

ecumenical religious service was conducted by six leading churchmen (selected by the Interfaith Conference), after which participating representatives of more than 30 religious groups were presented to Her Majesty. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh then moved to their "parliamentary" chairs at the raised centre of the dais to hear loyal addresses by the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons. Her Majesty made an address to the nation in reply. In a few words she stressed the nature of the ceremony:

It is altogether right and fitting that Sovereign and people should meet together here at the heart of Canadian existence to give thanks on this great occasion.

Thereafter her message was both an exhortation and a warning:

Sustaining a human perspective will be possible, I am inclined to think, only if we have the courage to probe within ourselves as well as into space. And in thinking about the future we must not be too much distracted from the problems that we can see about us in our society. This country is fortunate and prosperous above most others. But not all of its people are free from want or hardship. There are still wrongs to be righted and suffering to be relieved. There is still a constant effort of accommodation to be made so that all the peoples in this great country may live together in friendship and harmony.

That afternoon, in contrast to the earlier formal ceremony of national rededication, the Queen and Prince Philip joined thousands of young children at a "birthday party" on Parliament Hill, where Her Majesty cut the first piece of a giant cake. The royal party then drove to the new stadium at Lansdowne Park, which was filled to capacity, to watch a programme of athletics, dancing and singing by local youth groups. On the way back to Government House, the Queen stopped briefly at the City Hall to sign the visitor's book. A garden party followed at Government House, during which Members of the Senate and the House of Commons, senior civil servants, high-ranking officers of the armed services, and representatives of many national organizations were presented to Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh. That evening, after dining privately with the Prime Minister at his residence, the royal party attended a performance of the *Son et Lumière* programme at Nepean Point.

On Sunday July 2, the Queen and Prince Philip attended church service at Christ Church Cathedral and, after lunch, drove to Cornwall, where they boarded the Royal Yacht *Britannia* for an overnight voyage downriver to the site of Expo 67 at Montreal.

Visit to Expo 67

The next morning, the royal party disembarked at the St. Lambert lock in heavy rain (the only bad weather during the visit), drove for half an hour through the Ile Notre-Dame section of the exhibition and made visits to the pavilions of Britain, Quebec, Ontario, the Western provinces, the Atlantic Provinces and the Indians of Canada. At a lunch given by the Prime Minister in the Canada Pavilion, the Queen congratulated the Canadian people on the "remarkable achievement" of Expo 67: