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SCYPTRE SHOWS PACES:

Close on a thousand craft of all kinds assembled off Rhode Island for the America's Cup races. President and Mrs. Eisenhower saw Scyptre, the British Challenger, approach the starting line first. The Cup will be won by the yacht that's first in the best of seven races. For race one, beginning here, the very light winds favoured Columbia, and sure enough the American yacht was soon seen, behind Scyptre, moving faster already. Experts soon made up their minds that Columbia was the faster vessel, going to windward. Scyptre went still further behind and lost the first race.

Americans were already confident that the trophy would remain on their side of the water at the end of the contest.