

GREENWICH DINNER.

20/5/55.

Obviously --- it's a naval occasion. It is the dinner given by the Board of Admiralty at the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, in honour of King Gustaf and Queen Louise of Sweden. The First Lord of the Admiralty and the First Sea Lord, Earl Mountbatten, with Countess Mountbatten, were among the distinguished company that entered the famous Painted Hall. King Gustaf is an honorary Admiral of the Royal Navy. And Queen Louise is a member of a family steeped in the naval tradition; she is the daughter of a former British First Sea Lord, and sister of the present holder of that office.

In his speech after the dinner, the King spoke of the high regard in which the Royal Navy is held in Sweden --- and of the close ties that exist between our two countries.