

OPERA VISIT.

The Government played host at the Royal Opera House on the last night of the King and Queen of Nepal's State Visit. Mr. and Mrs. Gaitskell and Lady Dorothy Macmillan were followed by the Duchess of Kent, Princess Alexandra, the Duke of Kent and Earl Mountbatten. It was a glittering occasion in honour of the Queen's highly esteemed guests.

The Princess Royal.

With the Queen Mother came Princess Margaret and her husband, received by Foreign Secretary, Lord Home, on behalf of the Government.

The charming Queen of Nepal was escorted by the Duke of Edinburgh. Queen Ratna has won golden opinions during her short stay. King Mahendra's arrival with Her Majesty set the seal upon the evening. Never before has Covent Garden opened with a gala performance, and it is 50 years since Bellini's "La Sonnambula", was last staged here. The Queen wore a gown of shimmering white embroidered with gold. The Royal Opera House made a splendid setting for the historic occasion, the ~~three-day~~ State Visit of the King and Queen of Nepal.