

THE KING BECOMES GRANDFATHER

From the Tower of London, knit closely into the great moments of Britain's history, the guns roar out an historic message.

As the news spreads that a child is born to Princess Elizabeth, lively expectancy gives way to national rejoicing. For the Palace, this weekend, saw the culmination of a great joy in which all shared. It was a great moment too, for Sir William Gilliatt, the Princess' doctor, first to greet the Royal newcomer.

And there was the harrassed father making the valiant attempt to lose conflicting emotions of excitement and worry in his work. To Prince Philip, in this month which marks his first wedding anniversary, it seemed but a brief step back to the day when an inquisitive world suspected a secret romance. For it was at the wedding of his cousin that Prince Philip was first seen in public, with the girl who was to be his bride.

And a nation which shares the joys and sorrows of the Royal Family it was a short span in memory to the time when the Princess herself was delighting a proud people as a child.

Since then that warm affection for the girl who will one day be Queen has matured, as she has grown in years and stature, into a strong and enduring faith. So, at this joyful time, to the Princess and the man who is to share the destiny that is hers comes the final happiness that makes their union complete.