

Thousands of schoolchildren came to see the Queen at one of the last of the Royal engagements in Northern Nigeria and a ten-year-old --- chosen to present the bouquet of locally-grown flowers --- obviously knew it was rude to turn your back on a Queen.

Then --- with the Duke of Edinburgh --- followed the customary royal drive among the thousands of grown-ups and children --- who cheered wildly, at this close-up view of their Queen from far-off Britain.

After the drive round, Her Majesty and the Duke walked through a model of a typical village of the Northern Region. Escorting them were the Prime Minister and the Regional Minister; and, among the little houses of corn-straw, they watched the villagers --- grinding their corn, and tending their cattle, and busy with traditional handicrafts.

~~The Queen and the Duke were accompanied by the Prime Minister and the Regional Minister. They were shown a display of highly individual dancing. The people of this region are a collection of different groups. Some of the dances are also part of a display of highly individual and extremely energetic dancing.~~

Before a well-earned restful week-end in the comparative cool of Jos, high above sea-level, the Duke of Edinburgh paid a visit to the local tin-mine, where he watched the open-cast working in a cutting. There is some mechanisation here --- but a lot of the work is straight manual labour.

~~On the way to Jos, the Duke and the Queen were shown a display of highly individual and extremely energetic dancing.~~

After the week-end, the tour took the royal travellers to Enugu; in Eastern Nigeria.

And here one of the first functions was a garden-party at Government House, with the Nigerian standard bearer in attendance with the Royal Standard.

At Enugu, as in Lagos, the Queen and the Duke paid a visit to the House of Assembly --- the Parliament of the Eastern Region. The Queen was wearing a turquoise gown with the sash of the Order of the Garter, and a diamond tiara.

Here --- once again --- Queen Elizabeth had been presented with a loyal address. And after the ceremony Her Majesty and the Duke drove back to Government House.

Later the Queen held an investiture and conferred a knighthood upon a member of the Executive --- who thus became Sir Francis Ibiem, K.B.E.

And for devoted services to the cause of education in Nigeria, the Reverend Mother Superior Mary Osmonde was also honoured. The Reverend Mother is a Frenchwoman --- and principal of the Catholic Training College.

Then --- in the Enugu Stadium --- a display of the various kinds of tribal dancing of the Eastern Region. This is known as the ~~xxxx~~ "Atiliogwu."

From the Niger Delta --- the "Bonny" Dance conjures up the creatures of the River.

And from Owerri Province --- ~~this~~ this is the Igbakwu Dance. This --- from the dancing Province of Nigeria --- was a welcome given by dancing.