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A NEW STATE IS BORN.

The Duchess of Kent flies to Accra, to represent the Queen in the celebrations marking the transformation of the century-old Gold Coast colony into the self-governing State of Ghana. Welcoming her is Sir Charles Arden-Clarke, Governor of the old Colony and Governor-General of the new State. The Duchess, as the Queen's aunt, is a very suitable royal envoy; for in the ancient matriarchal society of Ghana, the aunt has a specially honoured place.

Soon after the Duchess comes another distinguished visitor - Vice-President Richard Nixon of the United States, with his wife. His first words on arrival are a tribute to Britain for the part she has played, not only in developing the Gold Coast, but in helping it to achieve its independence.

In the capital city, the Duchess of Kent is escorted to the dais where the chiefs of Ghana are presented. Men like these have helped to work out for Ghana its own blend of tribal tradition and parliamentary democracy - a firm foundation for the new State, which is proud of being the first all-African dominion in the British Commonwealth of Nations.