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Lisbon: Yet another tumultuous welcome awaited the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, on their visit to the Restella Housing Estate - one of the social achievements of the Portuguese capital.

And a warm-hearted people revived a centuries-old custom, hanging bedspreads and coloured tablecloths from their windows - in honour of the Royal Visitors.

Once again, the enthusiasm of this friendly people ^{knew} ~~had~~ no bounds - as they surged around the Royal Car ^{and tremendous} ~~amid tremendous~~ cheers. SOUND.

Like Britain, Portugal is proud of ^{her} ~~the~~ traditions, and students of Coimbra University exercised their rights in Sir Walter Raleigh style

~~the country keeps pace with progress.~~ The motor-cycle escort rode British-made "shaft-drive" Sunbeams. (a)

On the second day of the State Visit, the City of Lisbon gave a Civic Luncheon at the Town Hall.

Affectionate cheers greeted the Guests of Honour - while later, the Queen was to receive a gold jewel case - adorned with the City of Lisbon crest.

A gala performance at the Sao Carlos Opera House, echoed the Queen's words that the two countries share a common cultural heritage.

President and Madame Lopes escorted their guests into the Royal Box - the Queen looking radiant in a magnificent embroidered gown.

Highlight of the programme was a performance by the Portuguese Ballet.

The following day brought a two hundred mile ~~visit~~ tour - north of Lisbon - when a visit was made to the picturesque fishing village of Nazare ~~on the Atlantic coast.~~

The Queen saw how bullock teams are used to haul the heavy fishing craft ~~from~~ from the sea.

In these rural areas, the pattern of life over the centuries has changed little - and wearing traditional costume, the villagers danced in welcome...

The men wear tartan pantaloons and blouses - while the women wear layers of ~~of~~ petticoats, according to their social status.

The final day brought a flying tour of Oporto (centre of the Port Wine industry) and then - the last farewell - that expressed the Queen's gratitude for a memorable visit.

The Viscount ~~having made up half an hour en route~~ flew into London Airport ~~at night~~.

^{as} But for Prince Charles and Princess Anne, it ~~could have come too soon~~ as they waited to join their parents.

~~And so ahead~~ - And ~~Prince Philip~~ ^{PRINCESS ANNE} wins the race for that long-awaited reunion.

After that joyful family meeting, with, no doubt, a hug from ^{Prince Philip,} ~~himself~~ (home again after his successful Commonwealth Tour) the children join their parents in the official reception.

A greeting from the Prime Minister, Mr MacMillan ~~at the~~ ~~reception~~.

And a gracious "thank you" to the crew of the Viscount.

~~Then time to begin that drive home with the children hoping to squeeze in time to call Father ~~at his school~~ - of school days, and the ~~reception~~ before bedtime...~~

Along the route - the familiar crowd of well-wishers - offering a sincere welcome home to a united family.

For ^{Prince Philip, his title now confirmed by the Queen -} ~~himself~~, the friendly lights of the Palace to welcome him home... (6)

~~Home after four-and-a-half months~~

Home after four-and-a-half months of distinguished Commonwealth service.

~~Home with the Queen and his beloved~~

Home with the Queen - his beloved wife - and two very happy children..