

At Port Harcourt, it was the turn of river warriors to pay Royal homage as they staged a floating pageant of history.

In carnival mood, the tribes who dwell alongside the Bonny River, in Eastern Nigeria, were greeting their Queen, and the ancient cannon, ~~mounted on their huge war canoes, echoed their welcome.~~ ^{on their huge war canoes, echoed their welcome.}

~~For the Queen and the Duke (who have been so closely associated with the sea) this was one of the most interesting spectacles of the tour.~~

One by one, the ~~giant~~ ^{giant} canoes paddled past in review:- many had taken an active part in the tribal wars during the last century. ^{bring up} ~~With the canoes were State Gigs used for carrying provisions, spare weapons and ammunition.~~

So the colourful African armada swept by - each gaily ~~rigged~~ ^{dressed} with distinctive flags - and one carrying its own type of Naval witch-doctor or Ju-Ju man. Though on this occasion - his services were hardly needed - the River Pageant ^{cast its own spell!} ~~had a charm all its own.~~

Of all the peoples in Nigeria, one section perhaps, most needed the new hope ~~and inspiration~~ ^{inspired by} for the future, ~~derived from~~ a Royal Visit. These ~~were the~~ ^{were the} ~~sixteen~~ inmates of the Laper settlement on the Oji River, ~~the~~ Queen did not fail them.

Here, among several hundred stricken subjects, Her Majesty inspected an ^{Ataa} exhibition of their work - ~~and~~ ^{then proudly} learned how many of them are finding the road back to complete health - thanks to modern drugs...

~~The settlement was founded in 1935 with the support of British medical missions.~~

The following day brought an exhausting round of engagements - extending over thirteen hours. It began with the inauguration of the Apapa Wharf Extension, in Lagos, where the Queen was greeted with a ~~floral bouquet~~ ^{flowers.} The ~~new~~ wharf ~~extension~~ will now ~~xxxx~~ ^{have} deep-water berths for nine ships.

Yet, the day was not entirely without light relief - ~~especially when~~ ~~she~~ ~~was~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~improbable~~ African version of St. George and the Dragon!

During the afternoon, over thirty-thousand school children, gathered on Lagos Racecourse, cheered themselves hoarse when the Queen and the Duke toured their ranks in a land-rover.

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Then came a display of traditional dances - with the ^{almost} incredible antics of stilt-dancers proving the highspot of the rally.

~~The evening brought little respite - for,~~ ^{On that same evening -} after dinner, the Queen held an investiture - and knighted Dr. ~~Samuel~~ Samuel Manuwa, Chief Medical Adviser to the Federation of Nigeria.

~~The ceremony was held at the Government House and Brigadier Edward Gibbons~~
~~Commissioner for the Cameroons, ~~was~~ was~~ installed as a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George,
 was Brigadier Edward Gibbons.