

REPUBLICAN DAY PARADE.

From the first hour of brilliant daylight it was evident that this would be the most memorable anniversary of the young Republic of India. Nearly 3-million people saw the Queen and Duke as they rode with President Prasad, escorted by splendidly uniformed lancers, towards the reviewing place. To all outside nations, how strange it must have seemed that Republican India and Great Britain should nowadays be more affectionately linked than ever before. Yet such are the ties of freedom - abundantly manifested on this glorious day. Her Majesty was greeted by an old friend in Premier Nehru, as the dignified, 76-year-old President Prasad was helped down by Prince Phillip.

Proud day as this was for every Indian, surely the proudest man of all was Dr. Prasad, Head of the Republic for which he laboured and suffered, during so much of his political life. And to what a superb spectacle Indians now thrilled.

Marching past the saluting base were regiments whose names form part of British military history. Today they continue, and glory in continuing, the valiant traditions of the old Indian Army.

Girls of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade were not to be outdone in smartness by the men.

A float of the Indian Air Force.

The airborne-arm and the short-wave radio, modern and up-to-the minute, were vividly contrasted by the 12 magnificent elephants, always a feature of the Anniversary Parade, and always with most onlookers, a very popular feature.

The State of Madras contributed a float representing a Juggernaut Temple Chariot.

The dancers entranced the vast crowds all along the route, especially the youthful performers.

This was the 11th Anniversary of the Republic. India is emerging perhaps, as the most civilizing influence in Asia, a power for peace in a world of conflict.

In contrast to the Parade, was the Garden Party. In the grounds of the Presidential Palace, once the Viceroy's House. Lord Morrison was among the 7,000 there. He is lecturing in India. Here in the Mogul Gardens the assembly represented all walks of life of India, meeting informally the Royal guests.