

TRINIDAD HAILS PRINCESS:

The giant B.O.A.C. Stratocruiser "Comopus" lands at Piarco Airport, bringing Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret to the West Indies. The Princess, who wears a beige taffeta dress and a small silk hat, is welcomed by Sir Herbert Rance, the Governor, on behalf of all the people of the islands Her Royal Highness will visit. Lady Rance adds her greeting.

The first duty of the Princess Margaret is to inspect the guard of honour, resplendent in spiked helmets and shimmering white tunics.

A wildly excited crowd, some of whom have waited all night on the airfield, see many of their own folk presented to the Princess. Not since the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip, has there been such enthusiasm on the islands. Each town or village on the royal route has been gaily decorated in greeting to the petite, little lady they have been quick to name "the dolly princess". Meanwhile work has been going ahead on Britannia for it is in the royal yacht that Princess Margaret will tour the West Indies. Badly buffeted by the Atlantic crossing, Britannia is having her paintwork attended to.

At Arima, the Princess begins her tour. Thousands of school-children, thronging the race-track, voice their welcome.

The Princess takes her seat in a specially-built colourful pavilion. There she receives a bouquet from Maureen Subero, a local girl. This is composed of pink anthurium lilies, a delicate flower which grows only in Trinidad.

To a welcome, matched only in warmth by the dazzling sunshine, of the Caribbean, Princess Margaret begins her month's visit to the islands of the West Indies.