



VISIT OF THEIR MAJESTIES

KING MAHENDRA BIR BIKRAM SHAH DEVA

AND

QUEEN RATNA RAJYA LAKSHMI SHAH

OF NEPAL

TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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FROM THEIR GOOD FRIEND

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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*King Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah Deva of Nepal and President Dwight D. Eisenhower
of the United States at National Airport, Washington, D.C.*





President Eisenhower and King Mahendra at the White House, Washington, D.C.

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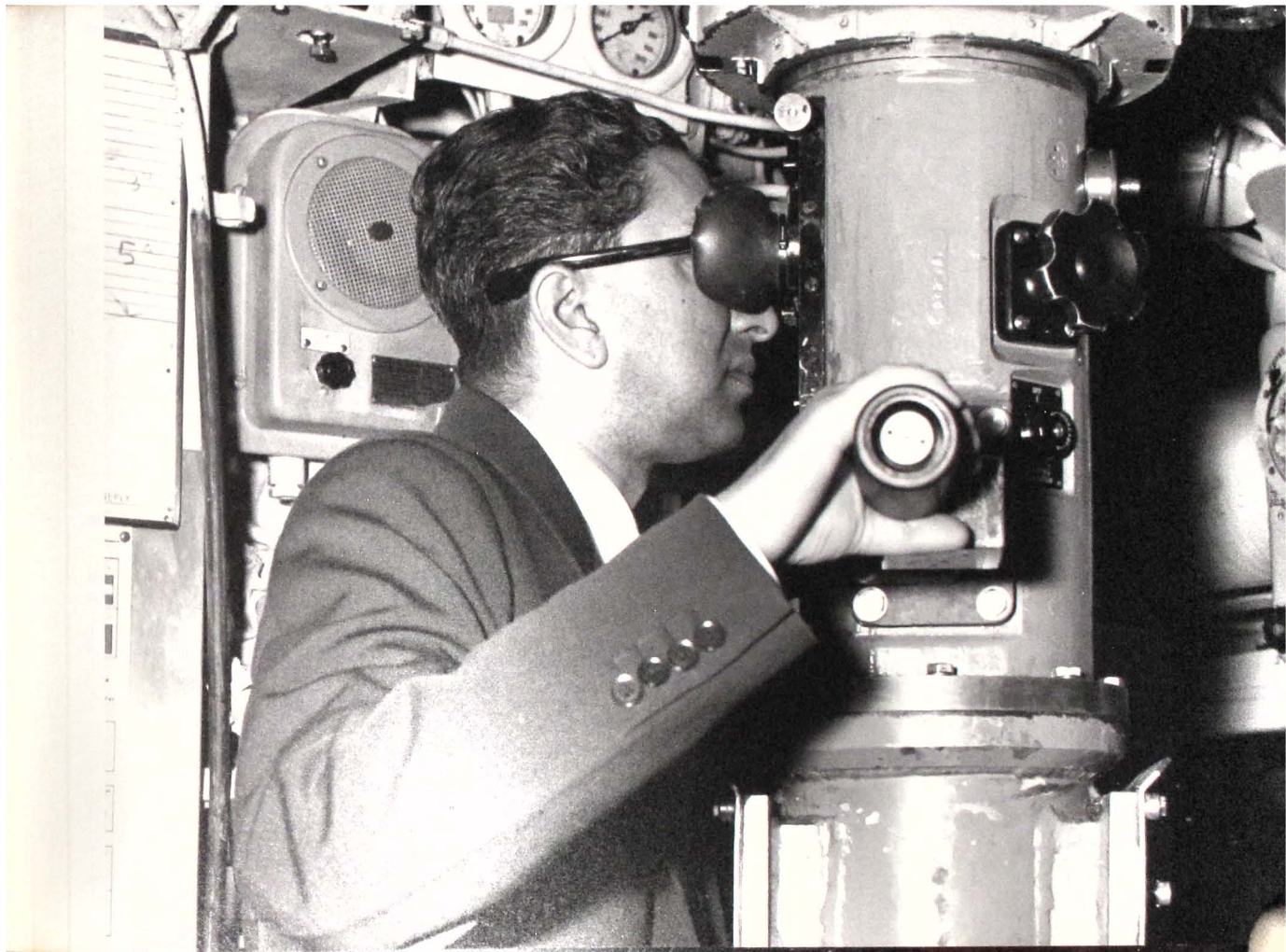
Their Majesties, King Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah Deva and Queen Ratna Rajya Lakshmi Shah of Nepal, arrive at Honolulu, Hawaii (April 25), to begin a state visit to the United States at the invitation of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. At the airport, Lieutenant Governor James K. Kealoha welcomes the royal visitors with traditional floral leis





At a reception given in their honor by Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Kealoha, King Mabendra and Queen Ratna are greeted by Steven, Cecili Ann, and Mary Larulani. Standing behind the Queen is Mrs. William F. Quinn, wife of the Governor of the newest of the United States

King Mahendra visits the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, where he inspects the nuclear-powered submarine U.S.S. Sargo. The King looks through the periscope of the underseas vessel during a tour of the harbor





Continuing on to the United States mainland, the royal visitors arrive at National Airport, Washington, D.C. (April 27), where they are met by the President of the United States and other high United States Government officials, and receive full military honors

President Eisenhower warmly welcomes King Mahendra on behalf of the people of the United States. At left is Loy W. Henderson, United States Acting Secretary of State

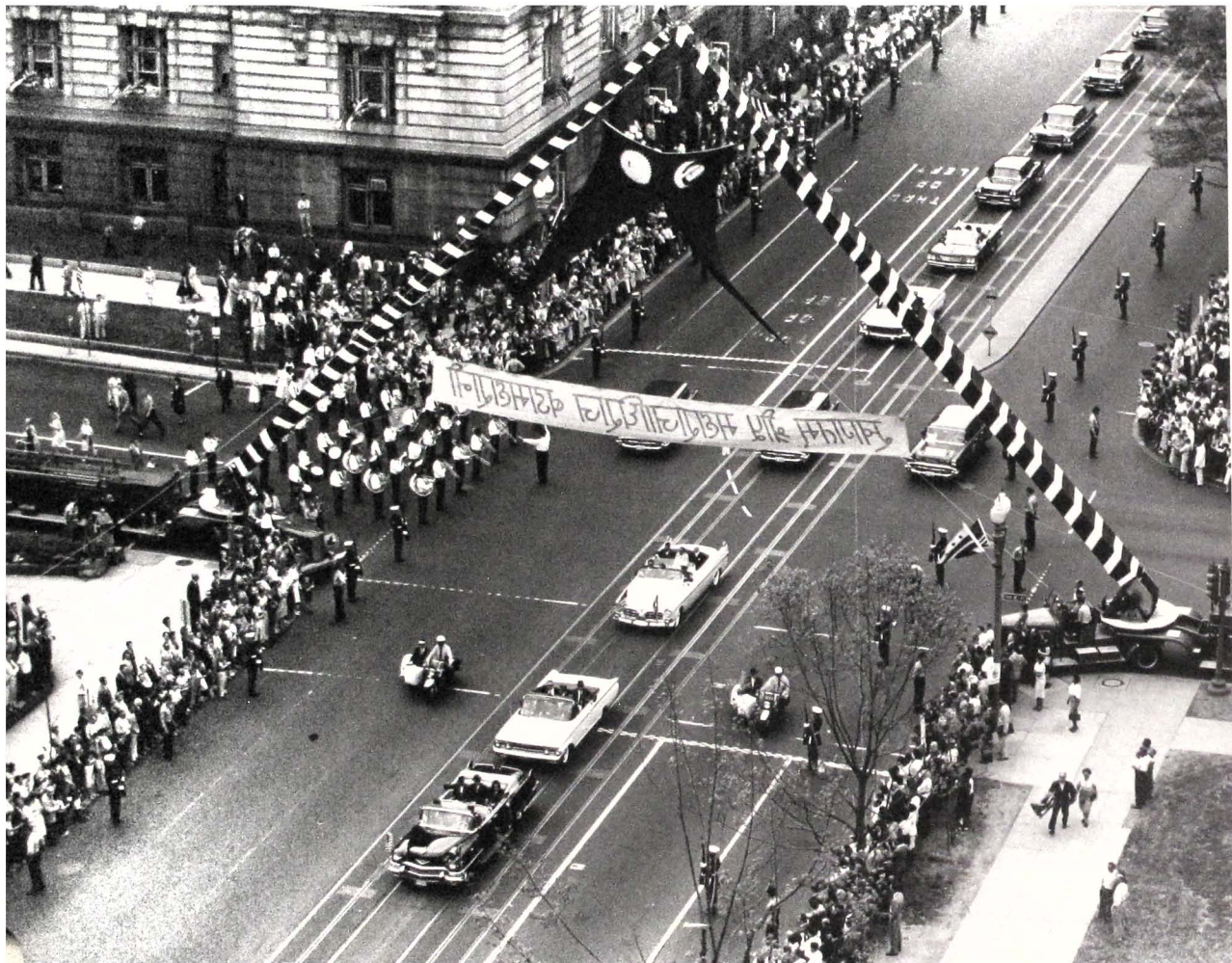




During the welcoming ceremony at National Airport, King Mahendra, escorted by President Eisenhower and Lieutenant Commander Martin B. Betts, United States Navy, reviews the military guard of honor

King Mahendra receives a symbolic key to the City of Washington from Robert McLaughlin (right), President of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as President Eisenhower (left) and Rishikesh Shaha, Ambassador of Nepal to the United States, look on

