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THE QUEEN'S SPEECH AT THE STATE BANQUET

OSLO - 24TH JUNE 1955

I am most grateful for the warmth of your welcome and for the kind words which you have addressed to me this evening. They re-echo the wonderful reception which was given to me and to my husband by the people of Oslo today and which we shall never forget.

It is a great pleasure to me to make my first State Visit outside the Commonwealth to so valued a friend and ally as Your Majesty. We are particularly glad to be greeted in Norway by the fires of your Midsummer Eve Festival in your Jubilee year.

Your Majesty has spoken generously about our hospitality during the war; may I say that we were truly happy to have so many gallant Norwegians with us. I recall my Father's words, on the occasion of your visit to London in 1951, when he praised the fighting spirit of the Norsemen displayed by you and your people. Whether they served with our own forces under the command of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, or in your Marchant Fleet, or in the resistance in Norway, they were always inspired by your example. I remember in those grim days hearing my Father say how greatly he and my Mother were themselves sustained and uplifted by the unswerving courage and resolution shown by Your Majesty.

The friendship between our nations thus tested in war has continued in peace. We stand together with our allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, in whose headquarters your officers and mine work side by side. We fought together for a common cause: as Your Majesty said, for the right to live as free men and to pass on freedom to our children.

I look forward to a happy future in which Norway and the British Commonwealth will continue to work together for the realization of their common hopes. I bring to all Norwegians the good wishes of my peoples, and our admiration for all they have done under your leadership, in the fifty years of your reign, to establish Norway as a free and prosperous country whose ordered and happy

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life is an example to the world.

I raise my glass to drink to the health of Your Majesty and of the Norwegian Royal Family and to the prosperity and happiness of the Norwegian people.

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H.M. King Haakon VII:

Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness,

I am particularly happy today to have this opportunity on my own behalf as well as on behalf of the entire Norwegian nation to extend to Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness a most heartfelt welcome to Norway.

Although we have previously had the pleasure of seeing the Duke of Edinburgh here, this is Your Majesty's first visit Norway and indeed the first visit paid by a British Sovereign to this country for a great many years.

This, together with the fact that Norway is the first country outside the British Commonwealth to which you pay a State Visit, makes us appreciate all the more your presence among us.

There certainly are today besides myself and the Crown Prince many Norwegians whose thoughts go back to the time they spent in the United Kingdom during the last war and who would like personally to thank Your Majesty for the hospitality they enjoyed in Your country.

They came over by thousands as their ancestors the Vikings did centuries before them, but this time they came to join hands with the British people in the struggle for the common cause.

More than a thousand years ago Your Majesty's predecessor King Alfred the Great wrote: "We wonder not that men should work in timber-felling and in carrying and building, for a man hopes that if he has built a cottage on laenland of his lord, with his lord's help he may be allowed to lie there awhile, and hunt and fowl and fish, and occupy the laenland as he likes, until through his lord's grace he may perhaps some day obtain book-land and permanent inheritance".

This, I think, is the common cause for which we both fought, - the right for every Britisher and every Norwegian to live as a free man in the country where his forefathers have worked and toiled in order that the coming generations should



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become and remain independent and their own masters.

I feel confident that the ideal of freedom and independence will forever live in the soul of the British and Norwegian peoples, and that together with this ideal will always exist the strongest bonds of friendship and a mutual feeling of respect and good understanding between our two countries.

I would like today to extend to every Britisher, wherever he may be, my sincere greetings and with these words I raise my glass to the prosperity of the British nation and propose the health of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and the British Royal Family.

Oslo, June 1955.

INFORMATION FOR THE PRESS

Let us first of all wish you welcome to Norway. Working in a foreign country is always a strain, and below we will be giving some practical details which we hope will prove helpful. We do not expect it to answer all your questions, but please do not hesitate to inquire at the Press H.Q. That is what we are there for.

Transportation. Outside Press H.Q. ("0") we have parked five cars which are available for the foreign press only. Please inquire at the desk, and if any one of them is in they can take you to spots in an around Oslo on service trips. In addition, a bus will be parked outside the Norwegian War Memorial ("3") to take correspondents to the British War Memorial ("5") at Vestre Gravlund Cemetery while the Queen is visiting the City Hall ("4"). Outside the City Hall another bus will be parked and as the Royal Party ascends to the 2. floor of the City Hall foreign correspondents will have an opportunity to go to Vestre Gravlund with a police escort and be there in time for the arrival of the Royal Party.

Saturday Morning at 10.00 a.m. buses will depart from Press H.Q. to Bygdøy where the Queen will visit points "7", "8", and "9" on the attached map. For particulars, please see enclosed sheet of directions.

