~had belonged to the~~ large <sup>1905</sup> ~~great~~ family of the British Commonwealth.

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