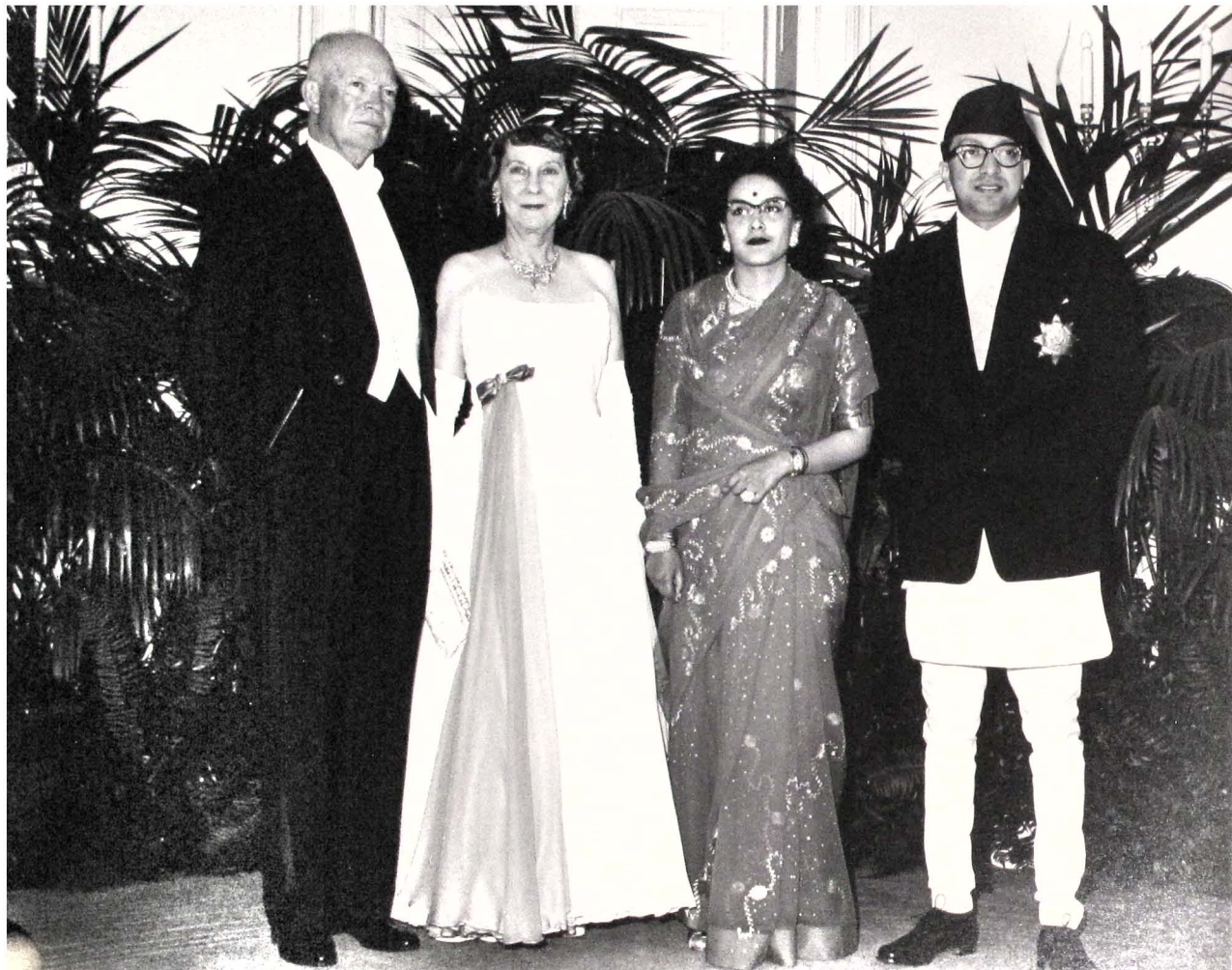




The motorcade bringing the King and Queen and President Eisenhower to the President's Guest House passes under a banner of welcome. Crowds of Washingtonians line the parade route to greet the visitors from Nepal

King Mahendra and Queen Ratna visit historic Mount Vernon, Virginia, a few miles from the United States Capital. This home of George Washington, first American President, is a national shrine. Wiley T. Buchanan, Jr., United States Chief of Protocol, escorts the distinguished visitors





In the evening, the King and Queen are guests of President and Mrs. Eisenhower at a state dinner at the White House

The next morning, Their Majesties tour the National Gallery of Art. Gallery Director John Walker points out one of the many masterpieces on display

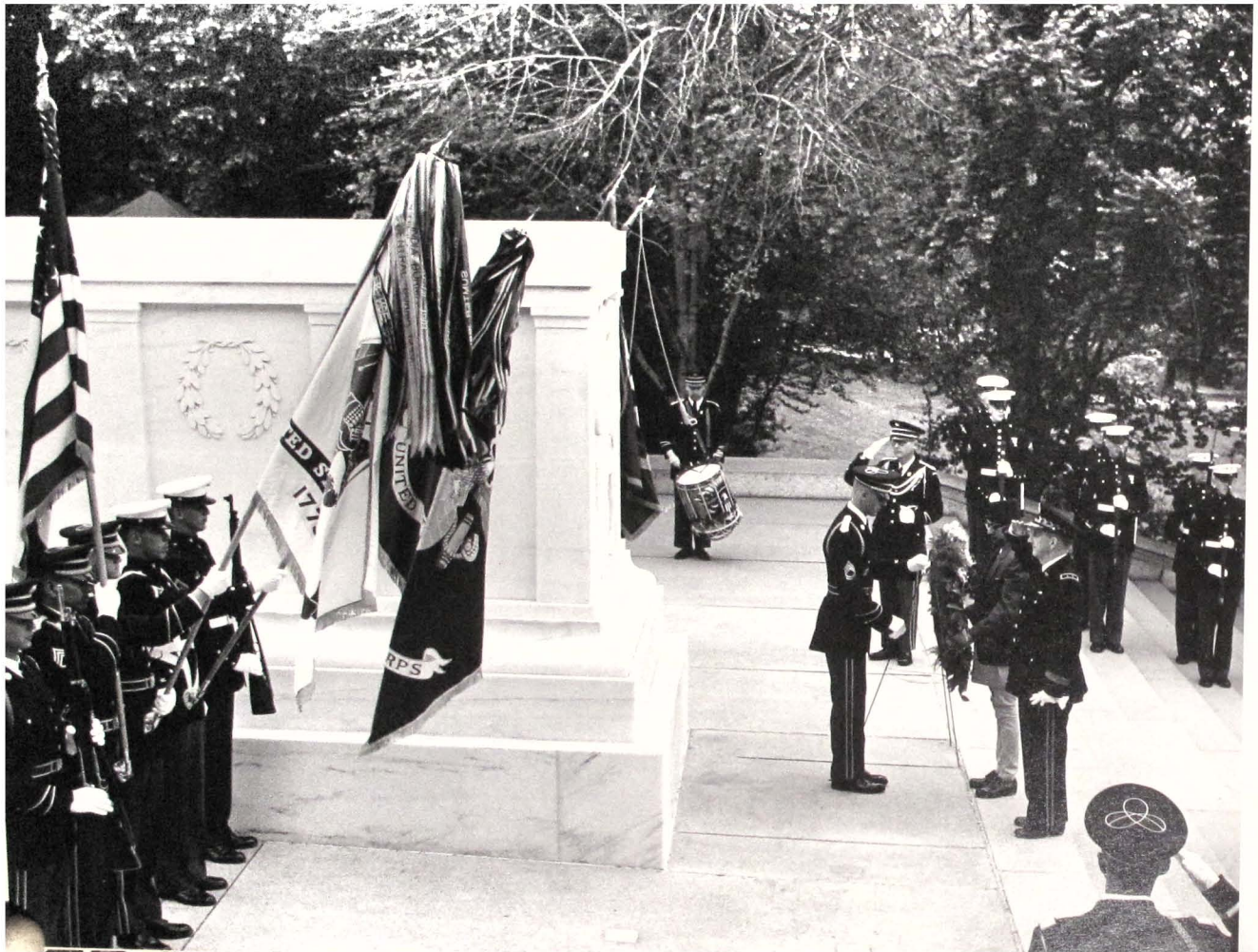




King Mahendra confers with President Eisenhower at the White House. Looking on are (left to right) Acting Secretary of State Henderson; Subarna S. J. B. Rana, Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal; and Ambassador Shaha

King Mahendra addresses a joint meeting of the United States Senate and House of Representatives at the Capitol. Seated at left are members of the Washington diplomatic corps

