

For the first public engagement on her return from the Commonwealth Tour, Her Majesty the Queen had a morning of bright sunshine as she drove with the Duke of Edinburgh from Buckingham Palace to the City ^{about 36 hours}

Through smiling crowds giving another "welcome home", the ~~XXXX~~ state landau came to the city boundary at Temple Bar (18)

And here, in accordance with ~~the~~ ancient custom, the historic jewelled sword was presented to the Queen by the Lord Mayor, Sir Noel Bowater; a tradition from the forgotten past --- symbol of royal justice --- which to-day serves also as a token of the happy unity that enfolds our throne and people (19)

Already at the Mansion House, were ~~the~~ Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret. Normally such ^{an occasion} a function as this City luncheon would be held in the Guildhall; to-day it was in the official home of the Lord Mayor, because the Guildhall is undergoing repairs to its bomb-damage. (49)

Proudly mounting a guard of honour, are the men of a famous corps with centuries of association with the City --- the Honourable Artillery Company (24) And inside, is the presentation of a bouquet of orchids and roses by Lady Bowater, the Lady Mayoress. (19) PAUSE

The luncheon was held in the Egyptian Hall, in a company of four hundred guests; and the toast proposed by the Lord Mayor was --- "Her Majesty the Queen" (27)

Among the guests were the Prime Minister (7) PAUSE and His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. (7) ~~The first appearance from the Lord Mayor.~~

In her ^{speech} reply, the Queen told ^{the gathering} something of what her Commonwealth Tour had really meant (16)

And after lunch --- to crown a sparkling occasion --- the Queen and the Duke came out on to the Mansion House balcony, to wave to the cheering ^{city.} (27)