

BaghdadKING FEISAL ENTHRONED

The Duke of Gloucester arrives in Baghdad to represent the Queen at the enthronement of King Feisal of Iraq. Crown Prince Emir Abdul Illah, who has ruled the land during the young King's minority, accompanies the Duke from the airfield to the centre of the capital.

Later, the King and the Crown Prince, his uncle, arrive at the Majlis, the Houses of Parliament, for the actual enthronement. The Duke of Gloucester enters the building. The eighteen-year-old King at his inauguration ceremony will become the third reigning monarch of modern Iraq.

Wearing the uniform of Field Marshal, the King enters the Chamber to address the Assembly of delegates of thirty-three countries and to take the oath of kingship. King Feisal, who was educated at Harrow, became King at the age of four when his father, King Ghazi, was killed in a road accident. During his speech, the young King asks his people to unite in support of him for the welfare and prosperity of the country.

The Duke and the other guests leave as the ceremony ends and the King makes his way from the Majlis to receive a loyal greeting from all who have gathered in his capital city.

With the Emir Abdul Illah by his side as always, Feisal assumes the kingship of a young and vigorous state, struggling to modernise herself without sacrificing the great traditions of culture and social grace which are part of the Arab heritage.