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ROYAL TOUR: PENNEY'S TO STATE PAPERS

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The man who would be king played amiable merchandiser today, inquiring about the quilt presented to him at a J. C. Penney's department store.

"Is it king size or queen size?" the Prince of Wales asked, bringing a burst of laughter from a crowd that watched him stroll through a suburban shopping mall.

With comparable curiosity, the Prince, the heir apparent to the British throne, asked detailed questions about the documents of the United States Constitution at the Library of Congress later in the day as he doggedly completed a busy three-day tour of the capital.

"He was remarkable - his curiosity about our Government was a measure of his intelligence," said Dr. Daniel J. Boorstin, the Librarian of Congress.

Viewing Maternity Clothes

The Prince and the **Princess** caused a stir wherever they went, from the shopping mall in Springfield, Va., to the Library's executive offices to see rare manuscripts.

The greatest stirring of all, however, came when they unexpectedly browsed through racks of maternity clothes at the department store, spurring another round in the continuous speculation about when the royal couple might have another child.

Store officials, aiming for publicity on the extensive retail show of British exports that the Prince was promoting, instead met a hail of shouted questions: "What happened in maternity?"

David Miller, president of Penney's, said the **Princess** and Prince had merely stopped at a colorful frock, not realizing it was a maternity outfit.

"Her real interest was in novelty fleece tops," he insisted as the royal entourage renewed its forward lurch through a long itinerary that include a stop by the **Princess** at a **drug** rehabilitation center, **Straight** Inc., near the shopping mall.

Friendly Breach of Etiquette

On that visit, the **Princess** was accompanied by Nancy Reagan, and a measure of their friendliness was glimpsed at one

point when Mrs. Reagan breached royal etiquette to put her arm around the **Princess'** waist.

The experience of hearing about addiction was graphic, according to a member of the party that visited **Straight** Inc., State Senator Richard Saslaw of Virginia. "My guess is that gal isn't going to forget it," he said.

The **Princess** asked one addict, 17-year-old Kathy [REDACTED], whether she had turned to **drugs** "to escape the responsibility life puts on us." Hearing assent, the **Princess** said, "It must be such a big decision to come here and face it."

The Prince, meanwhile, showed an appetite for visiting with the large crowds that gathered wherever he went.

"Do you really work here?" he asked, suddenly stopping to chat with Olivia Brickey, a catalogue supervisor who watched from a gathering inside the Library of Congress.

Workers burst into laughter, and she replied that, yes, she worked with computers.

"Ah, do you get a wrist strain from computers, as everybody says?" asked the Prince, peering directly at her with a gentle smile. No, he was told.

Eyes Mist With Excitement

"But I see it strains your eyes -they're misting," the Prince replied, moving on.

Indeed she was misty. "Well I was so excited," Mrs. Brickey explained later.

The crowds were so large that Dr. Boorstin was left musing: "What might the consequences have been if George Washington hadn't refused the throne here? We might have this kind of thing every day in America, a prince and **princess** roaming around making people happy."

In his private viewing of key papers of the Constitutional Convention, the Prince asked various questions of a group of scholars that included Chief Justice Warren E. Burger; Senator Charles McC. Mathias Jr., Republican of Maryland; Representative Don Edwards, Democrat of California; Prof. Charles Wright of the University of Texas, and Clark Clifford, adviser to several Presidents.

"First time in 200 years, and this thoughtful young man requested the meeting," said Mr. Edwards, chairman of the House subcommittee on Constitutional rights. "Ought to do it more often."

"He was particularly interested when I told him about the Bishop of Osnaburgh," said Dr. James H. Hutson, chief of the library's manuscript division. The Bishop was the second son of George III, and Dr. Hutson explained that there was a resilient pro-royalist sympathy in America after the revolution that hoped to invite the Bishop to become King of America. "The Prince liked that," Dr. Hutson said, Gallery, Garden and Gymnast The Prince and **Princess** finished their tourist role late tonight at a reception for 300 and a dinner for 109 at the National Gallery of Art, near the handsome East Garden fountain. It was transformed into a moonlit garden setting with white lantana trees and bunches of delphinium, larkspur, roses and miniature water lilies. The guests included such names as Treasury Secretary James A. Baker 3d; Mary Lou Retton, the Olympic gymnast; Donald E. Petersen, chairman of the Ford Motor Company; Donald Blinken, the president of the Mark Rothko Foundation, and Yo-Yo Ma, the cellist.

The royal couple is to leave Tuesday morning for a day in Palm Beach, Fla., for a charity dinner and polo match before returning home to London. Their other stops today were a private luncheon at the embassy and a Veterans Day visit to Arlington National cemetery to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and at the grave of Sir John Dill, Britain's chief military liaison in Washington in World War II.

The public was genial along the royal way but early witnesses at the tomb became angry when State Department security agents arrived and ordered them to move from the steps, a prime viewing area, in order to conduct "a security

sweep." It turned out the agents actually were roping off the area for late-arriving special guests. One hurrying agent walked directly across the flat marble covering of the tomb and a six-foot-tall, rifle-bearing honor guard suddenly stalked him. "Sir!" the guard declared. "Show respect for the Tomb of the Unknowns!"

Automobile and China

At the shopping mall, the **Princess**, dressed in a white wool suit, paused to view a Rolls-Royce displayed atop four Wedgwood teacups in a rather saucy demonstration of the aggressive British sales pitch that the Prince himself was leading.

"She's beautiful - really skinny," said Salena Shorr, a 21-year-old saleswoman.

"How do you think women look in ties?" the **Princess** suddenly asked, wheeling her doe-eyed glance at a bystander, Jeff Rutledge, a 26-year-old electrician from Hillcrest Heights, Md.

"Great," he answered in pure monosyllabic American as she moved on to touch the fabric of some robes, to look at some jewelry, then to wonder about a display of mannequins dressed in regal costumes depicting such historic figures as the Duke of Buckingham and Oliver Cromwell.

Prince Charles, dressed in a gray double-breasted suit, replete with red poppy and black tassled loafers, also stopped to stare at the dummy nobles.

"Some of those costumes might be useful," the Prince told the **Princess**.

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