

The royal train leaving Lagos meant that the tour of Nigeria was nearly at an end. But the events still scheduled on the crowded royal programme, included an inspection of troops and ex-Servicemen on the racecourse at Ibadan in the Western Region.

And, later, a visit to Moor Plantation, for a look at some West African shorthorn cattle.

3 The last public engagement of the tour was a drive to Kano — to pay a call upon the Emir at his majestic palace. As on every other occasion of this highly-successful royal visit to a distant outpost of the ^{British} Commonwealth, a tremendous crowd had assembled to greet ^{Queen Elizabeth} Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh. This was the first time a reigning Sovereign had ever visited their home --- and they weren't going to miss it.

Then --- at night --- came the time of departure. The Queen had broadcast her thanks to the people of Nigeria, for the warmth of their welcome. She had left with them, the memory of a gracious visitor, whose interest in their country had never flagged; for whom, despite the heat and the humidity, no day had ever seemed too long.

The next day the royal airliner landed at London Airport,, where Prince Charles and Princess Anne waited for their parents with the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret; The B.O.A.C Argonaut Atalanta --- which had been talked down by ground control ~~to the~~

~~clearance of the runway.~~ The Queen was warmly clad against the bitter contrast of our freezing February, ⁱⁿ exchanged for burning African sunshine.

Britain's official welcome came from the Lord Lieutenant of Middlesex and Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden. ^{and} Representatives of Nigeria --- including the Commissioner for the Western Region. --- were also waiting to greet the royal travellers. And, lined up on the tarmac, was a contingent of Nigerian cadets.

Then --- for the drive from the Airport back to Buckingham Palace --- there were crowds on the London streets. And no doubt their welcoming cheers did something to offset the ~~change~~ change of climate. [^] So this Royal Nigerian tour was ended. Three weeks of travel among the picturesque peoples of a far-off ~~country~~ ^{LAND.} One more royal tour was over; one more gesture of royal goodwill, among the members of our family of nations.