

QUEEN IN U. S. A.

The Queen starts her five-day tour of the United States in Jamestown, Virginia - which is celebrating the 350th anniversary of America's first English settlement. To a vast gathering Her Majesty points out.

Jamestown is marking the anniversary with a big festival, and the Queen and Prince Philip are escorted round the Festival Park. A precious exhibit (which the Queen herself lent for the occasion) is a copy of the Magna Carta - one of the three remaining originals of Edward the First's confirmation of 1297.

It was in a stockaded camp like this that the first Jamestown settlers first made their home - a tiny village which was to grow, through the centuries, into one of the most powerful nations on earth - but still speaking the tongue which the Jamestown pioneers brought to the Virginia coast. Another reminder of that sturdy beginning is the little flotilla of ships - duplicates of those in which the settlers crossed the Atlantic. The Queen and her husband are taken aboard one of them.

From the original fort at Jamestown, the 17-century colony spread inland to found Williamsburg - and the Royal visitors follow in their footsteps. They are escorted to the Governor's palace by Mr. Winthrop Rockefeller, Chairman of the Board of Colonial Williamsburg, and Mrs. Rockefeller.

Her Majesty and Prince Philip would have liked to be able to spend more time in this part of the United States, where the link with England is most strongly marked - but next day they must fly to Washington in President Eisenhower's official plane, Columbine the Third. Columbine arrives at Washington National Airport, where the official meeting of the two Heads of State is to take place.

The Queen leaves the plane, followed by the Duke of Edinburgh, and President Eisenhower welcomes them - hot, of course, their first meeting, but the first time they have come together as President and Queen. Secretary of State Foster Dulles and Mrs. Dulles and government and British Commonwealth officials are presented, before the President makes his speech of welcome.

Her Majesty replies.

Many important people have made the stately drive from Washington Airport to the White House, and the U.S. capital has a reputation for hospitality - but this time the drive becomes almost a triumphal procession. A crowd estimated at one million people lines the route - thousands of them Government workers who poured out of their offices as soon as the cheering started. The Queen and Prince Philip are to live at the White House for the rest of their stay - and like a good hostess, Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower is waiting at the top of the steps to welcome her royal guests at the front door.

Yes, a great State occasion - but also a personal triumph for an internationally popular young couple.