

# A splendid royal and ecclesiastical spectacle

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN

LONDON (AP) — The royal wedding as witnessed from the pews of St. Paul's today was just as Prince Charles wanted it to be: "a marvelous musical and emotional experience."

The bridegroom didn't spend half the time in tears, as he had predicted in a wedding eve interview. In fact he smiled through much of the ceremony, except when the massed choirs sang "Let all the people praise thee, O God" he brushed at his eyes several times as if wiping away tears.

But his voice was manly and robust when he answered "I will" to the marital vows administered by the archbishop of Canterbury.

Lady Diana Spencer's responses were more frail but quite audible in Sir Christopher Wren's magnificent cathedral, where at the archbishop's words "I pronounce that they be man and wife together" she was transformed into the princess of Wales.

It was all a splendid royal and ecclesiastical spectacle of trumpet blasts and surging choirs, even if at one point the bride stumbled over her spouse's four Christian names, and he left out the word "worldly" in promising her all his goods.

The assembled heads of state, crowned heads of Europe and honored guests like first lady Nancy Reagan all joined in the singing of the hymns, as did the wedding couple. The queen of Tonga cooled the

## The Royal Wedding

brow of her husband the king by majestically beating a large rattan fan in time to the music.

Leaving the high altar after the 80-minute ceremony, the princess' father, the Earl Spencer, seemed to lean heavily on the arm of an usher as if worn out or emotionally

drained by it all.

The earl, who suffered a stroke two years ago, also got the seating arrangements mixed up after the newlyweds had signed the register, and did a little switching act with the Queen Mother.

He was helped into the carriage

with the queen, but went off waving and smiling down Lustgate Hill to the post-noon wedding breakfast.

The five bridesmaids, down to 5-year-old Clementine Hambro, one of the new princess' former kindergarten charges, had quite a time turning and gathering in the bride's 25-foot long train.

But they handled it with the aplomb of sailors aloft in the rigging of a clipper ship. And very pretty little maids they were, too, not "eight as ugly girls as you could wish to see," as Lady Somerset sniffed when the future Edward VII was the last prince of Wales to marry 118 years ago.

Those of us in the hired morning suits found the grey topper made an excellent desk, even if it was a bit

difficult to take notes in nylon gloves.

Of course this wouldn't qualify as a royal media event if lenses, film canisters and other shrapnel didn't come cascading down from the scaffolding where the photographers lurked.

An explosion of fallen camera gear during the archbishop of Canterbury's address turned the plumed and helmeted head of the leader of Her Majesty's Honorable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms.

And speaking of turned heads, Prince Philip for some reason did turn and gaze about when the archbishop, the Rt. Rev. Robert Runcie, asked if either the bride or bridegroom knew of any impediment to the marriage.

## Fireworks dazzle London

By ROBERT GLASS

LONDON (AP) — In his last official act as a bachelor, Prince Charles lit the first in a nationwide chain of wedding beacons last night, and London's sky blazed with the most spectacular fireworks display since 1749.

More than 900 people were reported injured in the crush of spectators.

Half a million people swarmed into 341-acre Hyde Park and cheered wildly as Charles — using an Olympic torch handed him by a disabled youth in a wheelchair — lit the first of 101 beacons symbolically carrying the news of his marriage to the farthest reaches of the British Isles.

Buckingham Palace said the event drew one of the largest gatherings of royalty and heads of states in modern times, with 150 members of royalty and foreign government leaders joining the 32-year-old prince of Wales in the royal box for the occasion.

**In black limousine**

Charles rode into the park in a black limousine, seated between his parents, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.

