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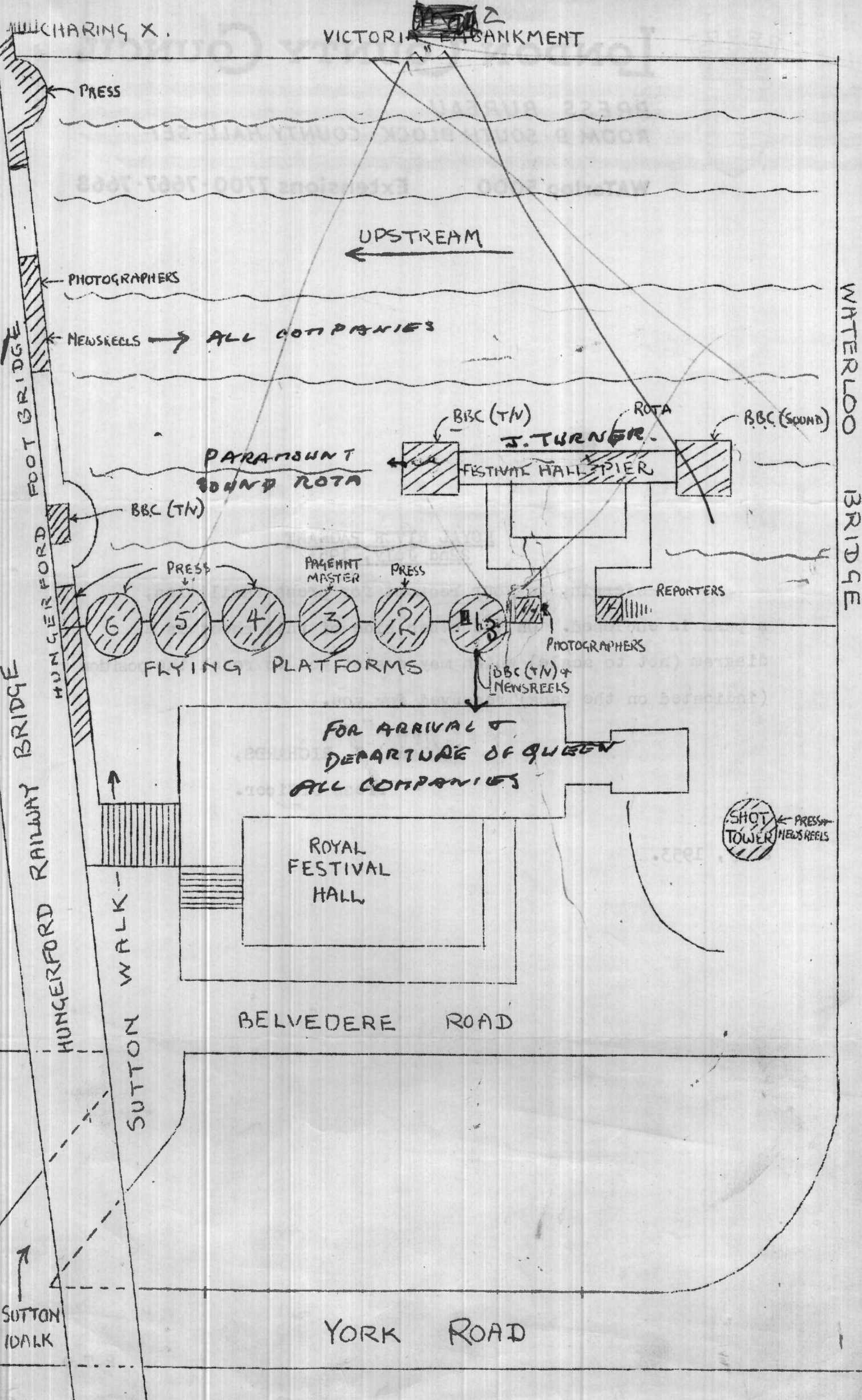
ROYAL RIVER PAGEANT
22nd July, 1953

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(Sgd.) S. RICHARDS,

Press Officer.

July, 1953.



