

CITY WELCOME TO PRINCESS

At a luncheon in the historic Guildhall the City of London offers its official welcome home to Princess Elizabeth and her husband, To the Prime Minister falls the pleasure of proposing the health of the two royal travellers who during their tour covered more than 12,000 miles, making new friends for Britain wherever they went.

① [I have the honour, Madam, to propose your health and that of his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and I call upon you to rise and drink accordingly.]

To the toast, honoured in the traditional way, Princess Elizabeth now replies.

"I am happy to be back in England and glad to be in this historic and beloved city, which I have known all my life. But my heart, too, is very full of another country, a country which is on its way to being one of the greatest in the world. On this visit we passed across surely what is one of the miracles of the world today, that vast 4,000 mile frontier, without a single gun pointed in fear on either side. ② I am sure that nowhere under the sun could one find a land more full of hope, of happiness and of fine, loyal, generous-hearted people."