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PREMIER'S BIG WELCOME.

When the West Rietfontein Gold Mine was visited by Mr. Macmillan, the President of the Chamber of Mines jokingly said the Premier came as representing the majority shareholders. It's a fact that British investment in the vast gold mining industry of the Rand is far and away the biggest in the world. So naturally Mac down to inspect the property, descending 4,000 feet.

Mr. Macmillan also inspected the smelting furnaces. He did more: he lent a hand with the crucible, pouring the precious metal into the moulds.

You can't get away from gold in this part of the world, though that doesn't mean it's there for the asking. That pyramid of gold bars each worth ten thousand pounds, would make anyone a millionaire. Then onto to Swaziland, and the warmest-hearted and most colourful welcome of the Premier's tour so far. Top-hatted Paramount Chief Sobhuza escorted his guest down the lines of Swazi warriors.

Swaziland, though geographically in the heart of the Union of South Africa, is a British Protectorate, home of a quarter of a million people. The shield, spear and stick presented to him will be three of the Premier's most treasured souvenirs of his African tour.