

There was local pageantry and splendour at the opening in Lagos, of the Federal House of Representatives --- the first session of the Nigerian Parliament under its new constitution. A ⁸⁻⁹ guard of honour mounted by the Nigeria Regiment was inspected by the Governor-General, Sir John Stuart MacPherson. Sir John then entered the House to deliver, as the Queen's representative, the Speech from the Throne. ²⁰

DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

In February 1953, the Duke of Edinburgh visited the towns of Mablethorpe and Sutton, to see the havoc caused by those terrible east coast floods. ^{TAP} ⁸⁻⁹ And now --- two years later [^] he has returned to walk along the new promenade that defends these Lincolnshire coastal resorts, from similar disaster, to unveil a plaque; and to congratulate all concerned on a magnificent job of reclamation and rebuilding. ²² ⁹ The Duke visited the home of Mr and Mrs Silcock --- who first gave the alarm when the floods came; and he wished one and all, security behind their new sea wall. ⁸ ⁶

FORMOSA.

One hundred miles north of Formosa --- twenty miles off the mainland of China --- Little Kimmen Island has become a target for Communist bombs and shells. ⁸ Thus --- fishermen and their families, become the latest victims in the clash of ideologies in the Far East.

FURNITURE EXHIBITION.

One of the outstanding features at this year's Exhibition of British Furniture in Earl's Court, London, is the recognition that people no longer live in large houses. ⁸ So that many articles of furniture can be used for at least two purposes --- and some can also be packed away in a small space, when no longer wanted. We ~~shank~~ should now like to see the collapsible visitor, who can be taken apart when he ~~can~~ outstays his welcome. ^{Howay} ²⁰ There was also a demonstration of the tough kind of testing that furniture must undergo before it is given the British Standard, and permitted to carry the mark of excellence. ²⁹ ² What else it carries is your business. ⁴