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Story : KING OF NEPALS CORONATION AT KATHMANDU

2 Rolls TriX mostly exteriors.

KATHMANDU the capitol of Nepal is about 1000 miles towards North East of India. For centuries Nepal has been an independent monarch state and amongst its territories, the Himalayan ranges are most famous. After the death of the King Tribhuvan last year, King Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev was made the King and May 2nd his Coronation was held in Kathmandu. The King arrived at the Hanuman Dhoka temple and after blessings from the priests he sat on the throne. Thousands of visitors had come from far and near to witness one of the most colour ceremonies during the past few years. Several decorated elephants marched in the procession while the King and the Queen rode in a silver made 'hoda'. Thousands raised the slogans of 'Maharaj Maharaj' when the Kings elephant walked in the procession.

Roll. 1. & 2

Kathmandu is a city of temples and pagodas. Shot of one of the pagodas with thousands of Nepal residents crowding the entire place. Shot of the arrival of the arrival of very high officials and close relatives of King finally followed by the King and the Queen.

Shot of the King and Queen as priests perform the ~~xxx~~ sacred ceremony for witnessing of which thousands had travelled from all parts of the world. Shots of the King and Queen while squatting and receiving the blessings of the priests.

Shot of the King and Queen coming down after the ceremony inside the temple. The Aids march in front. Shot of the King and Queen sitting on the throne and ~~receiving~~ people coming forward to pay their respects. In between there are shots of important guests who had come from all parts of the world. These included the Earl of Scarrborough, the special representative of the Queen.

In the afternoon one of the most colour ful procession was taken through the streets when several important guests and diplomats were riding on the top of the elephant. Shots of the King and Queen as they arrive riding on the top of the elephant which was decorated with jewellery and had silver 'hoda on its top. Shot of the King and Queen as they pass through the crowd.

Shots of public and a few close ups are included in the first roll.

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CBS, NBC, PARAMOUNT, Movietone news  
Govt of India, Cinerama etc etc.

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STORY COVERED.....ARRIVALS & PURVANGA CEREMONY (CORONATION OF KING NEPAL)

PLACE OF EVENT.....KATHMANDU

DATE OF EVENT.....30.4.56. & 1.5.56.

STOCK USED.....PLUS x 35mm NEGATIVE

LENGTH EXPOSED ... 100 ft. each

1. LMS At Gaucher Air Port (Kathmandu) Nepalese shout slogans of welcome to the arriving guests.
2. MS Some ladies hold garlands
3. MCS Three typical common ladies of Nepal
4. LS A plane arriving
5. MS Dr. Badhakrishnan (with white turban) the Vice President of India getting down the plane
6. LMS He is received by various dignatories of Nepal and Indian Embassy
7. LS He is being garlanded amongst the huge crowds present at the Air Port
- 8 D/-1.5.56. LS At Hanuman Dokha the ancient most place and now the most sacred place, is seen His Majesty King Mahinder Vir Vikram Shah of Nepal taking salute
- 9 LMS The King and Queen are performing 'Purvanga' a ceremony of purification before the coronation.
- 10 LS People gather round the canopy outside which the ceremony is being performed
- 11 MS Their Majesties go round the Canopy
- 12 LMS The Nepalese soldiers Guard for the event
- 13 MS The Band playing on the occasion
- 14 MS The King and Queen move into the canopy and perform further rites
- ROLL NO. 2
15. LS The guard at above temple
- 16 LS The canopy and the crowd at the above site
- 17 MS The image of Lord Hanuman after whose name the place is named
- 18 MS Chanting at the ceremony of Purification
- 19 MS The King touching the sweet eatables for distribution
- 20 LS His Majesty and party proceeding
- 21 The King taking salute
- 22 LMS Their Majesties and the party departing
- 23 MS They come out of the main gate
- 24 LtopS Bird's eye view of Kathmandu
- 25 " A view with temple and road
- 26 " Another angle includes more temples
- 27 / A view with tower
- 28 LS Crowds of people on a road in Kathmandu
- 29 MS In the evening at reception held by the King shows couple guests chatting in the lawns of the palace
- 30 MS The Sikkim delegation pass by
- ROLL NO. 3
- 31 LS The Indian delegation pass by
- 32 MS The King of Nepal (in uniform and with spectacles)
- 33 LMS Their Majesties with high officials etc.
- 34 MS The King, the Prime Minister Tankha Perahad (short statured) and the Earl of Scarborough
- 35 CS DO
- 36 MS His Majesty passing by
- 37 LMS His Majesty receiving various guests
- 38 MS Lord Chamberlain and the King
- 39 MS The Queen and the party passing by
- 40 Pan Shot The dignatories present at the reception
- 41 LMS DO
- 42 LMS DO
- 43 MS The heir apparent (small boy in white) with a tallman (in turban)
- 44 LS The Band stand with electrical bunting

Rolls 4 and 5 and half of 6 show the Coronation held on 2.5.56. at Hanuman Dhoka. The Music Band, torch bearers precede the arrival of Their Majesties. The King and the Queen walk under gold embroidered umbrellas. Their Majesties enter an ~~app~~ apartment (for bathing - not permitted to photographers) and come out of the same. They are seated in a canopy and perform Puja (worship) of Ganesh, the God of beginning and the planets, as conducted by the priests. Later the Crowning of Their Majesties and enthronement with the intermittent shots of spectator guests inclusive of foreign delegates.

Later half of Roll 6 and the 7 and 8 rolls show the long, mid and close shots of Procession after Coronation and enthronement. It started from Hanuman Dhoka and went through the ancient and new Kathmandu. Most of the foreign delegates including the Earl of Scarborough rode elephants in the procession which ended in the open audience of their Majesties to the people (called Durbar) at Tunikhel Parade Ground. Here again the foreign delegates greeted Their Majesties.