

At Government House in Port of Spain, the capital of Trinidad, fifteen hundred guests attended the garden party that marked the never-to-be-forgotten occasion of the visit of Princess Margaret. And it started off in the approved formal tradition with the presentation of notabilities to Her Royal Highness.

But as evening fell, the ceremonious manner developed in a way that distinguished it, from similar affairs at Buckingham Palace. It became a Carnival --- with calypso songs dedicated to the Princess; with hundreds of dancers, and a ~~marrying~~ haunting rhythm; led by the king of them all --- known as The Mighty Panther.

On the following day thousands of children --- and grown-ups too --- formed a cheering avenue as the Princess went on her State Drive through the capital.

In a great rally at Queen's Park Oval --- the dance was called "The Bel Air".

But there was plenty of rain as well as gaiety during the royal progress --- ^{though} not enough to damp the enthusiasm of the crowds who had come to cheer.

This day was declared a public holiday --- and Princess Margaret went to the Town Hall accompanied by the Mayor, Councillor John Butchinson.

On the last day of the visit to Trinidad, the Princess opened a new trunk road --- and named it The Princess Margaret Highway.

At the Botanical Gardens --- there was the planting of a tree; and this was followed by the opening of the new San ^{Colonial} Fernando Hospital.

From Trinidad, the Princess flew, in a Viking of British West Indian Airways, to the neighbouring island of Tobago; and there was blazing sunshine to welcome the royal traveller, to this outpost of the Commonwealth which is the legendary home of Robinson Crusoe.

Among the islanders with whom the Princess chatted was Amir Khan --- an eighty-four-year-old veteran of the Boer War; and after the busy round --- there were a few moments when even a royal traveller, had time to enjoy the romantic beauty of the scenery.