

PRINCESS IN KENYA

Nairobi capital of Kenya is en fete to welcome the royal visitors. Giant tribal chiefs and representatives of Kenya's many races assemble at the airport to await the airliner from London: warlike Masai chiefs, and warriors with lion's mane head-dress (from lions they've hunted and killed with spears) assemble to do honour to the King's daughter. And right on schedule, the "Atlanta" taxis in, at the end of her 24-hours flight from London. The Governor, Sir Phillip Mitchell, has a final word with some of the chiefs (leaders of men whose fathers were among the finest warriors of old times) and then the Princess, followed by the Duke of Edinburgh, steps as it were from the chills of London to the warm sun of East Africa and another world.

Some favour western styles, others the savage grandeur of the old tribal dress, for this great occasion.

At Pumani maternity Home (where the Mayor Alderman Maxwell, greets her), Princess Elizabeth meets Prince Selim, called Prince because he was born on the same day as Prince Charles.

Inside, the Princess meets Selim again - still the reluctant hero.

At Government House, the royal couple meet 3,000 guests. Five thousand feet up, Nairobi has a British summer temperature although almost on the equator. Amongst children - wherever they go - Princess Elizabeth and her husband are always at home and sure of a tremendous welcome.

After their stay at Government House, Their Royal Highnesses will holiday at Royal Lodge, the beautiful wood-and-stone house, a wedding present from the Kenya Government. It is on the fringe of a big game reserve, and far from the huge crowds that wait ahead along the royal route. They will surely always remember Kenya for this.