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THE KING & THE TRIBESMEN

In South Africa the Royal tour continues, to start the fourth week came a visit to Basuteland. 80,000 tribesmen turn out in ceremonial dress to attend the welcoming ceremony - the National Pitso. Some of the horsemen have been travelling six weeks to reach the Basute capital, Maseru.

In Maseru, the Basutes assemble to pay homage to their King from over the sea. They join with the rest of South Africa in welcoming the King and Queen and the Princesses.

The climax to the ceremony was an investiture. To Basute soldiers who served on the Mediterranean front - the King presented their medals of valour. Basute Regent, Chieftainess Mantsebe Seeise received the O.B.E. To South Africa where racial differences are acute, scenes such as these and the King's friendly, personal approach to the coloured peoples has caused much comment.

Towards dusk the Basutes meet by the Camp fire. To them it has been a thrilling day. To the Royal Family it has been yet another sign of South Africa's loyalty.