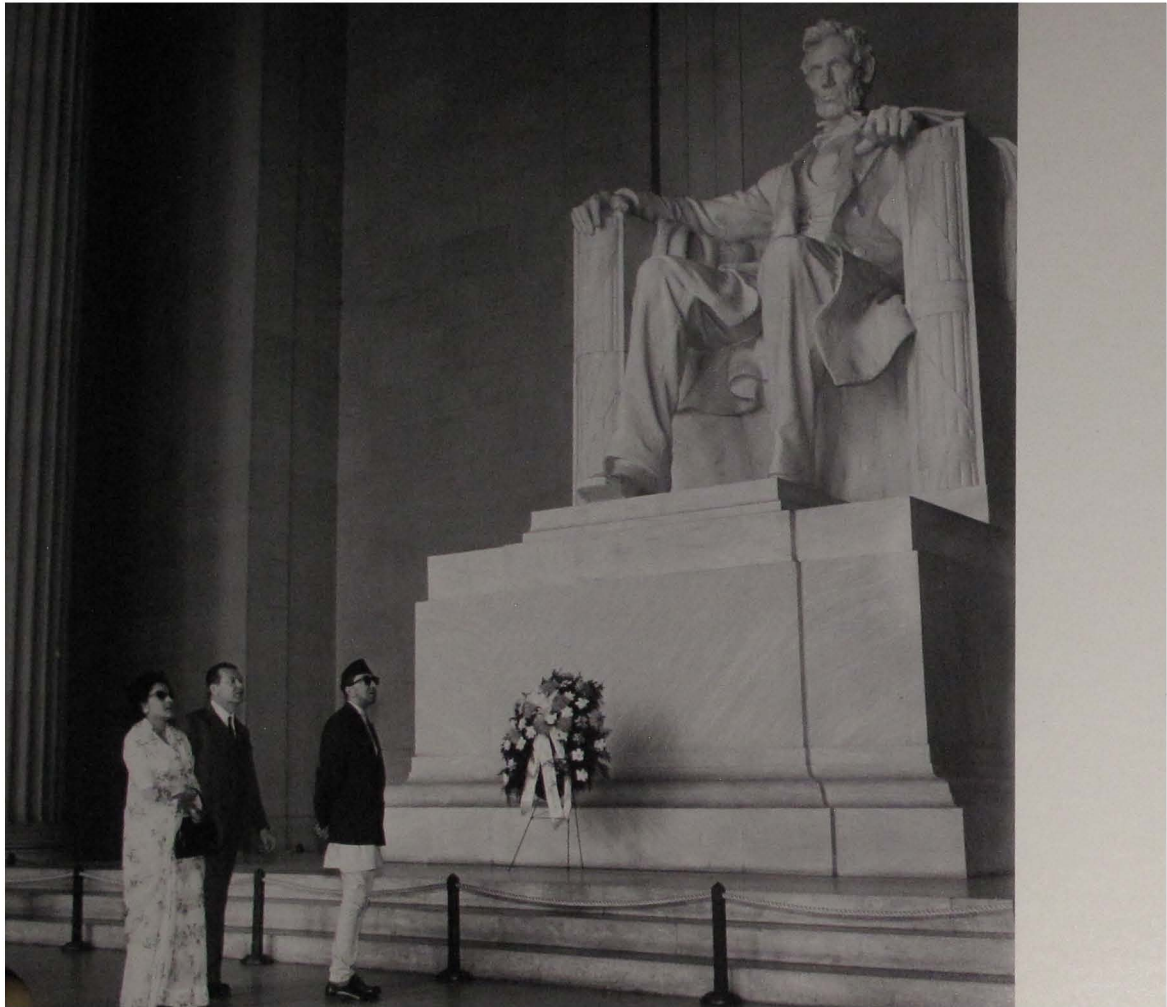




At Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, King Mahendra places a memorial wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, honoring American war dead. Escorting the King is Major General C. K. Gailey, Commanding General, Military District of Washington

Concluding their second day's stay in the United States Capital, Their Majesties are guests at a dinner given by Acting Secretary of State and Mrs. Henderson at the Pan American Union





The following morning, King Mahendra and Queen Ratna make a motor tour of national shrines and points of interest in Washington. At the Lincoln Memorial, they place a wreath at the statue of Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States. Accompanying them is Mr. Buchanan

In the lobby of the Department of State building, Their Majesties view a display on the Kingdom of Nepal

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King Mahendra and Queen Ratna board a helicopter for a flight over Washington and an unusual view of the Nation's Capital

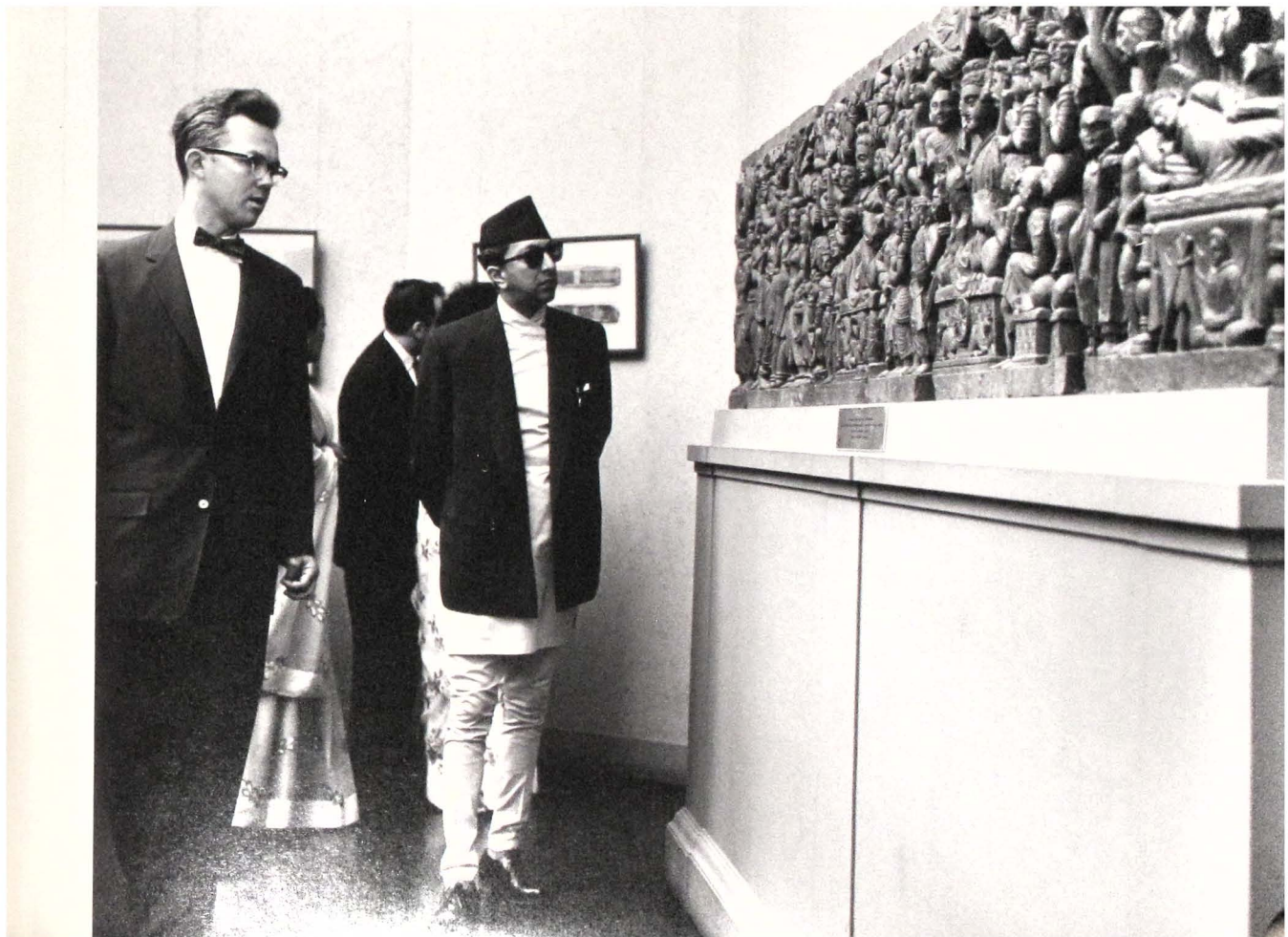
King Mahendra addresses a luncheon meeting of the National Press Club, as Ambassador Shaha interprets his remarks. Attending are representatives of the Nation's leading newspapers, periodicals, and newsgathering organizations and many members of the overseas press corps in Washington





At the Library of Congress, Librarian L. Quincy Mumford shows Their Majesties a collection of Nepalese newspapers, books, and publications

The Smithsonian Institution's Freer Gallery of Art is next on Their Majesties' itinerary. Associate Curator James Cahill (left) escorts the royal visitors through one of the many galleries devoted to Asian art





In the evening, King Mahendra and Queen Ratna give a dinner in honor of President and Mrs. Eisenhower at the Carlton Hotel. The President assists Queen Ratna to her feet after the group pose for photographers

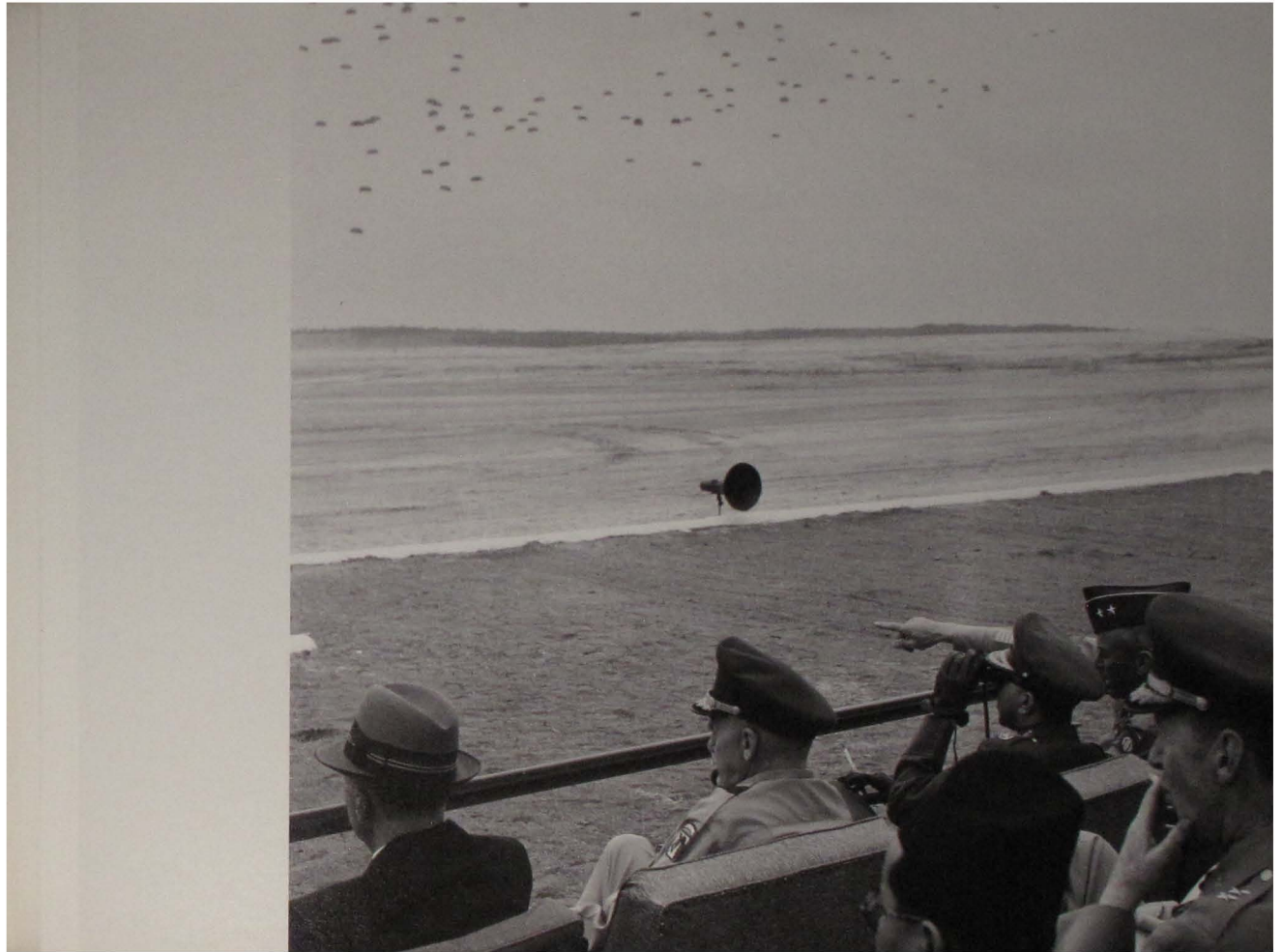
Their Majesties receive full military honors at National Airport as they leave the United States Capital (April 30) to begin a cross-country tour of the Nation. With them is Acting Secretary of State Henderson