Telecommunications. Press H.Q., as you may already have discovered are equipped with 15 telephone booths, 2 teleprinters and 3 hook-ups for telephoto transmitters. There is no law against ordering telephone calls from your hotel, but in that case it rates as an ordinary trunk call, while all calls coming from Press H.Q. have priority. The British Telephone Company will not accept collect calls from Oslo, so we regret that the British correspondents will have to pay cash for each phone call made.

Photography. Special circumstances have forced us to limit the number of photographers in a few selected spots. For further details, please see attached sheet of directions. When there is a pool with one British and one Norwegian photographer the NTB Picture Services have kindly agreed that both photographers' negatives will be handled in NTB's laboratory, and a selected number of pictures produced by the two photographers will be offered without restrictions to the press at the Press H.Q. at the times given on the sheet of directions. No pictures taken under these rights will be sold exclusively. There will be no copyright for those pictures until 6 days after the event. These pictures will in no way be stamped by the photographers. For pictures thus produced under special rights, the following prices will be charged:

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| 1) For re-distribution                                 | kr. 40.00 |
| 2) for publication in one daily<br>and pictorial paper | " 25.00   |

The prints will be delivered in size 18 x 24 cm. In order to provide a sufficient number of prints to go around, we will only be able to give each agency one print. Additional prints could be provided later by special agreement. Pictures from the various pool arrangements will be available at NTB's special desk at Press H.Q. at the following times:

<u>Friday:</u>	Reception Honnørbyrgeen	2.00 p.m.
	Vestre Gravlund	6.30 p.m.
<u>Saturday:</u>	Viking Ships	3.00 p.m.
	Kon-Tiki raft	3.00 p.m.
	Lunch at Skaugum	5.00 p.m.

The NTB representative will be at the desk from one hour before the times mentioned above and one hour after. The press representatives will be asked to sign a receipt when picking up the prints. This receipt will be regarded as final acceptance on behalf of agencies or papers of the picture which will then be billed. After the lunch at the Royal Palace on Friday NTB's photographer will be allowed to take a few pictures of the Royal guests and hosts. These pictures will be available at the NTB desk in the Press H.Q. on the same conditions as mentioned above, at 5.00 p.m. Picture material at the Press H.Q. is only available for the foreign press and agencies. The Norwegian press would come to NTB office at Nedre Vollgate 8.



Shipments. During the visit we expect there will be heavy demand for transportation of films, press photos etc. as air freight. First of all we would ask you kindly to write down the names and addresses of the shippers, consignees, the contents of the air consignments and the approximate number to the various addresses. Furthermore, we would ask you to deliver this list in advance to the Press H.Q. This will enable us to fill in the air consignments notes in advance. They will then be delivered to you and we ask you to attach one air consignment note to each consignments. The consignments may be delivered to the Press H.Q. where they will be collected. The freight charges to all places in Europe will be made payable at destination, unless we receive other instructions from you.

Below you will find a list of the air connections from Oslo (Fornebu airport) to London. If you require air connections to other destinations, please inform us and we will work out the best routing. The deadline for delivery at the Press H.Q.: 90 minutes before departure of the plane.

Dep. 24/6 2200 hrs.	Fl. SK/517	to London Airport	25/6 2200 hrs.
" 25/6 950 "	" " SK/511	"	25/6 1310 "
" 25/6 2000 "	" " SK/457/507	"	26/6 200 "
" 26/6 0130 "	" " BEA/203	"	26/6 0440 "
" 26/6 950 "	" " SK/513	"	26/6 1410 "
" 26/6 2000 "	" " SK/457/BE/215	"	27/6 515 "
" 27/6 950 "	" " SK/521	"	27/6 1415 "

Admission cards. Special admission cards have been issued for each place the Royal party will visit. Cards may be picked up at the Press H.Q. every morning between 8 and 10 for the day's events. In addition photographers are requested to wear an arm band during the visit. We would like to stress, however, that in order to be admitted photographers will have to carry both an arm band and an admission card. You are kindly requested to hand in your arm band to the Press H.Q. before departure. Pool photographers will be equipped with special marks of identification.

For your convenience, we would like to draw your attention to the restaurant on the ground floor.

DIRECTIONS FOR THE PRESS DURING THE VISIT OF  
H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND H.R.H. THE DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH, IN OSLO JUNE 24.-26.

In cooperation with Oslo Police, Oslo Editors Association and The Pressphotographers Association, the following facilities have been made available for the press:

1. Arrival at Pier of Honour, June 24, 11.30 a.m. At the pier, two roped-off areas have been made available, one on each side of the pier and the pavillion. While the Royal Party is greeting the guests in the pavillion, two pool photographers, one British and one Norwegian, will be allowed to come forward to the east and west sides of the pavillion to take pictures. These photos will be available at the Press Headquarters at 2.00 p.m. When H.M. Queen Elizabeth and H.M. King Haakon are inspecting the honour guard, the photographers from both sides will be allowed to come forward into the street behind a line drawn by the police, in order to give the photographers an opportunity to take photographs along the honour guard. The photographers, however, will have to return quickly to their original positions, so as to make way for the Royal cars which then will be coming from Pier B. The police line will be drawn a few yards from the flank men of the honour guard, and you are kindly requested to conform with the directions given. After 10.45 a.m. you can not count on getting access to the pier area.

