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CEYLON GAINS INDEPENDENCE

On a goodwill visit to Ceylon the Cruiser Norfolk joins in the Independent celebrations. Like its harbour Colombo's streets are dressed up for the great day. For the island's 6½ million population it's a public holiday. Belying the air of festivities their solem faces expectant but not over excited. Ceylon is taking indepdence quitely. But soon all eyes are turned to the decorated archway through which the car carrying the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester is driven to the assembly hall. Wearing the sash of the garter the Duke takes the salute. Around him have gathered the people who will form Ceylon's first government. From a raised dias the Duchess watches the Duke accompanied by the Prime Minister and the Governor General raise the flag of the new Dominion, after a 146 years of British rule Ceylon joins the British Commonwealth of nations as an independant member.