

ROYALTY AT COVENT GARDEN OPERA HOUSE.

Some very fortunate people in Britain, both in and outside the Royal Opera House, saw the first public appearance of the Princess and her fiance. A crowd of about 5,000 were outside as the Queen Mother, the Princess and Mr. Armstrong Jones arrived for the gala ballet performance.

The honour of receiving the royal visitors went to the Governor of the Royal Ballet, Dame Ninette de Valois. Every eye was drawn to Princess Margaret, who has dazzled on a thousand occasions, but never more strikingly than now. Very much in the limelight too, was a young man who was unknown to the general public only a few days ago. By the Princess, the glittering occasions are taken in the royal stride, Mr. Armstrong-Jones was facing something new, and he bore himself admirably, greeting a fellow photographer as he left the foyer.

No one who had the good fortune to be in the audience will ever forget that evening. The Queen's sister always had a very special place in the people's hearts. They warmed to her now, feeling that it was upon more than a stage performance that the curtain was going up...