

THE QUEEN IN LEICESTER:

The Queen is greeted by the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Mayor of Leicester when she arrives at Victoria Park to inspect the Guard of Honour of the 147 (Midland) Infantry Brigade. The name of Queen Elizabeth has a special meaning for Leicester; for it was Elizabeth the First who incorporated the town in 1589. Leicester was a Roman municipality more than 18 centuries ago, and although it was listed as a city in Domesday Book, it was not officially created as one till 1919.

The Royal Car drives to the University, where Her Majesty is to open the £360,000 Percy Gee Building, named after the senior Pro-Chancellor. This fine new building houses a great hall, a squash court and games rooms, dining halls and common rooms, in keeping with the University's growing status; a building where, as the Queen says students and research workers will be able to meet and exchange ideas - in debate, and in their leisure pursuits. Prince Philip and the Queen are particularly interested in some models which have been made in the University.

A drive through four miles of crowded streets to the Corah hosiery factory, where Her Majesty spends an hour meeting the management and staff of a concern which was founded at the beginning of the last century and which was last honoured by a Royal visit in 1919 when King George V and Queen Mary were here. As always, the Queen shows a personal interest in the workers themselves, for it is on industry such as this that the prosperity of Leicester is founded.