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ROYAL RIVER PAGEANT CEREMONIAL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

London Fire Brigade Guard of Honour

9.45 a.m.

Guard of Honour of the London Fire Brigade will parade in the Main Courtyard at the County Hall under the command of Divisional Officer Wright from where they will march via Belvedere Road to the forecourt of the Royal Festival Hall in front of the main entrance. Medals will be worn.

10 a.m.

The Guard of Honour will march off along Belvedere Road to take up position lining the route between the Royal Festival Hall forecourt and the entrance to Festival Hall Pier.

Arrangements for Old People and their escorts from the L.C.C.'s homes

About 200 seats will be reserved on the terrace in front of the Royal Festival Hall. They will arrive by coach at 10.45 a.m. and be put down on the pavement outside the Royal Festival Hall at the intersection of Sutton Walk and Belvedere Road. During or immediately after the Pageant ice creams and cups of tea will be served to the old people. The old people will have their packed lunches while sitting in the stand either during or after the Pageant.

Arrangements for children from L.C.C.'s Children's Homes.

The arrangements for setting down the children on arrival will be as for the old people. The 300 children will be accommodated on Hungerford Footbridge. After the Pageant is over the children will be escorted down to the Royal Festival Hall terrace where icecreams and lemonade will be served and the children will have their packed lunches.

Arrangements at Greenwich Pier

10 a.m.

The procession of pageant craft will start from Greenwich Pier, where the Lord Mayor of London and the mayors, town clerks and mace bearers of the riverside boroughs from the Nore to Teddington Lock will embark.

Arrangements on the South Bank and Royal Festival Hall.

10.15 a.m.

Guests with seats on the Festival Hall Pier, or at the Royal Festival Hall (Terrace and upper restaurant) are expected to begin to assemble about this time.

Those with seats on the pier will be directed from the forecourt of the Royal Festival Hall to the pier approach from where P.L.A. stewards and usherettes provided by the Girls' Nautical Training Corps will show them to their seats.

Seats will be reserved for the Mayors and Mayoresses in the front row of the terrace.

The Vice-Chairman of the Council (Mrs. I. M. Bolton) and Mr. Bolton will receive informally the Mayors and Mayoresses of the non-riparian Metropolitan Boroughs, the Mayoresses of the riparian boroughs, the wives of Members of the City Corporation and other guests as they are arriving at the steps leading to the terrace from the Royal Festival Hall forecourt. The Vice-Chairman of the Council will be accompanied by the Clerk of the Council (Sir Howard Roberts) and Lady Roberts.

The band of the London Fire Brigade will play on the upstream side of the 1851 pavilion until 11.10 a.m. 10.30 a.m.

The Vice-Chairman of the Council will be joined outside the main entrance of the Royal Festival Hall by the Deputy Chairman of the Council (Mr. Frederick Lawrence) and Mrs. Lawrence, the Leader of the Council (Mr. I. J. Hayward) and Mrs. Hayward, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Norris Kenyon) and Mrs. Kenyon, the Chief Whip of the Majority Party (Mrs. Freda Corbet) and Mr. Corbet, the Chief Whip of the Minority Party (Dame Catherine Fulford) and Lady Walton, the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee (Mr. Victor Mishcon) and Mrs. Mishcon, the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee (Sir Richard Coppock) and Lady Coppock, the Chairman of the Rivers and Drainage Committee (Mr. E. E. Woods) and Mrs. Woods, the Deputy Clerk of the Council (Mr. T. G. Randall), the Chief Engineer (Mr. J. Rawlinson) and Mrs. Rawlinson and the Chief Officer of the London Fire Brigade (Mr. F. W. Delve). 10.55 a.m.

After they have met the Vice-Chairman of the Council the Members and Chief Officers mentioned will take up their places on the South Bank to await presentation to Her Majesty by the Vice-Chairman of the Council.

The Vice-Chairman of the Council will welcome the Worshipful the Mayor and the Mayoress of Lambeth (Alderman W. R. Knight and Mrs. Knight). 11.0 a.m.