3. Wreath laying at Norwegian War Memorial at Akershus castle June 24, 2.35 p.m. The press will be invited into a roped-off area close to the monument and on top of the hill behind the monument. You will have to be there at least half an hour in advance, and you can drive to the Festningsplassen but will have to walk from there up to the memorial. In case you should choose to cover the wreath laying, you can not expect to reach the City Hall, but would have to go directly to the wreath laying ceremony at Vestre Gravlund Cemetery. But immediately after the wreath laying at Akershus is over, a bus will depart from Festningsplassen to Vestre Grav-



lund for the other wreath laying ceremony at the British War Memorial.

4. Oslo City Hall (Oslo Rådhus) June 24, 2.50 p.m. The press will be invited on the steps outside the main entrance, as directed by the police. After the Royal Party has entered the Rådhus, you will be admitted through the bronze door in the south-east corner of the court yard into the hall, where the press will be given an area along the eastern wall. The press will unfortunately not be invited up on the 2. floor of the Rådhus, but as the Royal Party ascends, you may, if you wish, be led to a bus parked outside which will take you to the wreath laying ceremony at the British War Memorial, and you will get there in time before the Royal Party arrives.

5. Wreath laying ceremony at Vestre Gravlund of British War Memorial, June 24, 3.50 p.m. The arrangements here have been made by the British Embassy, and the press will be invited into two roped-off areas facing the monument. Pool photographers will be allowed to operate in the vicinity of the monument, and their photos will be available at Press Headquarters at 6.30 p.m.

6. Visit to the Canadian Legation at Holmenkollen, June 24, 4.25 p.m. You can not expect to get out of the cemetery and reach the Canadian Legation at Holmenkollen before the Royal Party. You can, however, go directly from either the Norwegian War Memorial at Akershus or the Rådhus to the Canadian Legation.

7. Visit to the Folk Museum, June 25, 11.00 a.m. The press will be invited to attend outside the Stave Church and in the farm yard where a children's group will be folk dancing, but not in the collections. If you choose to cover the folk museum you can not possibly reach the Viking Ships, but a bus will be parked outside the Folk Museum to take you to the Kon-Tiki house in time for the arrival of the Royal Party.

8. Visit to the Viking Ships, June 25, 11.50 a.m. The press will be invited on the upper side of the lawn along the temporary bridge leading to the entrance. Due to the limited space only pool photographers and a limited number of journalists will be admitted inside, and they will have to be inside when the Royal Party arrives and will not be able to leave before the Royal Party has left. Pool photographs will be available at Press Headquarters at 4.00 p.m.

9. Visit to Kon-Tiki, June 25, 12.25 p.m. Also due to the very limited space the press will unfortunately not be able to be inside the museum. The space there has been reserved for pool photographers and news agencies. Photos will be available at Press Headquarters at 4.00 p.m. Outside you will be invited to an enclosure to the left of the steps.

10. Garden Party at British Embassy, June 25, 4.00 p.m. This is a purely British affair, but the British Embassy will invite all the photographers to the court yard to take pictures of the Queen's arrival. Invitations to journalists will come from the British Embassy.

11. Gala performance National Theatre, June 25, 8.00 p.m. All foreign correspondents will have an opportunity to book a seat in the Theatre. As the National Theatre is giving out no free tickets, to either Norwegian or foreign press, your ticket must be picked up and paid for at the Press Headquarters. Photographers are allowed to take pictures from positions in the aisles on the ground floor or the wings of the first balcony. You are kindly requested not to use your flash lamp while the Royal Party is in motion towards their seats in the dress circle. You may photograph during the National anthems, but all photography must cease as the curtain rises. Special cards will be given to photographers.

12. St. Edmund's Church, June 26, 11.00 a.m. This again is a British affair and the Church Committee has invited the press to reserved areas on the pavement outside the church.

13. H.R.H. Crown Prince Olav's lunch at Skaugum, June 26, 1.30 p.m. A limited number of pool photographers and representatives of the news agencies are invited to the Crown Prince's residence to take pictures when the guests arrive, and when all the guests are assembled on the terrace. Photos will be available at Press Headquarters at 5.00 p.m.

1. Departure from Pier of Honour, June 26, 6.25 p.m. At H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh's departure at 6.25 p.m. and the dinner guests embarkation and disembarkation, the facilities at the Pier of Honour will be the same as they were at the reception.