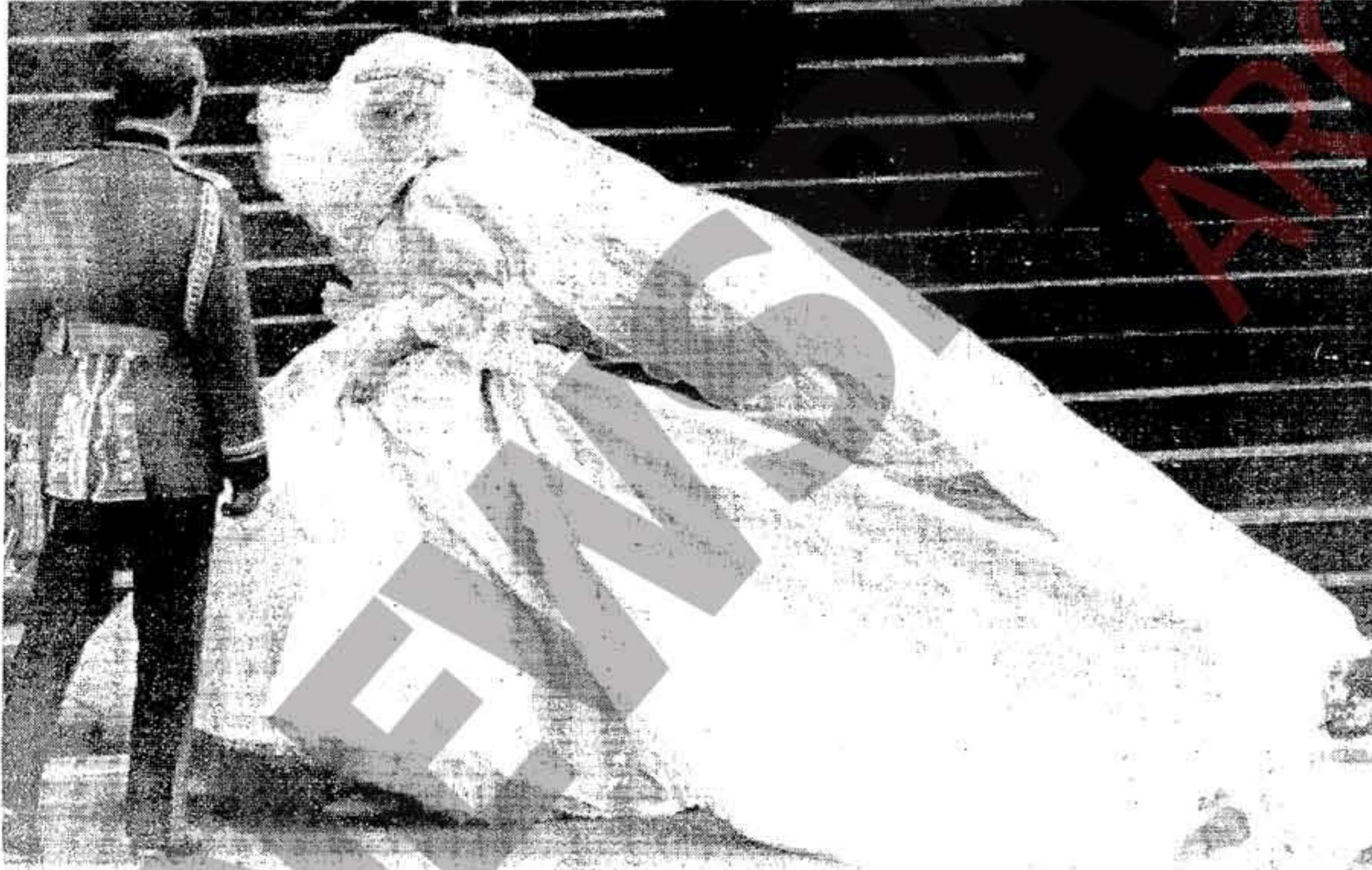
His bride-to-be, Lady Diana Spencer, did not attend the spectacle, spending her wedding eve in traditional seclusion at Clarence House, the residence of 80-year-old Queen Mother Elizabeth.

Nancy Reagan, escorted by Charles' 21-year-old brother, Prince Andrew, arrived in one of seven VIP buses that also carried such dignitaries as France's new Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, King Hussein of Jordan, Prime Ministers Pierre Trudeau of Canada and Malcolm Fraser of Australia and the leaders of many Third World countries.

Aerial panoramas of silver serpents, golden wheat sheaves, feather plumes and bursts of purple, sapphire, ruby, diamond and turquoise drew oohs and aahs from the crowd. Silver star shells, golden rockets and octopus bombs with fiery tentacles flashed across the night.

