

ISLE OF MAN SPECIAL.

A B.E.A. airliner lands at Ronaldsway Airport, where leading Manx citizens are waiting to greet Sir Ronald Garvey, the Island's new Governor. Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey and their daughters are welcomed by the First Deemster and Clerk of the Halls, His Honour S.J. Kneale - and then comes the moment for which one small citizen, Miss Vivienne Christian, has been rehearsing for hours.

After 33 years of service in the Pacific, Africa and the West Indies, his post as Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man is Sir Ronald's first home appointment, but not, of course, his first island appointment; most of his career has been spent surrounded by water, so as he meets the leaders of the Manx community, he most feel that it is both a homecoming to Britain and an enriching of his own experience. At the Courthouse in Castletown - now in uniform - he inspects the R.A.F. guard of honour, before entering the Court House for the ceremony of the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office.

Before the new lieutenant-Governor can take the two Oaths, the Warrant of Her Majesty the Queen must be read by the Government Secretary, Mr. E.R. St. A. Davies. When this part of the ceremony is over, the First Deemster and Master of the Halls declares: "In accordance with the ancient customs of this island, I have the honour to hand to Your Excellency the Staff of Office and the Liber Juramentorum".

Sir Ronald now takes the Oath of Lieutenant-Governor, swearing that he "Will truly and uprightly deal between Our Sovereign Lady and Queen and Her Subjects within this Isle".

And now Sir Ronald Garvey has been officially installed in office as Lieutenant-Governor and Captain-General of the Island, and the Queen representative in this small but ancient part of her realm.

Sir Ronald might be forgiven if he thinks, when he looks round Ramsey, that he's back among his Pacific palm-trees. One thing he'll soon get used to - the sound of hydroplanes engines.

These are growing in popularity, thanks to a small band of enthusiasts who've been working hard to establish the sport in the island. Among their number are included one member of the government and one man of 64 so it's a sport for all kinds and all ages.

Who knows -- maybe one day this will rival the T.T!

In Douglas, Great St. Mary's Catholic Church celebrates its centenary; an event in which all Manxman, of whatever faith, can take pride.

For the island (as Catholics had cause to know throughout its history) has a remarkable record of religious tolerance; when persecution raged elsewhere, here, men worshipped as each thought right.

The Mayor of Douglas arrives with the Mayoress and their daughter.

A procession escorts the Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend Doctor John Heenan, into the church.

A typical item of Manx history; when St. Mary's sister church at Ramsey was opened in 1900, it had the assistance of a Douglas choir - all non-Catholics.

The Archbishop chats with his trainbearer, nine-year-old Michael King, and also has a word with Monseigneur Thomas Turner, the parish priest, and with Canon Moffat.

And may tolerance persist for the next hundred years.

Douglas again, for a rather more secular occasion - this time with the accent on youth. These are the finalists of the Queen of Man Beauty Competition. One of these lucky girls is going to win £100 and a silver rose bowl - and there's £40 and £20 for second and third. Food for thought.

Still thinking?

The finals are in the Villa Marina Gardens, where weekly heats have been held through the summer. Down the line come Shirley Edwards... Maureen Bradley, Jill Lawrence, Irene Atkinson, hey- you, pay attention!

Maureen Bradley again - otherwise Miss Jurby. She comes from Burnley.

Deanne Coltmann holds the Miss Sulby Title. She's a Liverpool lass, and 21 years old. Jill Lawrence - Miss Marina - comes from Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Another from Liverpool, Pat Bean, Miss Snaefell.

Miss Conister - Valda Bates from Doncaster. Among the judges - painter John Worsley and sculptor, Loris Rey. They should know!

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Margaret Helaty of Buialip - Miss Martyl.

Fourteen to decide between - even a panel of artists can't be finding it easy to make up their minds.

But at last they do - and it's Deanne Coltman from Iiverpeal. The Mayeress of Douglas, Mrs. T.D. Lewis, gives her the cup. Mrs. Lewis has a family interest in this contest - her daughter Joyce is a past winner.

Runners-up Jill Lawrence and Betty Heseldon are photographed with the very happy winner - The Queen of Man, 1959!