

THE PRINCESS IN PARIS

In a world of strained international relations the Whitsun visit of Britain's Royal newlyweds to Paris is a welcome gesture of friendship. With a spontaneous display of affection Parisians turn the drive into a triumphal procession.

At the Elysee Palace the Princess and the Duke exchange official greetings in an informal atmosphere with the head of the French nation - President Vincent Auriol.

In the shadow of the Eiffel Tower - Elizabeth fulfils another official engagement. She opens an exhibition of "British Life in Paris through eight Centuries," which emphasises the significance of cultural relationships and shows the emergence of the 'Entente Cordiale' from bitter conflict. Her speech is delivered in fluent French.

SPEECH

Visiting France for the first time, Elizabeth maintains the continuity of Royal visits commenced by her great-grandfather. A trip on the Seine transforms duty into pleasure - for Paris shows its most romantic face to those who view it from the river.

Longchamps racecourse presents the Royal couple with another aspect of Parisian life. The Whitsun race meeting is the most colourful of the year and the Duke of Edinburgh picks the right colours for the day's wager.

It's a day when favourites are to the fore - and well to the fore in Parisian hearts are these two young ambassadors from Britain.