**1749 display recreated**

The 80-ton, \$121,000 fireworks show recreated a display in nearby Green Park in 1749. It celebrated the signing of the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle with France, ending the Austrian War of Succession.



Lady Diana in stunning wedding dress on steps of cathedral this morning.

AP Laserphoto

## 'The stuff of which fairy tales are made'

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heir to the British throne pronounced, "I Charles Philip Arthur George take thee Diana Frances to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward..."

**Smiles at groom**

Diana, standing in a cloud of white, cast a sidelong glance and smile at her groom.

Then she, speaking scarcely above a whisper, repeated the vow, but slipped up, repeating Charles' full name in the wrong order, promising to marry "Philip Charles Arthur George." Charles also erred at one point, dropping the word

"worldly" when he promised to share his "worldly goods."

The prince of Wales then placed the band of Welsh gold on the bride's hand, and the archbishop, the Rt. Rev. Robert Runcie, declared them wed.

The throngs in the sunshine outside, listening to the ceremony on loudspeakers, broke a hushed silence with loud cheers.

**Big royal occasion**

It was one of the biggest royal occasions in decades, and many believe it may be the last great royal event of this century. Queen Elizabeth II, in good health, has given no sign she might step down in favor of her son.

The queen, wearing light blue, led the two-mile procession from the palace to the cathedral, riding in an open landau carriage beside her husband, Prince Philip, flanked by red-plumed cavaliers.

Prince Charles, in his brass-buttoned Royal Navy commander's uniform, appeared slightly jittery as his carriage rolled from Buckingham Palace. He waved and saluted the crowds, his brother Prince Andrew next to him.

"Hip, hip, hooray!" boomed the throng outside St. Paul's, the national cathedral, as the groom stepped down from his coach. Andrew, his chief "supporter," checked that he brought the ring.

**Last to arrive**

Last to arrive for the ceremony, the first wedding of a future monarch since Elizabeth's own in 1947, was the bride.

Riding in a glass coach and wearing a frilly wedding gown in ivory silk taffeta and old lace with a 25-foot sweeping train, Lady Diana smiled radiantly from behind a lace veil. Her father, the 8th Earl Spencer, sat beside her as two bay horses drew the carriage through the teeming streets.

When she arrived, a vision in white topped by a bejeweled tiara, she turned sweetly to wave to a wildly cheering crowd.

A trumpet fanfare sounded to announce her arrival, and to the robust "Trumpet Voluntary" of Jeremiah Clarke, she took the arm of her father and began the 3 1/2-minute walk down the aisle, followed by her youthful wedding party.

In his sermon following the exchange of vows, the archbishop told the congregation and the royal couple:

"This is the stuff of which fairy tales are made: the prince and princess on their wedding day. But fairy tales usually end at this point with the simple phrase, 'They lived happily ever after.' This may be be-

cause fairy stories regard marriage as an anticlimax after the romance of courtship.

**'Not the Christian view'**

"This is not the Christian view. Our faith sees the wedding day not as the place of arrival but the place where the adventure really begins."

Charles had been seen quickly brushing his hand near his eyes once or twice during the ceremony; he had said the music might make him cry.

His 80-year-old grandmother, the Queen Mother Elizabeth, dabbed her eyes several times as she watched her first grandson and his wife, now the princess of Wales.

For the first time in history a Roman Catholic clergyman took part in a wedding service for British royalty in this Protestant country. Cardinal Basil Hume, head of the Catholic Church here, read a prayer of "Joy and Peace" for the couple.

The crowd outside, some with heads bowed beneath souvenir red-white-and-blue plastic hats, joined in the singing of Diana's personal favorite hymn, "I Vow to Thee, My Country," from hymn sheets distributed along the route.

**Bites her lip**

Queen Elizabeth II bit her lip as the national anthem, "God Save the Queen," was performed in a special arrangement for double orchestra, choir, state trumpeters, organ and clashing cymbals.

The queen alone stood silent as her family, crowned heads of more than 20 nations and dignitaries from the Western world joined in singing with the entire congregation of 3,000.

