

PRINCESS IN WASHINGTON

There's a Guard of Honour of sailors and marines as Princess Elizabeth and the Duke leave the Capitol. In a two days' visit they've had a busy schedule, now ahead is a little ceremony on behalf of the King. In the rose garden of the White House, Her Royal Highness is to present to the President an 18th century overmantel for one of the White House rooms. After accepting the King's gift, Mr. Truman had this to say:-

① "We have many distinguished visitors here in this city, but never before have we had such a wonderful young couple that so completely captured the hearts of all of us. We want you to come back again. It has been reported to me that you would like to come back again and bring your lovely children. When you do that, we hope that the restoration of the White House will be finished and you can see this gift installed in its place in the Blue Room. I don't know who the temporary occupants of the White House may be at that time. But you can be sure of this: No matter who they are, you and your family will always be welcome."

Now (to quote the President), looking like a princess from the fairy tales, Princess Elizabeth is hostess to Mr. and Mrs. Truman and their daughter at the Canadian Embassy.

The short visit is now over but in America an affectionate memory lingers on.