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India greets Earl Mountbatten-

India-- It was an affectionate welcome for old friends when Admiral Earl Mountbatten and the Countess arrived at New Delhi on a week's visit, and were greeted by the Prime Minister, Mr Nehru.

Reunions followed- bridging a gap of eight years since Earl ~~Mountbatten~~ Mountbatten left the country as the last Viceroy of India.

Remembering a close friend and great spiritual Leader, a visit was made to the Gandhi Memorial at Rajghat, where his ashes lie.

Here the First Sea Lord and his wife paid their own ~~tribute~~ tribute

Eight years ago, within a few feet of <sup>Gandhi's</sup> the funeral pyre, Lord and

Lady ~~Mountbatten~~ Mountbatten were at the very heart of Delhi's greatest multitude.

After the visit, Lord ~~Louis~~ <sup>MOUNTBATTEN</sup> replaced his shoes, which he had removed- according to Hindu custom. (2)

A call was made upon the Indian President, when, no doubt, the First Sea Lord outlined ~~the~~ the main purpose of his visit- to help the Indian Navy.

Oriental splendour by night and a lavish presentation of gifts were just one more expression of India's infinite pleasure at welcoming

~~upon~~ two such trusted and loyal friends.