First stop is Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where King Mahendra receives a briefing on the organization and function of the United States Strategic Army Corps. Following an inspection of modern mechanized equipment, the King drives a small vehicle called a "Mule," designed to be dropped from an airplane with paratroopers

At Fort Bragg, King Mahendra witnesses a military demonstration during which paratroopers jump from low-flying transport airplanes. Seated in the front row of the reviewing stand are (left to right) Luther Barnhardt, Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina; Lieutenant General Robert F. Sink, Commanding General, Strategic Army Corps; King Mahendra; and Major General Dwight E. Beach, Commanding General, 82d Airborne Division, whose troops executed the jumps





While King Mahendra is at Fort Bragg, Queen Ratna is escorted on a tour of the nearby community by Mrs. Dwight E. Beach (left), wife of the 82d Airborne Division Commanding General. Here, they visit a variety store

*Arriving in New York City, Their Majesties are welcomed at LaGuardia Airport by
Richard C. Patterson (left), Commissioner of Commerce and Public Events*





Nelson A. Rockefeller (left), Governor of the State of New York, visits (May 2) King Mabendra in the Royal Suite at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The royal couple were guests of Governor and Mrs. Rockefeller at a luncheon at their residence in suburban Tarrytown

Their Majesties receive the traditional New York City welcome accorded visiting dignitaries in a parade along Broadway to City Hall. An estimated 300,000 New Yorkers along the parade route shower the visitors with confetti and streamers





King Mahendra receives New York City's Scroll for Distinguished Service and Gold Medal of Honor from Mayor Robert F. Wagner at a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Left to right: City Commissioner Richard C. Patterson, King Mahendra, Mayor Wagner, and Lowell Thomas, famed author, lecturer, and world traveler who has visited Nepal

Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary General, escorts the visitors from Nepal on a tour of the General Assembly hall at headquarters of the world organization in New York City





Ambassador of Nepal and Mrs. Shaha honor Their Majesties at a reception at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Among the many distinguished guests attending is Henry Cabot Lodge, United States Ambassador to the United Nations

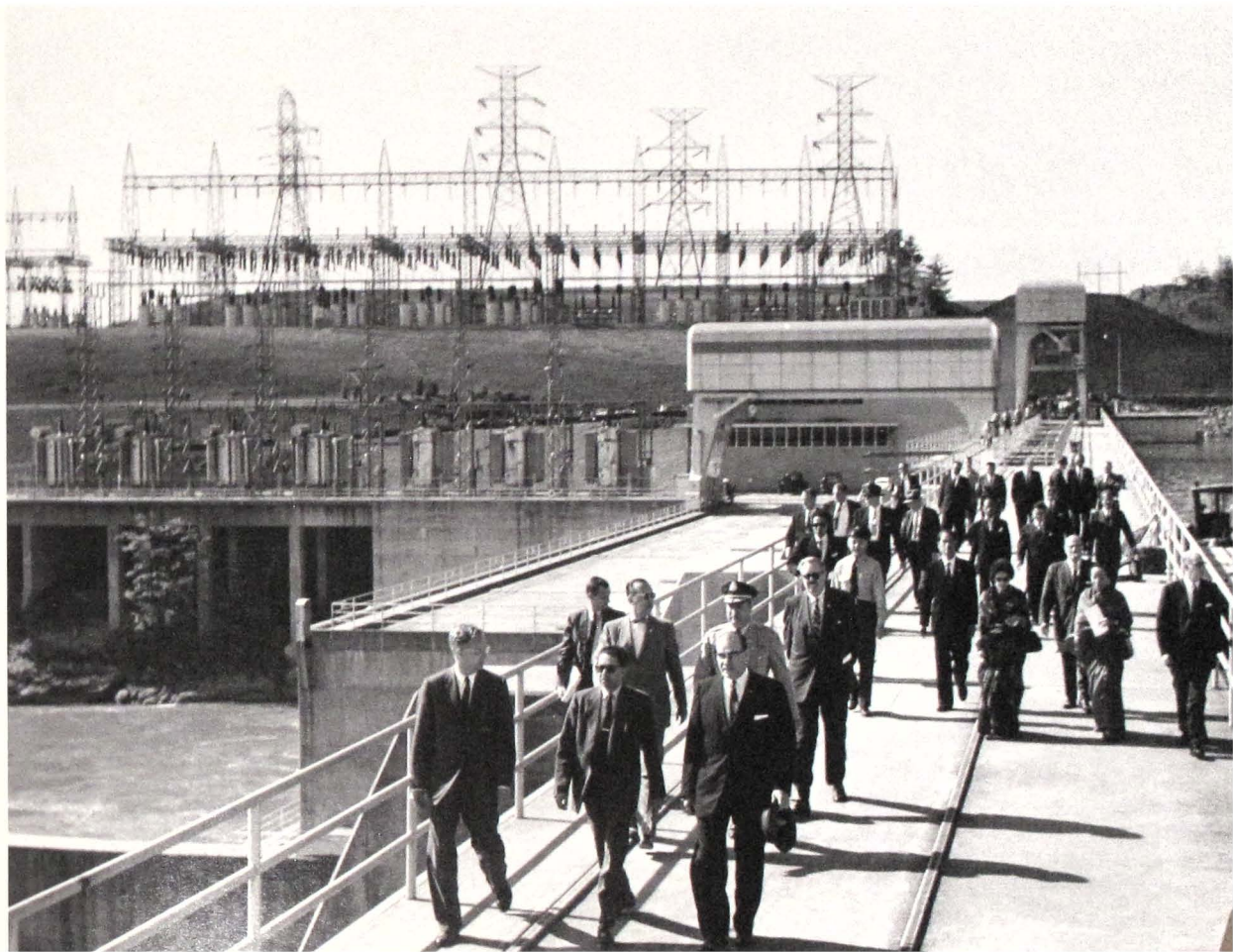
The Far East-America Council of Commerce and Industry gives a dinner in honor of the royal couple at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. King Mahendra addresses the organization as Ambassador Shaha interprets

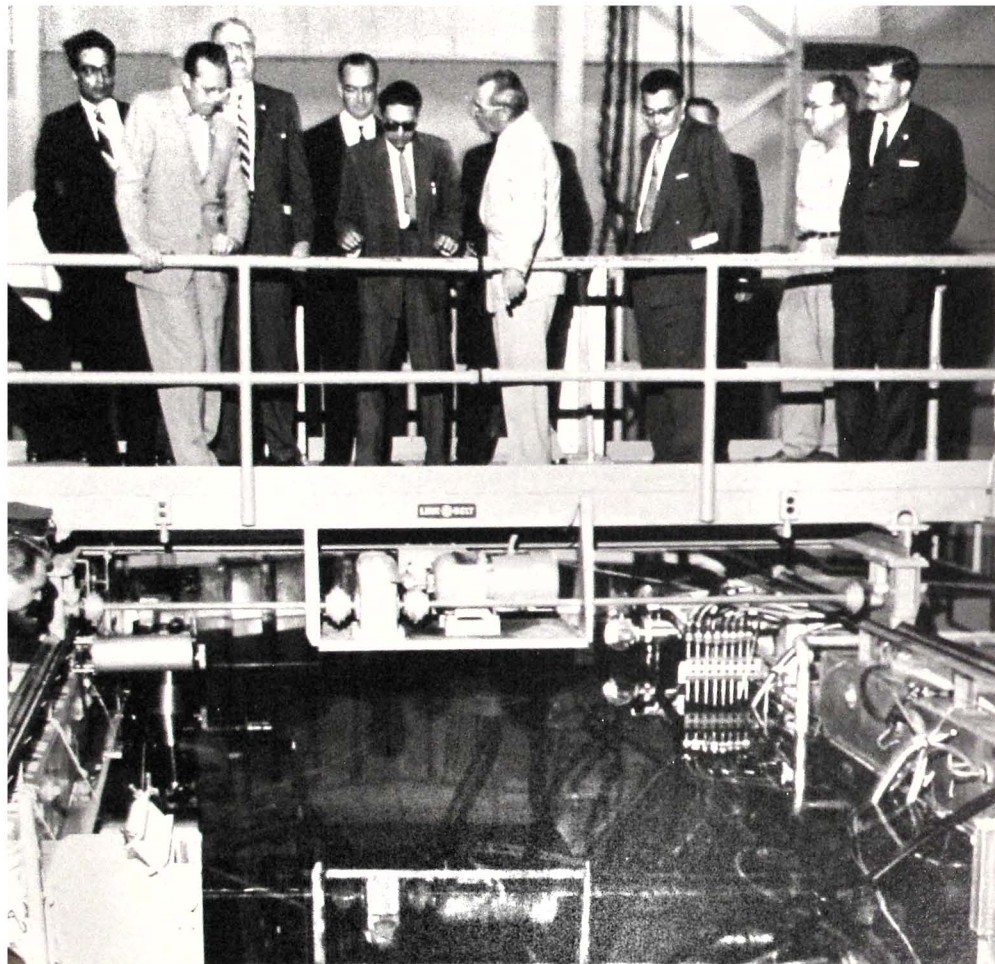




The next day (May 3), the King and Queen travel to Tennessee, where they view activities of the Tennessee Valley Authority. At the test-demonstration farm of Paul Arp, near Philadelphia, Tennessee, Their Majesties chat informally with Mr. Arp and two members of the 4-H Club, a national organization of farm youths

King Mahendra and Queen Ratna and members of their party cross Fort Loudon Dam, near Kingston, Tennessee, one of nine mainstream dams in the Tennessee Valley Authority system





At the United States Atomic Energy Commission's National Laboratory at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, King Mahendra and members of his party inspect a "swimming pool" nuclear reactor used in experimental research to develop new peaceful uses for atomic energy

