

Since "Britannia"'s first official voyage to Tobruk in 1954, she has had few idle moments. At one time or another she has transported members of the Royal Family to or from Norway, Denmark, Holland, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, The West Indies, Corsica, Sardinia, Mauritius, Zanzibar, Tanganyika, Seychelles Islands, Ceylon, Malaya, New Guinea, Falkland Islands, Portugal and other distant ports. Her one previous trip to Canada was in the summer of 1954 to pick up the Duke of Edinburgh following his visit to this country to open the British Empire Games in Vancouver.

This spring "Britannia" is adding more mileage to her log as she transports Prince Philip during a portion of his long tour of Commonwealth countries in the Far East. Before she returns to England, the Royal Yacht will have visited Burma, Sarawak, Brunei, North Borneo, Hong Kong, Solomon Islands, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Christmas Island and the Bahamas. On her arrival home she will undergo a refit before sailing for Canada in June.

The crew of the "Britannia" numbers about 20 officers and 250 men. Every member is a volunteer, hand-picked for good conduct and suitability. Perhaps the proudest among the ship's company, when the "Britannia" reaches Canada, will be the 2 officers and 15 ratings of the Royal Canadian Navy who were honoured by being included in her complement.

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institutions, such as the International Bank and Monetary Fund, which play a major part in the creation of the financial climate necessary to the healthy employment of the world's capital resources.

"The huge resources which we and other Western nations have devoted as aid to the less-developed countries can be justified on humanitarian grounds alone. You, as businessmen, will agree that it can equally be justified in commercial terms in that it will provide the initial stimulus which will start the self-generating process by which these nations can in turn become our customers and

trading partners. There is, too, the consideration that when Canada makes a contribution of this kind, it is more often than not in the form of Canadian goods and services which these countries need and for which they have asked. It is our belief that a programme which is thus based on a mutuality of interest between Canada and our friends in the underdeveloped countries is best calculated to advance our common objectives....

"There is, however, a third reason underlying international aid today which is directly related to the cold war now being relentlessly waged between East and West. I cannot leave the twin subjects of trade and aid which have been my main theme this evening without referring, however briefly, to the challenge that we are facing from the Soviet Union on both counts.

"In recent years the Soviet Union and its communist partners have launched a trade offensive which is calculated to capture markets in all parts of the world almost without regard to considerations of cost or profit. They have also, from time to time, disrupted the world's commodity markets -- tin and aluminum are two examples -- by releasing supplies at times and in quantities sufficient to create or intensify serious falls in prices. Offers of economic assistance, too, have been and are made on terms which it is difficult or even impossible for the free economies of the West to meet. In actual fact, of course, the countries of the West have done very much more to help the economically underdeveloped countries of the world than has the Soviet Union and its allies and satellites. But this certainly does not mean that we can afford to be complacent about it. We must never lose sight of the need to work with the less fortunate peoples of the world and to help them in their long struggle to free themselves from want and fear. Abraham Lincoln said in another context that his country could not endure "half slave and half free". Our civilization cannot endure when more than half of mankind still lacks the means to free itself from the servitude of grinding poverty...."