

QUEEN AND PRESIDENT AT OPERA.

At the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, the State visit to the President of Portugal to Britain reaches a brilliant climax. Mr. and Mrs. Attlee are among a distinguished audience attending a gala performance of Smetana's opera "The Bartered Bride"

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, is also present. Hosts for the evening are the British Government, and the guests of honour are of course to be the Royal Family and President Lopes and his wife. Among the first Royal arrivals are the Duchess of Kent and her daughter, Princess Alexandra.

Princess Marie Louise, granddaughter of Queen Victoria.

Now the Queen Mother arrives, accompanied by Princess Margaret.

The Queen Mother talks with Sir Anthony Eden, and Lord Waverley, formerly Sir John Anderson, while Princess Margaret is with the Duchess of Gloucester. All is ready for the arrival of the Queen. Her Majesty is escorted by the President of Portugal, General Craveiro Lopes. A gala performance at Covent Garden has long been a traditional event of important State visits, and it has lost none of its time-honoured magnificence.

The President's wife, Madame Lopes, arrives just after her husband. Her escort is the Duke of Edinburgh.

The audience have taken their seats, and the moment has come for the Queen and her party to enter the Royal Box.

Thus Britain completes its welcome to a soldier who worked in London during the darkest days of the War, and now returns as the leader of a nation.