King Mahendra manipulates a pair of mechanical hands used in the remote-control handling of radioactive materials. This display is at the American Museum of Atomic Energy at Oak Ridge





Continuing their transcontinental tour of the United States, Their Majesties arrive (May 4) in Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. C.W. Mayo, head of the Mayo Clinic, greets the King, who receives a reproduction of the flag of Nepal made by one of the many schoolchildren who welcome him

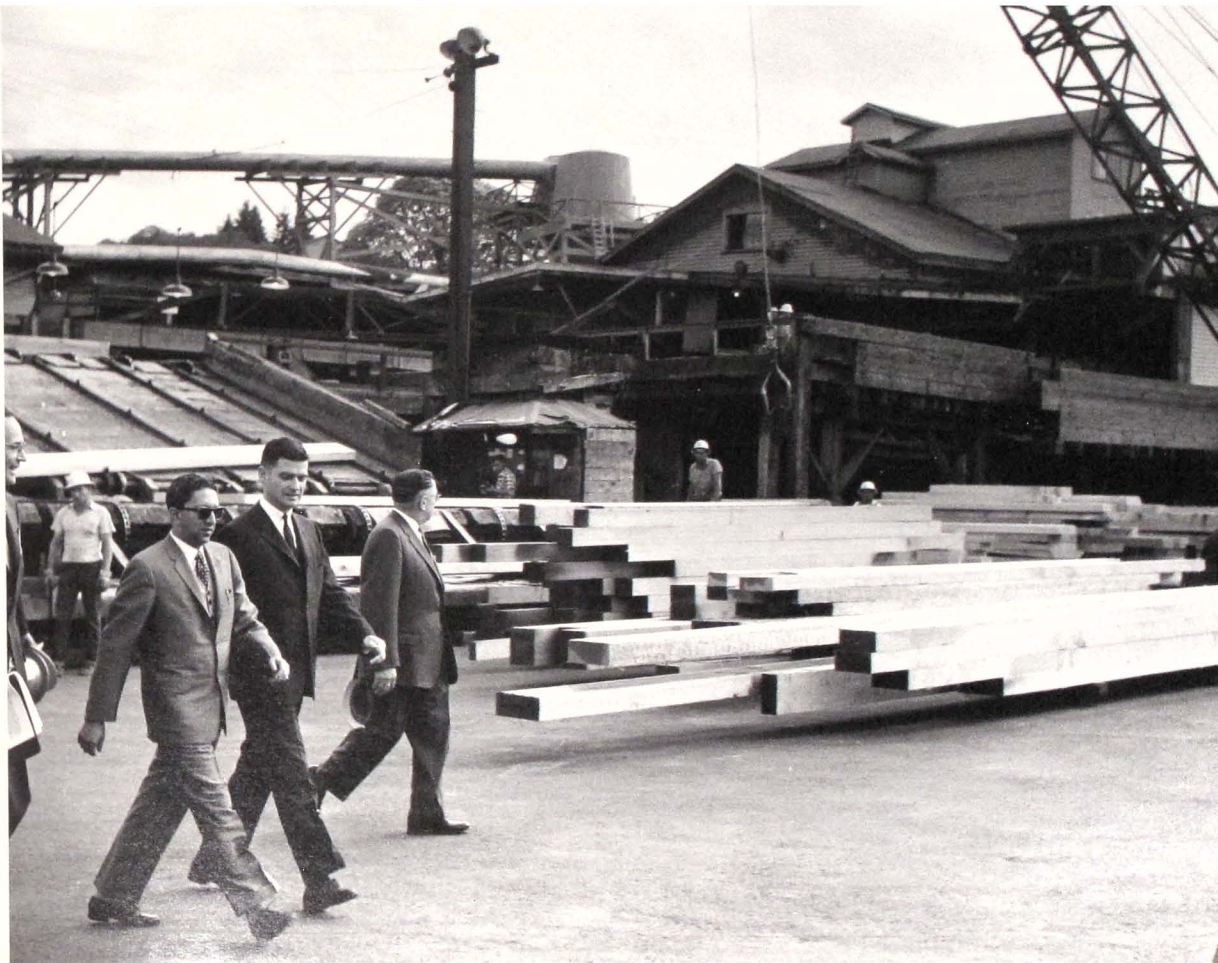
Dr. and Mrs. Mayo admire a scroll presented to the King by the University of Minnesota, stressing the goodwill his trip has generated and noting his visit to the midwestern State. The presentation is made at a reception given by Dr. and Mrs. Mayo at the Kabler Hotel

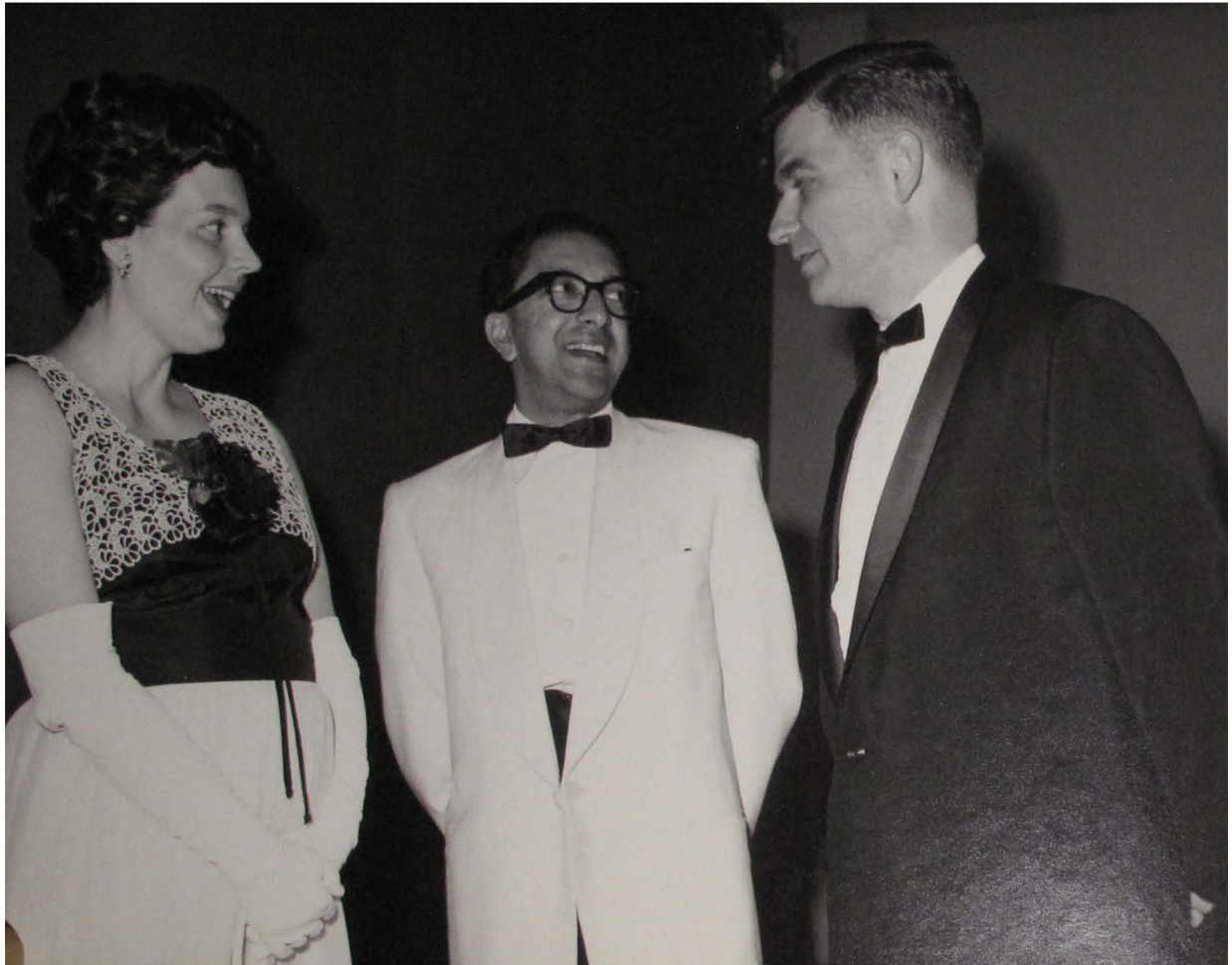




Their Majesties arrive next (May 5) in the west coast State of Oregon. First stop is the State Capitol at Salem, where they are welcomed by Governor Mark O. Hatfield (center, dark suit). Behind the Governor is Clement E. Conger, United States Deputy Chief of Protocol. In the background is an honor guard of members of the Governor's Mounted posse

Accompanied by Governor Hatfield, King Mahendra visits the sawmill and plywood manufacturing plant of the Willamette Valley Lumber Company at Dallas, Oregon





*Governor and Mrs. Hatfield are hosts at a dinner honoring Their Majesties
at the Marion Hotel in Salem*

Arriving at Eugene, Oregon (May 6), to visit the University of Oregon, the King and Queen are warmly welcomed at the airport by Nepalese students attending the University





King Mahendra addresses a Convocation of the University of Oregon, attended by some 5,000 students, faculty, and citizens of Eugene. A distinguished service citation is presented to the Nepalese King by the University, which has sponsored a teacher-training program in Nepal under auspices of the United States International Cooperation Administration

King Mahendra and Queen Ratna make an unscheduled visit to a modern grocery supermarket during their brief stay in Eugene. At right is O. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon

