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ROYAL VISIT TO CHANNEL ISLANDS

The cruiser Jamaica sailed into St. Helier harbour, Jersey carrying the King and Queen on their first visit to the Channel Islands since the Germans were thrown out. It was 24 years since the last Royal visit when King George V and Queen Mary visited the island.

Welcoming Their Majesties were the Bailiff of Jersey and Officials of the island. Channel Islanders turned out in force to celebrate their long-delayed liberation. There were not enough Union Jacks for everybody to wave, so those who had one already made the most of it.

At Government House the King and Queen met the Deputies of the State Assembly, Jersey's Ancient Parliament. The King said, "After your long sufferings, I hope the island will soon regain its former glory." A fifteen minute flight in silvered Dakota of R.A.F. Transport Command carried Their Majesties on EMB to Guernsey.

Candle Gardens, Guernsey's Main Park, was visited at the end of a tour of the island. Three little girls, representing the islands of Guernsey, Alderney & Sark, gave the Queen bouquets tied with ribbons of their islands' colours.

A loyal Address was handed to the King by Mrs Hathaway, the indomitable Dame of Sark. Said the islanders, "We welcome your Majesties within this small but ancient appanage of the Crown of England, so recently freed from the hands of Your Majesties enemies."

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