The Vice-Chairman of the Council will welcome Her Majesty's Lieutenant of the County of London (Field Marshal the Right Hon. the Viscount Alanbrooke and Viscountess Alanbrooke). 11.5 a.m.

The B.B.C. commentary will be relayed from this time till 12.30 p.m. to Hungerford Bridge, the South Bank from Hungerford Bridge to Waterloo Bridge and to the Upper Restaurant of the Royal Festival Hall.

Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh are expected to arrive at the main entrance of the Royal Festival Hall. Immediately Her Majesty and His Royal Highness have stepped on to the pavement the band of the London Fire Brigade will play the National Anthem. After the National Anthem the Lord Lieutenant will receive Her Majesty and His Royal Highness and will ask leave to present Viscountess Alanbrooke, the Vice-Chairman of the Council and Mr. Bolton, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth and the Clerk of the Council and Lady Roberts. 11.15 a.m.

The Vice-Chairman will escort Her Majesty to the South Bank and will ask leave to make the presentations referred to above.

Immediately after these presentations Her Majesty will be received at the approach to the pier by the Minister of Transport who will ask leave to make the following presentations:-

Lady Patricia Lennox-Boyd
Chairman, Port of London Authority (The Rt. Hon. Viscount Waverley) and Viscountess Waverley
First Sea Lord (Admiral Sir Rhoderick McGrigor) and Lady McGrigor
Secretary of State for Air (Rt. Hon. Lord De L'Isle and Dudley) and Lady De L'Isle
Chief of the Air Staff (Air Chief Marshal Sir William Dickson) and Lady Dickson
Deputy Master, Trinity House (Captain G. Curteis) and Mrs. Curteis
Vice-Chairman, Port of London Authority, and Chairman, Pageant Committee (Sir Douglas Ritchie) and Lady Ritchie

During these presentations the Vice-Chairman of the Council and Mr. Bolton, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth, the Clerk of the Council and Lady Roberts and the members and chief officers of the Council just presented will be escorted by way of the downstream brow to their reserved seats on the pier.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will be escorted by the Minister of Transport and the Chairman of the Pageant Committee by way of the upstream brow to the royal dais on the pier.

The Lord Lieutenant and the Viscountess Alanbrooke and those presented by the Minister of Transport will follow Her Majesty down the upstream brow to their seats on the pier.

11.30 a.m. The Head of the Pageant will arrive opposite Festival Hall Pier.

11.35 a.m. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Sir Rupert de la Bere, will land at Festival Hall Pier, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff Sir Harold Gillett, and Sheriff Sir Sidney Fox. The Lord Mayor will take his place on the royal dais and the sheriffs in reserved seats on the pier.

11.35 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. (approx) The Pageant will pass by. 12 towed craft constituting the historical section, together with the Trumpeters' launch, will return to moorings on the north side of the river immediately opposite Festival Hall Pier. The remainder of the pageant will continue upstream to moorings opposite the Houses of Parliament or on to Battersea.

When the pageant has passed the Lord Mayor will ask leave to present the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies; and the Chairman of the Pageant Committee will ask leave to present Mr. L. E. Ford, (General Manager, Port of London Authority, and Chairman, Navigation Committee) and Mrs. Ford; Mr. R. G. Odell (Master of Craft, Pageant Committee) and Mrs. Odell; and Mr. J. Swinburne (Pageant Master) and Mrs. Swinburne.

After these presentations, the Chairman of the Pageant Committee, accompanied by the Minister of Transport, the Lord and Lady Mayoress, the Lord Lieutenant and Viscountess Alanbrooke, the Vice-Chairman of the Council and Mr. Bolton, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth and the Clerk of the Council and Lady Roberts, will escort Her Majesty and His Royal Highness to the pier approach.

From this point Her Majesty will be escorted by the Vice-Chairman of the Council and Mr. Bolton, the Lord Lieutenant and Viscountess Waverley, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth and the Clerk of the Council and Lady Roberts to the forecourt of the Royal Festival Hall from where Her Majesty will leave.

The National Anthem will be played by the band of the London Fire Brigade as Her Majesty departs.

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