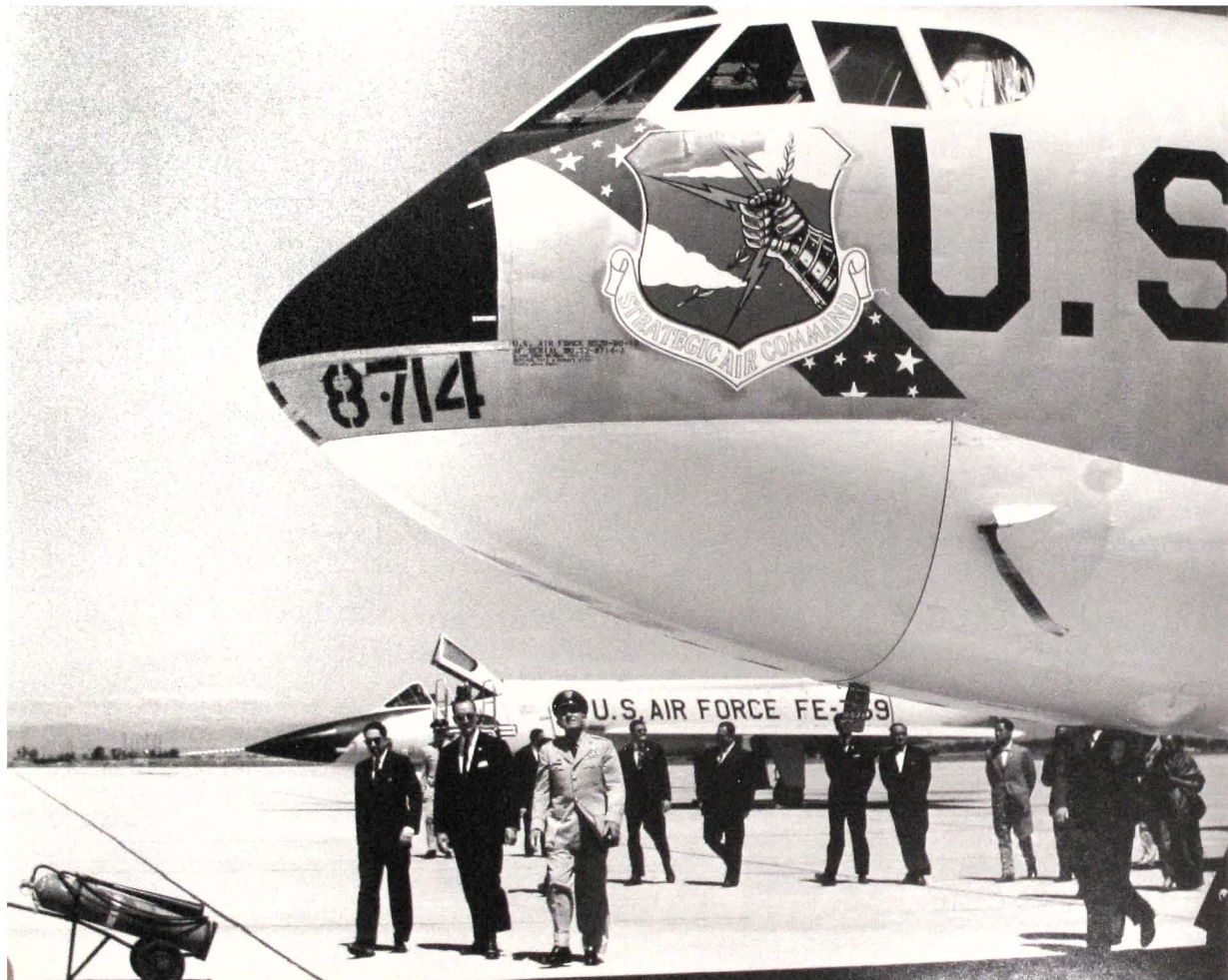




Stopping briefly in San Francisco, California, Their Majesties view the impressive Golden Gate Bridge during a sightseeing tour of the area

At Asilomar, California, King Mahendra is guest speaker at the general session of the Annual Conference of the World Affairs Council of Northern California. The King is seated at left on the stage





At Castle Air Force Base, Merced, California, King Mahendra inspects various United States Air Force aircraft, escorted by Brigadier General William Kingsbury and Mr. Conger. They are passing under the nose of a B-52 bomber of the Strategic Air Command

King Mahendra enjoys a brief respite from the many official engagements of his tour when he and several members of his party go hunting in the White Mountains of California. The hunt is successful—the King shoots a mountain lion

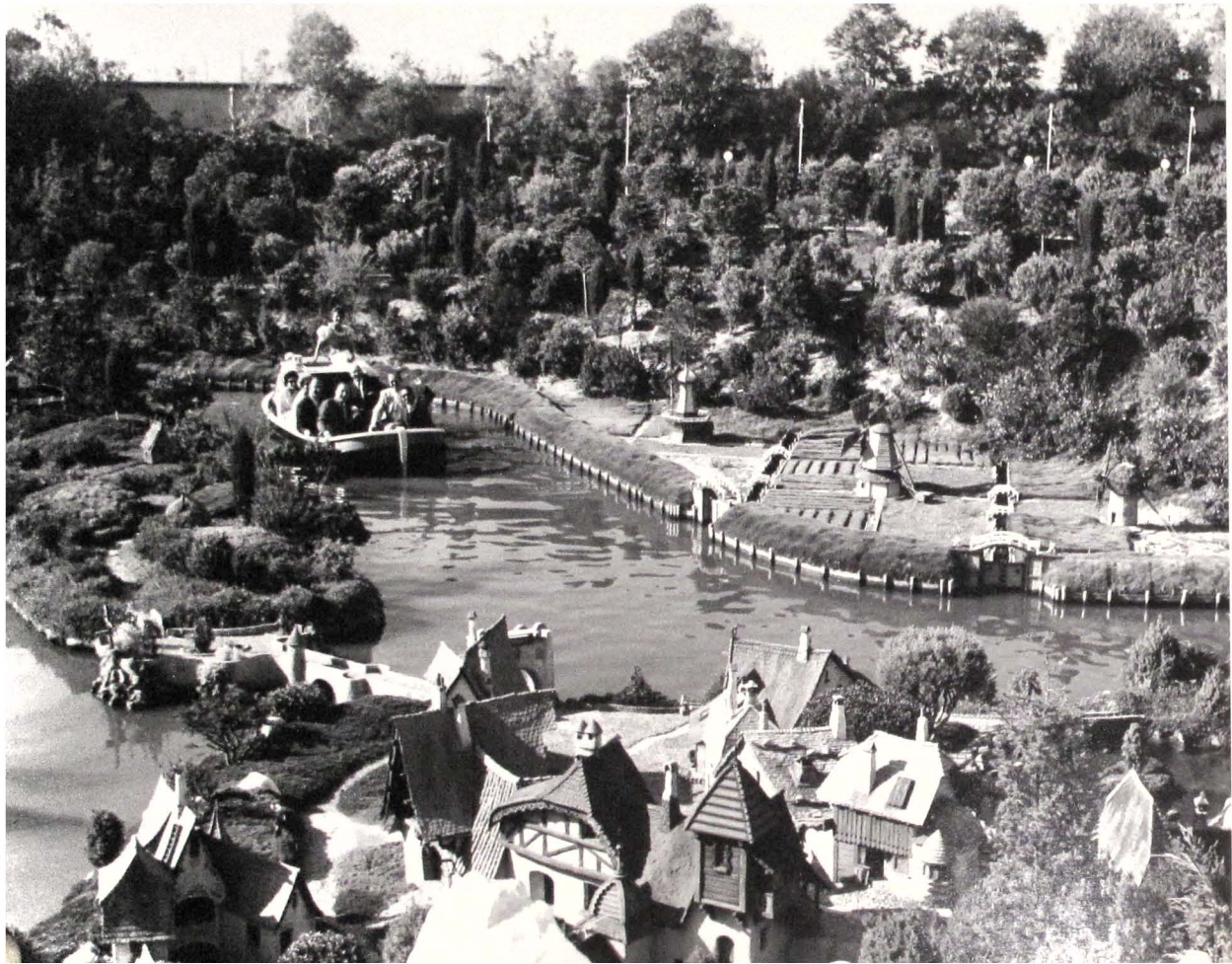




In Los Angeles, California, Their Majesties visit (May 10) the Paramount Motion Picture Studios where they watch the filming of a scene from the motion picture "It's All In A Night's Work," starring actress Shirley MacLaine (right)

King Mahendra inspects a rifle manufactured at the factory of Roy Weatherby (right) in Los Angeles. A hunting rifle made by Mr. Weatherby's firm was presented to the King by President Eisenhower





At Disneyland (May 11), the unique amusement park created by noted cartoonist Walt Disney, King Mahendra and Queen Ratna, accompanied by Mr. Disney, ride along Storybook Canal, featuring miniature displays of storybook characters along either side

Hand-drawn map showing the fictional path of "Alice in Wonderland"





The following day (May 12), the royal couple visit the El Segundo Refinery of the Standard Oil Company of California. Plant Manager Don Harger (left) explains the operation of a fluid catalytic cracking plant, used to produce high-octane gasoline

The King and Queen and members of their party visit Hoover Dam, largest in the Western Hemisphere. Ultimate capacity of this mammoth installation is 1,354,300 kilowatts of electrical energy





The official portion of the tour ended, Their Majesties continue their visit to the United States informally. Among the places they visit is Grand Canyon, Arizona, one of the scenic wonders of the Nation

After a brief visit to Mexico, King Mahendra and Queen Ratna arrive (May 18) in Miami, Florida, in southeastern United States. At Marineland, a museum of marine life, King Mahendra feeds a dolphin as it leaps high out of the water

