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Kenya: To the excited people of Mombasa - the yacht "Britannia" was ^{the} herald of ^a Royal occasion - ~~she~~ she had come to take Princess Margaret on the ~~six-day~~ voyage to Mauritius.

But first, the East African port celebrated a memorable day, that began with loyal greetings at the airport, as the Princess arrived - after a long flight from Britain.

The official welcome was led by the Governor of Kenya, (Sir Evelyn ~~Baring~~ Baring) and his wife...

Then came a proud service-salute, as ~~the~~ Her Royal Highness ^{(looking} charming ~~in~~ in Cambridge Blue) inspected the Guard of Honour, the 7th King's African Rifles ~~• a volunteer company in their scarlet tunics~~

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The Governor then presented civic dignitaries and tribal chiefs, who pledged the welcome of their ^{peoples.} ~~loyal African peoples.~~

Next morning (before starting a full programme) the Princess attended Divine Service, at Mombasa Cathedral. She was welcomed by the Provost the Rev. R.B. Jupp - who later presented a white prayer-book.

During the service, the Governor read the lesson, and ^{there} ~~their~~ was a Royal signature for the Distinguished Visitors' Book.

After the Service, the Princess drove to the Diamond Jubilee Hall, to attend a reception - given by the Mombasa ^{Indian, Arab, and African} Ladies' Association.

Men were barrd from the reception because the Moslem women had unveiled their faces to greet the Princess. ~~But our cameramen filmed~~

~~the reception from a window~~ ^{The entertainment included} including this dance - ~~led~~ led by Bapsy Mehta - a Parsee girl

The dance - based on Indian legend - tells the story of a young girl who sees a Princess and garlands her with a golden ^{CHAIN.} ~~exotic~~ ~~flowers.~~

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Later, when the Princess left - smiling happily - she was still wearing her "garland of gold"

So to the Municipal Stadium, where 19,000 children of many races and creeds (for Mombasa is a miniature Commonwealth in itself), welcomed their Princess with flags and cheers. A happy memory to carry on that six-day voyage to Mauritius.