QUEEN ELIZABETH'S VISIT PUTS CITY OF HOPE IN SPOTLIGHT



HISTOR'C MOMENT WAS PROVIDED BY QUEEN ELIZABETH II WHEN, WITH THE AID OF CITY OF HOPE PRESIDENT M. E. HERSCH, SHE UNVEILED A PLAQUE DENOTING THE OPEN-ING OF THE SADIE AND NORMAN LEE (PIC-TURED AT LEFT) BRITISH PEDIATRIC RE-SEARCH CENTER. A CROWD OF 2,000 IN-VITED GUESTS AND ONLOOKERS SAW HER MAJESTY AT THE CITY OF HOPE MEDICAL CENTER AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN DUARTE, CALIF., NEAR LOS ANGELES, A MAJOR POINT OF INTEREST DURING HER 10-DAY TOUR OF THE WEST COAST, FOUND-ED UNDER JEWISH AUSPICES, THE CITY OF HOPE CONDUCTS PROGRAMS OF FREE PA-TIENT CARE, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND MEDICAL EDUCATION IN THE MAJOR DI-SEASES SUCH AS CANCER AND LEUKEMIA.

The historic visit of Queen Elizabeth II to officially open the Sadie and Norman Lee British Pediatric Research Center at the City of Hope focused international attention on the medical and research institute.

Arriving in a limousine with the royal standard flying, Her Majesty was seen by 2,000 invited guests and onlookers as she stepped onto a red carpet to be welcomed by City of Hope president M. E. "Mike" Hersch, Hersch (holding a double umbrella) ushered Her Majesty to the Spirit of Life fountain, symbol of the City of Hope. Benefactors Sadie and Norman Lee gave a proper curtsy and a bow as they were Also presented were executive introduced. medical director Dr. Charles Mittman and hospital administrator Thomas Galinski. The Queen was flanked on her left by the international press corps, on her right and directly in front by a highly responsive crowd of distinguished guests.

Her Majesty, wearing a blue printed woolen dress with detachable cape and white felthowler with blue straw trimmings designed by Norman Hartnell, received a bouquet of red roses from Melanie Hersch, 7 - year - old granddaughter of Hersch. The Lees, British subjects who are 30 - year residents of Beverly Hills, were a major reason the Queen was making this history making appearance at the medical center in Duarte. Her Majesty unveiled a symbolic pla-que complete with an erching of the British flag and the important three lines -- Opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, February 28,

Lee, born in London, was graduated in engineering from London University. He became an industrialist with interests in refrigeration manufacturing and property development in the United Kingdom and California. In Los Angeles, he is on the University of Judaism's Executive Board, is a director and vice president of Brandeis - Bardin Institute and the Music Center Opera Association, and is a Trustee of the City of Hope.

Sadie, who was graduated from Leeds University as a schoolteacher, also is involved in community activities. At 14, she was the junior vice president of the Leeds Zionist Society and later was active with her husband in the Maccabi Sports Association. She was president of the Leeds Ladies Charity Guild and active in the British Women's International Zionist Organi-In California she has taken a strong role in Hadassah and University Women, and was president of University Synagogue's Sisterhood. She is on the board of the International Committee of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and of Brandels - Bardin Institute.

The Lees recently established the Norman and Sadie Lee College, a four - year liberal arts college at the University of Judaism, Los Angeles. For some five years the couple served as joint moderators in the Political Science programs of the Extension Department at CI.A.

Escorted by Dr. Mittman and Hersch, the Queen acknowledged the crowd as the entourage moved to the Familian Children's Center which houses the research programs of the I ee Center. Here she met Shirley and Isador Familian, executive director Ben Horowitz, associate executive director Sanford Shapero, Ph. D., and former City of Hope presidents Emanuel II. Fineman, Percy Solotoy, Louis Tabak, and Dr. Rachmiel Levine, deputy director of research emeritus.

During her tour of the Lee Center Her Majesty visited laboratories and met research She concluded her visit with a touching and emotional visit to the children's playground where young patients, many being treated for leukemia, presented the Queen with various cards, craft items and sketches. She graciously accepted each and every one to the delight of the youngsters. From here she stepped into her waiting limousine, but not before she gave a royal wave to the hundreds lining the street. The crowd was then ready for hot tea, sandwiches and strawberries. The large contingent at the tea party also included a small party of secret service members whose duty had been done at the City of Hope.

Prior to the Queen's arrival, a star-studded luncheon was held at the medical center with the guest list including the Karl Maldens (he's the City of Hope's Goodwill Ambassador), Lee Meriweather on the arm of Britisher Michael Allison (currently at the Music Center in "Hay Fever"), Ernest Borgnine, the Norm Crosbys, Zsa Zsa Gabor, June Lockhart and Johnny

Mathis.

The City of Hope Medical Center and Research Institute makes free care available to patients with cancer and leukemia; heart, blood and lung diseases; diabetes and other hereditary and metabolic disorders. Admission is by referral from physicians, hospitals or health agencies.

Happy Passover to our many friends.



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