

FRENCH NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS. 580

The fall of the Bastille prison in Paris in 1789 is celebrated now as a national independence day for France. ~~It marks for our neighbours across the Channel the real beginning of their story of democracy ---~~ and on this 150th anniversary a gala luncheon was held in the Elysee Palace. President Lebrun presided, the Sultan of Morocco, Mr Hore Belisha and Viscount Gort were honoured guests.

Outside, the occasion was marked by one of the most stupendous parades ever seen in the gay city. Three hundred of the latest-type bombers were there, including some specially flown from Britain. And along the Champs Elysee a parade of 30,000 men --- the mightiest march of democratic strength since the Victory Parade of the Great War

~~Twenty-four regiments of the French Republican Guard.~~

Greatest ovation of all was reserved for the troops from Britain --- the Guards marched past with faultless precision

The Royal Marines *and the Navy*

From France's Army --- the Foreign Legion

And above this mighty march of the twin powers of peace, ~~with~~ combined units of the British and French Air Forces --- Anglo-British accord declared before the world on land and in the air

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The French Republic.  
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Lyon - the - 1877  
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