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ROYAL TOUR - QUEEN SEES WAR CANOES
AND VISITS LEPROS COLONY.

At Port Harcourt, on the Bonny River, Nigerian war canoes assemble for a display in honour of Her Majesty's visit. Canoes like these were used in the tribal wars of the River peoples up to the end of the last century, carrying as many as 90 warriors - who do the paddling as well. Ancient cannon fire a royal salute.

The most important piece of equipment on every canoe is the big drum - as well as a set of seven smaller drums played by two men. But with all the shouting and firing going on, drums seem almost a needless luxury -

This is King Ningi the Tenth of Nembe.

Climbing the mast in a hat like that is quite a feat - and he nearly lost it!

In the old days, it cost about £600 to equip one war canoe, and a chief might own as many as six. The royal family of Bonny had sixteen.

Some of the Union Jacks are highly original designs.

Among pleasant green hills near Enugu, the Eastern capital, lies the Oji River Lepros Settlement. The Queen and the Duke have heard much of this settlement during their tour, for in its 20 years of work it has played a great part in curing and controlling this terrible disease. Confidence is the keynote; for even this blind patient knows that thanks to modern science leprosy's days are numbered.

Back to Lagos, where nearly thirty thousand schoolchildren greet the royal couple at a youth rally on the Racecourse. Coming as they do from nearly 200 junior, senior and secondary schools, they are typical of the tremendous progress Nigeria is making in the education of its children. For a country entering on self-government, education can make all the difference between success and failure.

This is called the Urhobo Ikenike dance - which means the "staggering dance".

Performed by the tribes of the Niger river, on carved corkwood stilts, it imitates the movements of the long-legged herons who live among the Niger creeks.

Now the Igbaku - another bird dance - the tradition is that if hunters danced to the songs of the birds, the birds taught them the secrets of the chase - and in return, the birds were left in peace.

At Lagos Law Courts, the Queen holds an investiture - a ceremony the newspaper camera is rarely privileged to see. Receiving the accolade of knighthood is Mr. Samuel Mwanza, Chief Medical Adviser to the Federation of Nigeria - a distinguished citizen of a great and growing land.