

DUKE VISITS OXFORD.

It's a rare event for a new Oxford College to receive its Royal Charter - and unprecedented for two to receive them on the same day. Prince Philip, who has flown from Buckingham Palace, pays his first visit to St. Edmund Hall - which is strictly speaking not new; in fact, it is one of the oldest institutions of the University. But now, after seven centuries, it achieves full collegiate status when the Duke hands the Charter to Canon Kelly, the Principal. From now on, "Teddy Hall" is a college, though as the last of the mediaeval halls, it intends to retain the friendly atmosphere which has been its most distinctive characteristic.

Till the end of the First World War, St. Edmund Hall only averaged two or three dozen undergraduates; since then it has been expanding fast, and has plans for still further extension.

From St. Edmund Hall, Prince Philip walks towards the High for a visit to University College, of which is an honorary fellow.

His next call is to the other college which is receiving a charter - Nuffield College, planned before the war and under construction since 1949. The Warden, Mr. D.N. Chester, shows the Duke round, followed by Lord Halifax, Chancellor of the University and Lord Nuffield, founder of the College. As always, the Duke has a word with the men on the job - the craftsmen who are building the college; for a visit from the Duke of Edinburgh is never a merely formal occasion.