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THE QUEEN IN CANBERRA.

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u Arriving by air in Canberra, Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were welcomed by the Governor - General, Field Marshal Slim and by the Prime Minister, Mr Menzies. The main ceremony in this visit to the Australian capital, took place at the temporary Parliament Buildings. The Queen --- in her lovely Coronation gown --- was ^{to} ~~the~~ open the third session of the twentieth Federal Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia. ^

Once again --- this was a first occasion..... as, indeed, Queen Elizabeth is the first reigning sovereign to visit Australia. ~~During her visit~~ Her Majesty, in her speech from the throne, referred to the speed of modern travel, which, she said. ^

Her Majesty and the Duke walked out of the Chamber, past the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. For the first time, the Speaker's Mace was not in the Chamber. This ~~was~~ emblem of the Queen's authority was not needed, since the Queen herself was here. ^

And back home --- in England --- here is a little ship that will be much in the picture later on. The Royal Yacht, Britannia, has come to Portland for further trials. ^ It will be on board Britannia, that the Royal travellers will return to Britain when the Commonwealth tour is over. ^