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ROYAL TOUR REPORT.

36,000 boys and girls from schools in and around Sydney give the wildest, noisiest, welcome of the royal tour, as Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh drive amongst them at Sydney Cricket Ground. Here, (where English cricket elevens have all too often suffered at the hands of the Aussies) the almost frenzied welcome that greeted the Queen when she arrived in Australia is echoed by the youngsters to this their own day.

Red, white and blue paper streamers and the childrens' shouts of "Hello, Queen Elizabeth" hail Her Majesty as she meets schoolteachers and youth leaders.

Again, the royal couple step into the Land Rover to continue their tour of the ground. More than half a mile away the roar of the childrens' greetings can be heard.

Later, the fabulous Bondi Beach in Sydney becomes a focal point for thousands. This vast expanse of golden sand, buffeted by great rollers from the Pacific, is one of the most popular holiday beaches in the world. Under a scorching sun crowds wait to welcome Her Majesty who is attending a special surf-carnival.

Life-guards from many states, including a party from New Zealand, parade before the Queen and her husband. Upon these bronzed giants, rests the responsibility of rescuing from the sea swimmers who are in difficulties. Long, strenuous training all the year round equips them for this hazardous task.

Now the royal couple drive along the ranks of the life-savers. While this inspection is held, the climax of the display will be presented. Battling with the surf, the teams will take part in races in their surf boats and will show their skill at surf-riding - one of the main sports at Bondi.

While the display goes on, the royal couple return to the dais and watch this thrilling spectacle.

For Sydney's Royal guests, this has been one of the most informal as well as one of the most exciting days experienced during their triumphant tour of the Commonwealth.
