

A trail of Royal memories links the scattered communities of the Western Isles, as the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh reach the Outer Hebrides. At North Uist, the "voice of the glens and hills" sounded the welcome of proud Island folk. Driving through cheering crowds, a visit was made to an airfield site - the base for a new guided-missile range in the area. The gift of a length of hand-woven Royal Stuart tartan was the island's grateful ~~gift to their Sovereign~~ thank-offering to their Sovereign. All too soon, the Royal Party was returning by barge to the "Britannia" - while the strains of "will ye no' come back again" testified to the success of their visit.

On to Lewis, the most Northerly island, where at Stornoway, Prince Charles and Princess Anne watched from "Britannia" the ceremony of greeting for the first Reining Monarch <sup>to visit there</sup> for over fifty years. <sup>called at</sup>

During their stay, the Queen and the Duke ~~visited~~ Stornoway's ~~fish-curing station~~ fish-curing station, where fisher girls with nimble fingers, were gutting herring at the rate of 25 a minute.

Another visit was made to a mill - which brought grateful Royal acceptance of a gift of world-famous Harris tweed • ~~which is made extensively in the area.~~ <sup>3</sup>

Later, the Queen and the Duke rejoined the Royal children, who had already spent an exciting time at the Tiumpan Head Lighthouse, their first public function alone.

Naturally, the children insisted upon showing their parents and Princess Margaret around - especially Prince Charles who, earlier, had blown the first blast on the new foghorn by turning the wheel valve.

~~Princess Anne driving her car for the first time - Prince~~

<sup>soon</sup> Prince Charles was busy showing his mother just how he had made that foghorn work.

Then, it was back to the "Britannia" - and goodbye to the Western Isles.

Next morning, the Royal Yacht sailed up the Firth of Forth to Leith - the ancient seaport of Edinburgh.

For the first time for over a century, the Sovereign had arrived by sea to visit the Capital. Her Majesty was gracing the Tenth International Festival - accompanied by the Duke and Princess Margaret. S

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~~and in keeping with this charming birthday portrait xxxxxxxx wish the  
Princess many happy returns~~

During the Festival - Princess Margaret celebrated her birthday -  
amid countless good wishes from North and South of the border.