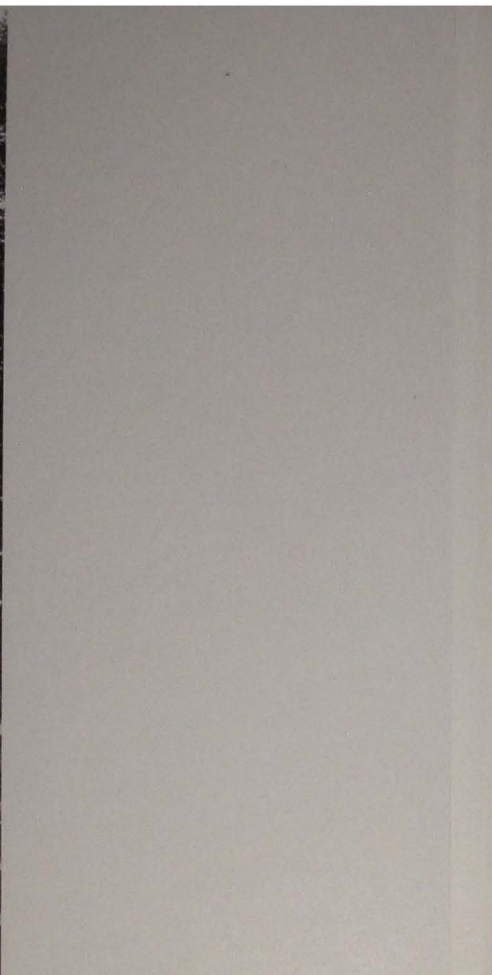
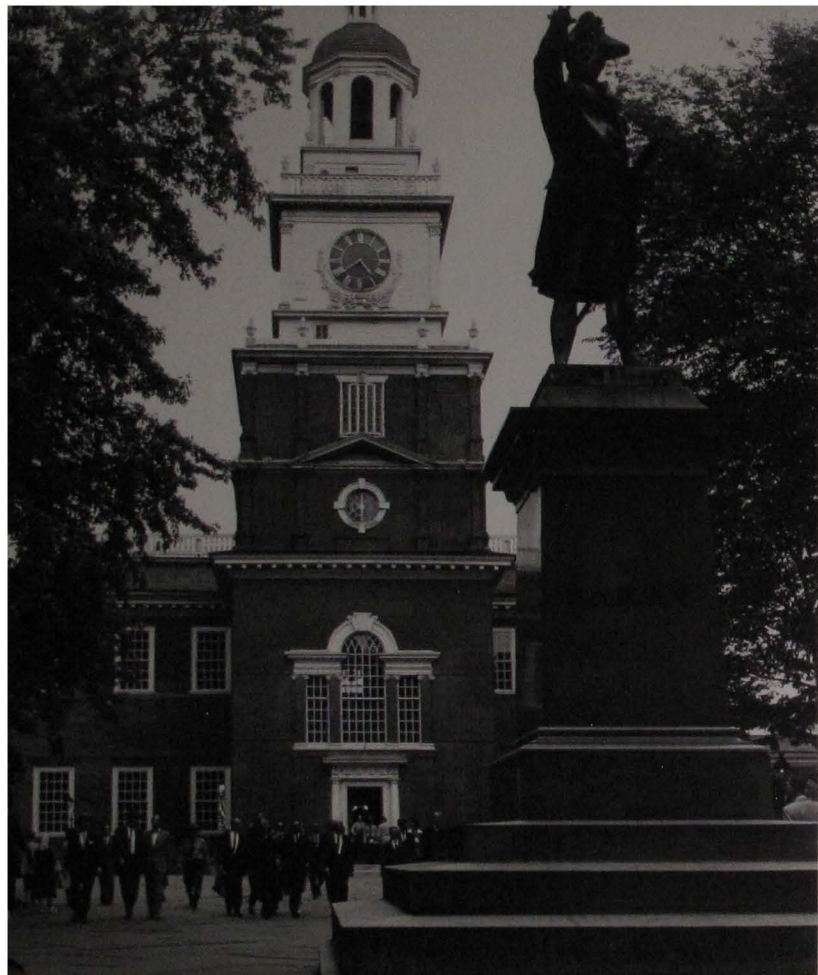




The Parrot Jungle is another of the interesting places visited by Their Majesties

In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, King Mahendra and Queen Ratna visit (May 20) Independence Hall, where they view the historic Liberty Bell, rung to commemorate the signing of the United States Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776





The royal party leaves Independence Hall, built in 1759

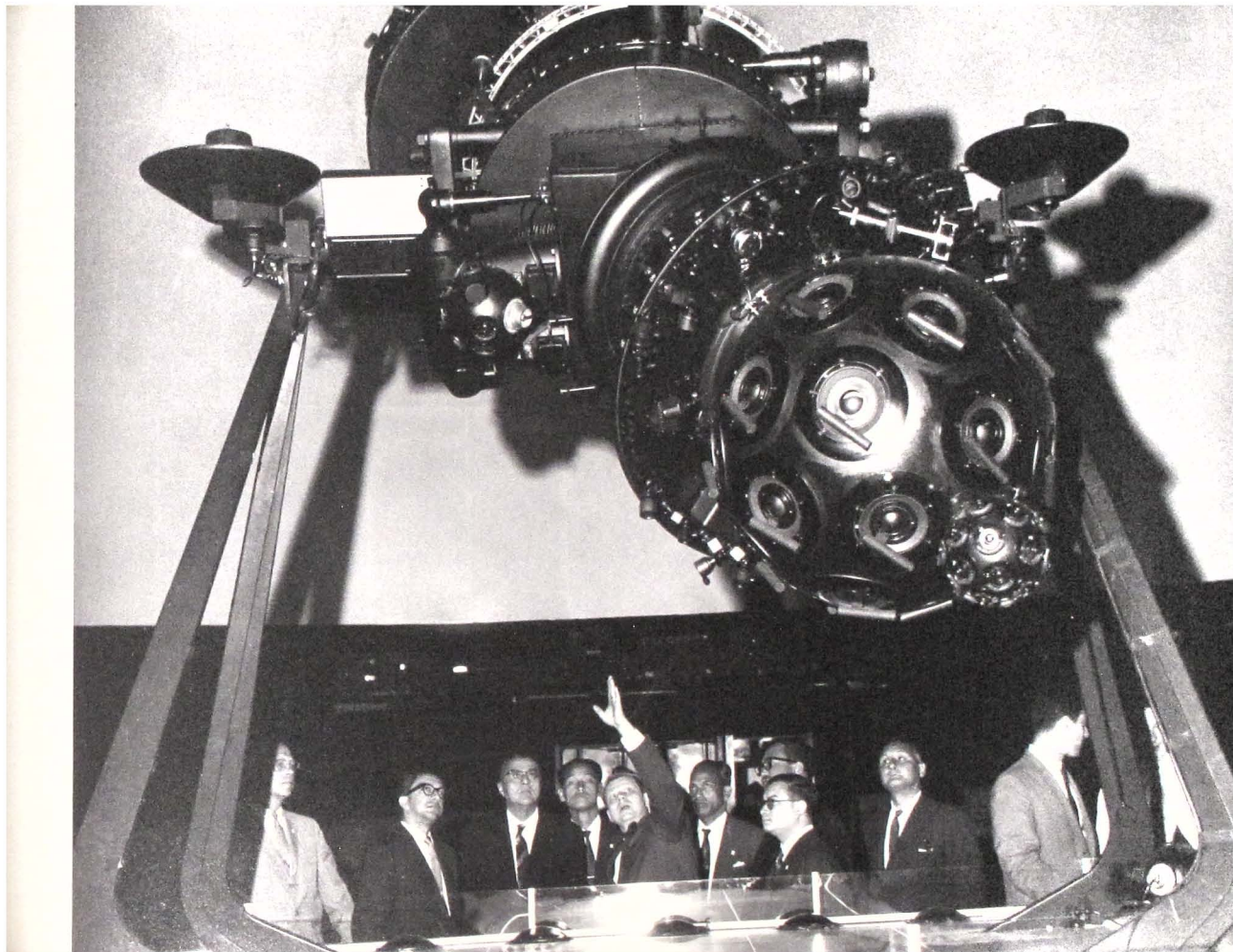
*Their Majesties open a new gallery of Nepalese and Tibetan art
at the Philadelphia Museum of Art*

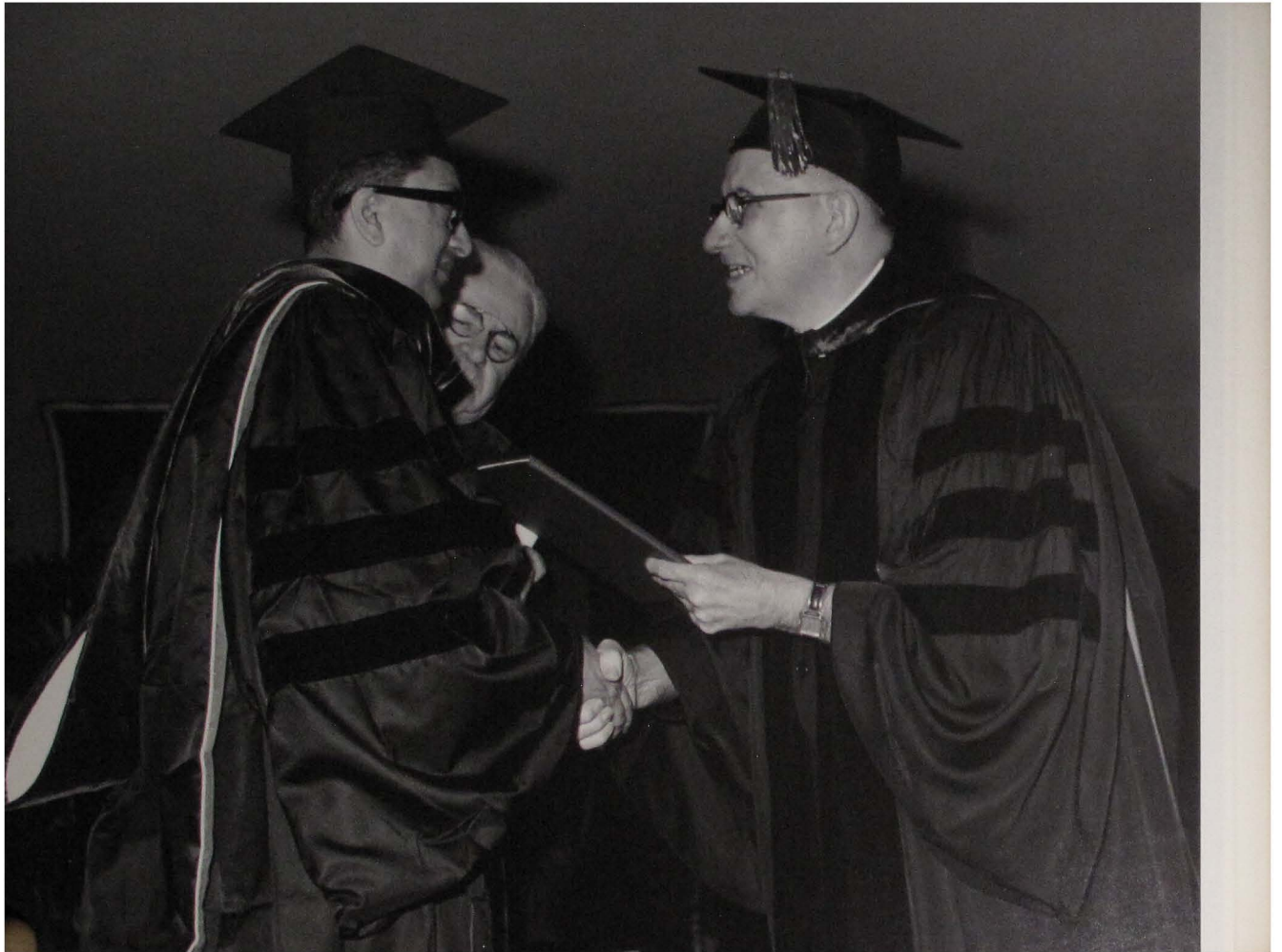




Returning to New York City, King Mahendra is guest of Mrs. Dorothy Norman (standing, right) at an informal reception. The King answers questions about his visit to the United States

