

Kathmandu

EVEREST HEROES ARRIVE

From Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, come first pictures of the city's preparations to welcome back the heroes who conquered Mount Everest. This mighty achievement which thrilled the whole world, has a particular significance for these people, for it was Sherpa Tensing, the most famous of their porters, who, with Edmund Hillary, triumphed in the final assault.

Colonel John Hunt, with team-mates Bourdillon and Gregory, are the first of the party to reach Kathmandu. Colonel Hunt watches an aircraft bring his wife from England to welcome him. Bourdillon failed to reach the peak by 500 feet. Another of the party of thirteen was Mr. A. Gregory. Pressmen gather round as Colonel Hunt greets his wife. For his splendid leadership of the Everest expedition, Hunt has been honoured with a knighthood by the Queen.

Crowds throng the streets of Kathmandu dancing and singing in celebration. In procession, troops march through the city to honour Tensing to whom the King of Nepal has given the title "Tiger of Tigers."

At the royal palace in the capital Colonel Hunt presents a cushion to the Indian Post Master for his help in relaying messages to Britain. Kathmandu prepares a great welcome for the rest of the triumphant party. To New Zealander Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing, and all who made the conquest of Everest a reality, belongs the fame of a gallant and brave victory. The whole world acclaim them.