

To the Parliament Buildings of New South Wales, in Sydney, on the second day of the Royal Tour in Australia, came Her Majesty the Queen, for the ceremonial State Opening.

Following the loyal addresses from the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition, the Queen made her speech from the throne.

After the speech, Her Majesty left the Chamber of the Legislative Council for the drive back to Government House.

And outside --- as always -- a vast crowd was waiting to cheer the Queen and the Duke on their way.

In the evening, there was a state banquet, held in one of Sydney's big department stores. ~~The Queen was wearing a diamond tiara, and the riband of the Order of the Garter.~~

Once again, Her Majesty spoke in reply to an address ~~of welcome~~ by the New South Wales Premier. *and after speaking of the great welcome accorded her, the Queen continued:* ~~After saying how much she felt at home among the Australian people, the Queen continued.~~

Another Sydney engagement was a ceremony at the Anzac War Memorial... ~~M~~..... with a charming little ~~episidex~~ episode on the presentation of the bouquet.

And here the Queen and the Duke stayed and chatted with Australian holders of the Victoria Cross and the George Cross.

~~---~~ another drive through ~~---~~ in an open car; with ~~w~~ thousands of children waving and cheering ecstatically. ~~to witness.~~

Then --- to world-famous Bondi Beach; and in the heat of an Australian summer, they drove round as the muscular lifeguards battled with the tumultuous surf.

Ending with a march past, on the golden sands of this Pacific shore.