

WELCOME TO QUEEN JULIANA

After a gale-swept crossing the cruiser JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK, wearing the Netherlands Royal Standard, draws alongside at Dover. Travelling overnight from Rotterdam, she brings Her Majesty Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, who, with her husband Prince Bernhard, is welcomed by the Duke of Gloucester on behalf of the King.

At the station the Mayor of Dover escorts the Royal party to the 5-coach special train for London.

At Victoria Station as the time approaches for the Royal visitors to arrive, those who are to welcome them assemble. Among them are Field Marshal Lord Allenbrooke with Mr. Attlee. Nearby is the new Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Lawson, and two sheriffs; Lord Fraser and Field Marshal Slim. The entrance of the King and Queen accompanied by the Princesses announces that the train is due any minute ... and two minutes ahead of schedule the huge merchant-navy class engine pulls in.

Queen Juliana now receives the greetings of Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret who afterwards curtsy, whilst Princess Alice greets Prince Bernhard.

On behalf of the city, the Lord Mayor is to entertain the Royal visitors at the Guildhall.

Now it is time to leave for the Palace in a Royal procession, the highest state honour to a visitor.

Queen Juliana rides with the King and the Duke of Gloucester in the state landau drawn by six greys; the Queen with Prince Bernhard in the second carriage. Escorted by a sovereign's escort of the Household Cavalry the two sovereigns begin their state drive.

From Whitehall the Royal Procession enters the Mall, a glittering column of colour so familiar and yet always so thrilling.

In two years, Queen Juliana has won a firm place in the hearts of her people. Between her Royal House and ours a warm friendship was born in the years of war. Through the centuries our two countries have been strangely linked. We have met in friendly rivalry and in war. Two small countries, we each built great empires by our seamanship.

Tonight as the King honours his Royal guests the people of Britain join in a warm welcome to Queen Juliana of the Netherlands.