

MIDLANDS GREET ROYAL VISITORS

Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip visit the North Midlands. Macclesfield - silk capital of Britain - is first stop on their tour. At Brecklehurst, in one of the biggest mills in the town, the indefatigable Royal visitors see the weaving of products for which Macclesfield has been famous for 200 years. The Cheshire town's fame for silk originally began with the manufacture of twist and silk buttons - an industry that already flourished here in the days of Queen Elizabeth.

Derby - home of Rolls Royce and city of many industries - is next to greet the Royal visitors. The Princess formally opens the new Town Hall which was begun before the war, requisitioned by the R.A.F., and today awaits permission to be completed finally.

A dessert service together with a coffee and tea set as well as a drinking mug and two Toby figures for Prince Charles, are presented to the Royal couple when they look over the Royal Crown-Derby China works. From the birth-place of Britain's finest porcelain, the Princess receives a permanent memento of a happy tour.

Nottingham - centre of Britain's stocking industry and famous for its leather products - adds its own special welcome to the Royal couple. Crowds throng the city streets and Nottingham's gallant police force finds its hands full.

Greeted by the Lord Mayor, the Princess and the Duke are given a civic reception at City Hall. It's a big occasion for the Midland city, which was granted its charter of incorporation by King Henry the Sixth, 500 years ago. With its quinquenary celebrations thus royally honoured, Nottingham in turn honours its visitors. A striking greeting from the city's schoolchildren is followed by gay and spectacular dancing in the main square. 450 girls swing and sway through a brilliant display of French and Flemish folk dances.

A Royal greeting from a birthday city.