

From the Royal Yacht Britannia, anchored in the archipelago, Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh began their State Visit to Sweden beneath canopy of saluting warplanes. Sailors of the Swedish Navy rowed them in the Royal Barge to the landing stage in Stockholm the capital, where King Gustav and his family were waiting to bid them welcome. Prince Philip, on his uniform of Admiral of the Fleet, displayed the Swedish Order of Seraphim. King Gustav, too, wore the uniform of Admiral of Britain's Royal Navy, and the Sash of the Order of the Garter.

From the Queen, there was a handshake and a kiss for Princess Sibylla, King Gustav's daughter-in-law.

On the quayside were Admiral Mountbatten, the First Sea Lord, and Foreign Secretary Mr Selwyn Lloyd.

After the exchange of greetings, Queen Elizabeth inspected the naval Guard of Honour --- and then drove with King Gustav to the Palace > [IGNORE CUE]

~~The Duke of Edinburgh followed with his wife, Queen Louise.~~

The first evening, before the State Banquet, the two Royal Families came out on to the Palace balcony to listen to the night singing of a choir of over two thousand voices.

On the following day there was a visit to the Museum of National Antiquities --- which contains many exquisite treasures dating from the time of the Vikings.

And on a tour of several institutions there were some charming moments with very young citizens, in the Children's Hospital.

On a visit of inspection to the Royal Swedish Navy, King Gustav presented Queen Elizabeth with a ceremonial sword.

The day continued with a busy round of sightseeing, and in the evening --- at the Opera House --- there was a gala performance of Verdi's "Don Carlos." It was during this state visit to Stockholm that the Duke of Edinburgh received congratulations on celebrating his thirty-fifth birthday.

On the Sunday, the royal visitors attended Divine Service at the English Church of St Peter and St Sigfrid. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Fulham and the Duke read the lesson.

It was also on this last day of the State Visit that ^{in Stockholm} the Queen and the Duke ^{of Edinburgh} attended the opening of the Olympic Equestrian Games the inauguration ^{was} by King Gustav ^{of Sweden}.

In accordance with tradition --- first came the Olympic torch which had been kindled in Athens.

And as a thousand ^{Doves} pigeons flew up into the sky, the Olympic flame was lit, to burn throughout the meeting.

The Games opened --- with the march past of the nations competing in this --- the greatest international sporting festival in the world.

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