DUKE IN CHANA

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An informal inspection of the Nautical College was among the many engagements the Duke of Edinburgh crowded into what he hinself called his flying visit to Ghana. The country is in process of forming her own navy, and who better than a naval man to see how it's all getting along. There will certainly be no lack of recruits, for on the coastal fringe, the youngsters grow up handling boats. One of the exercises the Duke saw, was a fire fighting display, "modern style".

The College is a practical expression of the terrific drive Ghana is making to become a modern : nation in the shortest possible time. On the previous day Accra (capital of the country), was crowded with people eager to be presented to Prince Philip. He was escorted by the Prime Minister, Doctor Nkrumah and the Minister of Local Government. Everyone in Ghana, from the Premier downwards, showed to the full the genuine hospitality for which these warm hearted people are famous. Doctor Nkrumah was received by the Queen in Britain last summer as a friend. He and his people now displayed friendship in return. Every tribe in the country was represented here by it's Chief.

The chairman of the Accra Municipal Council brought to the Duke, the keys of the capital, in token of loyalty to the Queen. Deriving from ancient British custom the ceremony of the keys reflected the influence of the Motherland. If the Duke's visit was a curtain raiser to the Queen's tour later on, Her Majesty looks like having as loyal a greeting as she has ever had.