

London-- To Kensington Palace with its many family associations, came the Queen to tour the redecorated State Apartments- which house so many Royal Treasures.

Early last century, Kensington Palace was the home of Queen Victoria. Here, she learned of her accession ~~at~~ to the Throne. Now, her stately bedroom is a reminder of the ~~Victoria~~ era that bears her Name.

One of the late Queen Mary's hobbies was collecting ornate time-pieces- and many of these are featured in her collection, brought from Marlborough House.

Other treasured possessions gracing the Apartments include Queen Mary's ~~mother's~~ nursery writing desk and chair- which belonged to her mother- the Duchess of Teck.

Among the regalia of majesty are the Coronation Robes of King George the Fifth and Queen Mary. Historic treasures for all to see- for the State Apartments are open to the public. A ROYAL OCCASION ON ~~the~~ the other side of the world, where the Duke of Edinburgh was ~~visit~~ visiting the vast Snowy River Hydro-Electric Scheme in New South Wales. ~~With seven major dams, fifteen power stations, and eighty miles of~~

~~roads, this Australia's most ambitious development urban project.~~

^{included an inspection of} The ~~Road~~ ~~embellish~~ the great ~~Colong~~ Dam which was officially opened last year by ~~Mr Menzies~~ the Prime Minister, Mr Menzies.

Summer Time Down Under ~~AND~~

~~Down~~ on the beach near Melbourne- there's a spectacular parade for the International and Australian Surf Carnival, watched by thousands ~~at~~ who wanted some sea air after the heat of the Olympic Stadium.

Using light fibre-glass boards, competitors make their way out-to ride in on the breakers- a real test of surfing skill.

After a tough struggle with the toppling combers, they're all set for the final ~~run-in~~ ^{RUN-IN.} ~~thrill-a-minute race,~~ ^{AND} it's a win for

Hawaii. ~~TALKING OF HAWAII,~~

~~that~~ that Pacific Paradise ~~proves~~ ^{proves} itself a hot rival in the surfing stakes- with the added attraction of "hula lovelies", causing some distraction on the palm-fringed shore.

Wherever you look, there's beauty around- especially where human skill and judgment are pitted against ^{Nature's} ~~the ruthless~~ ruthless grandeur.

~~Nature~~ A symphony of foaming waters and expert craftsmen framed in a setting of dancing sirens ~~at the~~