

WELCOME DENMARK

At Victoria Station Their Majesties arrive to welcome the King and Queen of Denmark on their 4-days visit to London ... and prompt to the hour the 147-ton Merchant Navy engine brings the royal train into London.

As they alight the King greets Queen Ingrid and then King Frederik. Though this is the first state visit of Danish rulers since 1914, both have often visited Britain privately. Next Queen Ingrid is greeted by Princess Elisabeth and Princess Margaret, great-grandchildren of the lovely Queen Alexandra, daughter of a Danish king. In these delightful pictures next we see the Duchess of Gloucester greet King Frederik, whilst our Queen receives the greetings of her son-in-law.

Among those who welcome the Danish king are Lord Fraser, the First Sea Lord, and Field Marshal Slim.

And now the drive to the palace. The two kings will ride in one landau, the queens in the next.

The Princesses ride with the Queens in the processional drive. With the kings are the Dukes of Gloucester and Edinburgh.

And now, with a sovereign's escort of the Household Cavalry, the royal party begin their drive through the thickly lined streets.

During his short visit King Frederik - who has just been honoured with the knighthood of the Order of the Garter - will visit the South Bank exhibition amongst many other varied functions. And now the procession heads through Admiralty Arch and into the Mall.

As the escort rounds the Queen Victoria memorial journey's end is in sight. Through the long years Britain and Denmark have found in staunch friendship mutual aid and comfort. Today more than ever that link binds us closely.

Welcome to Denmark and long may our two countries be united in friendship.