At the Hayden Planetarium of the American Museum of Natural History, King Mahendra is shown the large optical device used to project images of the stars on the hemispherical dome of the Theater of the Stars

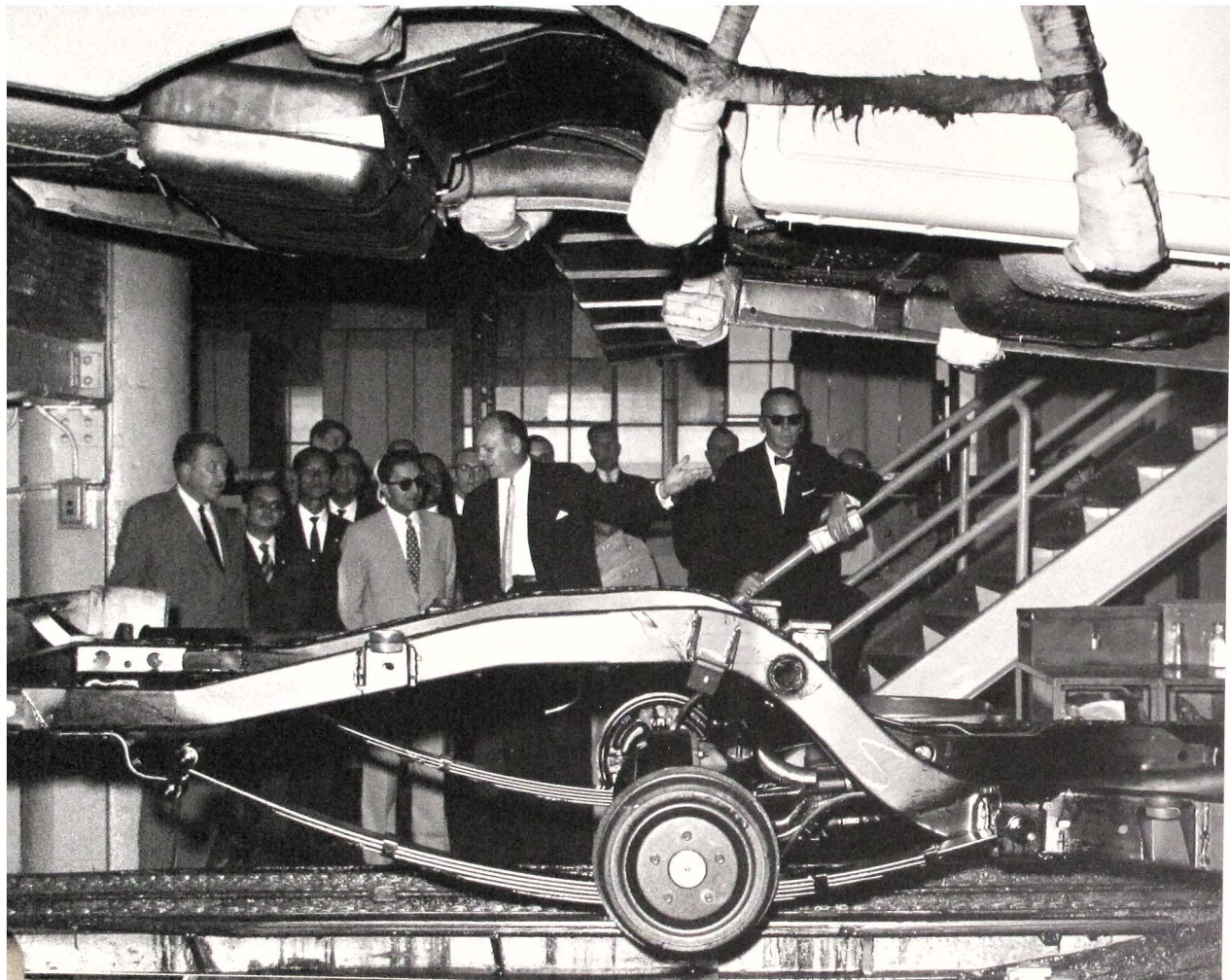




King Mahendra travels next to Detroit, Michigan (May 23), where he receives the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws during an Academic Convocation at the University of Detroit. The Very Reverend Celestin J. Steiner (right), president of the University, confers the degree, assisted by Professor William K. Joyce, university marshal

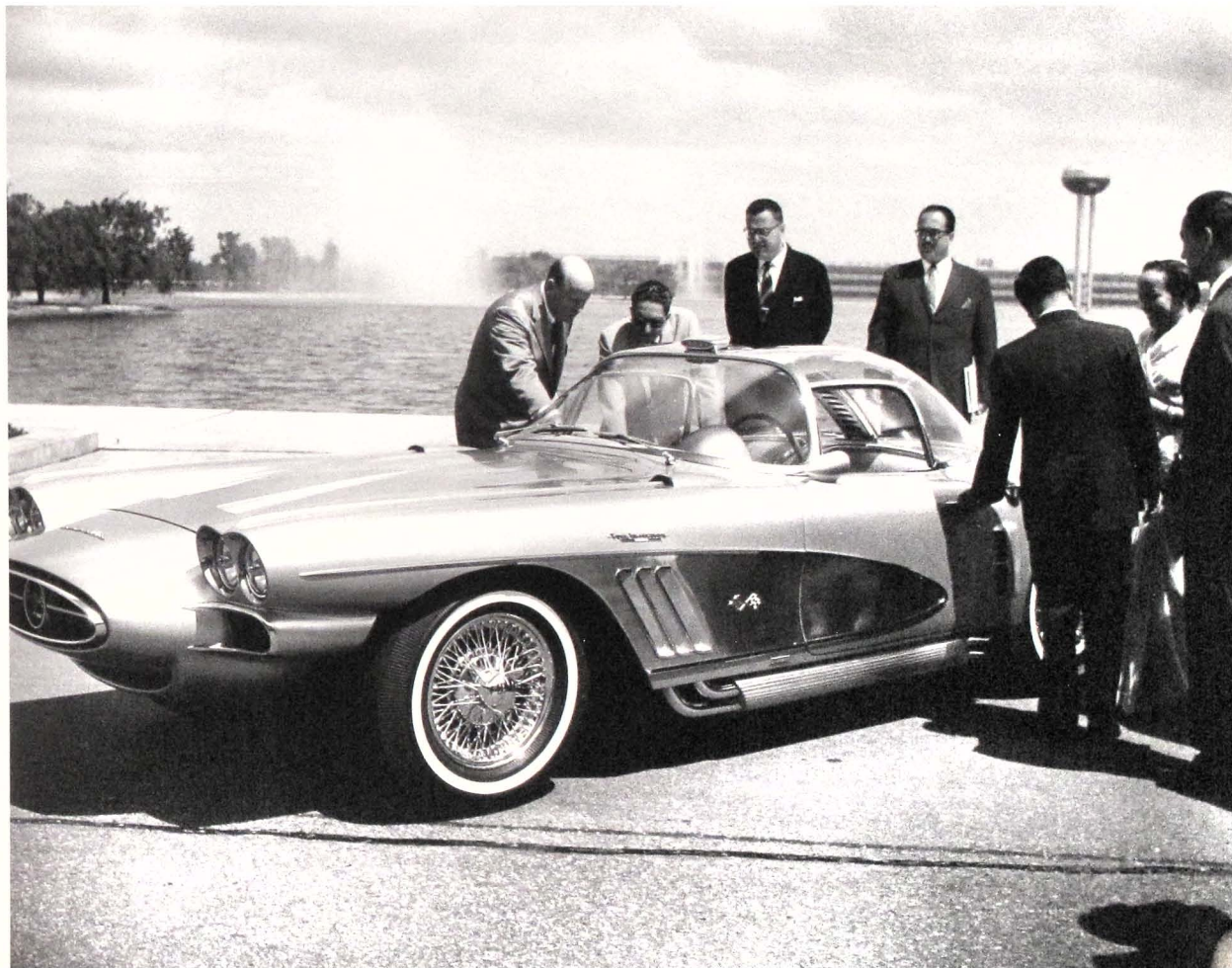
King Mahendra addresses the Convocation at the University of Detroit. Ambassador Shaha interprets the King's remarks





On the assembly line of the Rouge Plant of the Ford Motor Company, King Mahendra watches as an automobile body is lowered onto a chassis frame. A completed automobile comes off the end of this assembly line every minute it is in operation. At left is Henry Ford II

At the General Motors Corporation Technical Center, a vast research area where the cars of the future are designed, King Mahendra inspects (and later drives) an experimental XP-100 Corvette. At left of the King is William C. Mitchell, General Motors vice president in charge of research





*At the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, a museum of historic Americana,
King Mahendra receives a royal welcome from a group of touring school children*

Back again in New York City, King Mahendra is honored at a formal dinner given at United Nations by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold (right). At left is Sir Claude Corea, Ambassador to the United Nations from Ceylon and President of the Security Council





*Their Majesties spend several days privately in New York City, shopping and sightseeing.
This is one of the city's large department stores*

Their visit to the United States ended, King Mahendra and Queen Ratna receive an inscribed history of the City of New York from James J. O'Brien, representing Mayor Wagner. At right is Mr. Conger. The presentation takes place (June 15) at New York International Airport as the royal couple await the departure of their airplane





The distinguished visitors from Nepal bid farewell to their American friends as they board the airplane for their homeward journey