The world got the first good look at the just-married couple as prince and princess of Wales after they signed the cathedral register and emerged back into the choir and the nave, the bride with her veil off.

The queen smiled as Diana curtsied to her in progressing, arm in arm with her dashing prince, up the aisle.

The ash blonde daughter of an

earl carried a bouquet of golden Mountbatten roses, named for Charles' beloved godfather, who was assassinated in 1979, mixed with lilies of the valley, white orchids and freesias.

They entered the 1902 state postillion landau, drawn by four gray horses with two outriders, and headed back to Buckingham Palace for the appearance on the balcony and the wedding breakfast. Mounted horseguards in silver breastplates and white-plumed helmets rode their black chargers alongside the newlyweds' carriage.

Diana's father joined Queen Elizabeth in her carriage for the ride to the palace, and her mother, Frances Shand Kydd, rode with Prince Philip in another carriage.

"No one can put on anything like this like the British," beamed Bertha Taylor of suburban Chiswick, one of those along the route.

Among the Americans packing central London was Rose Skelton, who brought her 12-year-old and 14-year-old daughters from Ocean Springs, Miss., and spent the night on a Fleet Street sidewalk.

"This is something my children will only experience once in a lifetime. They can see the ceremony on television... but they will never, ever be able to see the coaches, the horses and the future king of England live," she said.

**5,000 police, troops**

The crowds were watched over by more than 5,000 police and troops in what Scotland Yard called its biggest security operation.

Along with the revelry in London, there were grim reminders of the strife and unrest plaguing the country. Rioting erupted for the third night in the mostly black Toxteth district of Liverpool, 180 miles northwest of London. In Northern Ireland, British army experts defused a 400-pound bomb found in a mobile home. Military sources said they believed the guerrillas of the Irish Republican Army planned to blow up an army patrol with it as a "wedding spectacular."

## Police security fit for a king

LONDON (AP) — Thousands of uniformed police scanned the crowds along the wedding route of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer today. Plainclothes officers and special army units mingled with the crowd and watched from rooftops.

Along the final section of the route from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral, the uniformed policemen were stationed every

few yards, chatting and joking with the huge crowd of spectators as Britain mounted one of the largest security operations in its history.

Mail boxes along the route were sealed off to prevent bombs being hidden in them and police with dogs trained to sniff out explosives made final checks inside St. Paul's.

Bomb checks were also made in sewers and police helicopters hovered overhead.

## First lady peachy in silk dress

LONDON (AP) — First lady Nancy Reagan, wearing a peach silk ensemble she had kept secret for weeks, was seated in an honored place at St. Paul's Cathedral today to watch Britain's future king and queen exchange their wedding vows.

Mrs. Reagan, who topped off her outfit with a pale straw hat trimmed in peach chiffon at the brim, represented President Reagan and the United States at the historic ceremony.

Smiling broadly as she arrived alone at the great cathedral, Mrs. Reagan was escorted down the aisle by an usher and seated in the eighth row behind crowned royalty.

The first lady, who in the last year has missed the marriages of both her son and stepdaughter, had said she was unconcerned about where she would be seated at the marriage of Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Princess Diana.

Some British news reports, however, said Mrs. Reagan had requested a first row pew.

**'Could care less'**

"I could care less where I'm seated," the 58-year-old Mrs. Reagan responded to those reports. "I'm just delighted I'm going."

Nevertheless, she was seated far ahead of most of the other 2,500 guests.

Her wedding outfit, which was revealed yesterday, was a peach blouson top over a tuck-pleat skirt with a long matching silk shirt-coat.

It was made by one of her favorite designers, Galanos of Los Angeles.

After the wedding, Mrs. Reagan attended a formal luncheon given by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at the Bank of England. It was the second time Mrs. Reagan has been Mrs. Thatcher's guest during her week-long visit to Britain.

**Private breakfast**

Mrs. Reagan was not invited to a post-wedding party at Buckingham Palace. The palace breakfast was a private affair for about 100 of the royal family's closest friends and relatives.

The first lady, however, has twice before been included at wedding festivities at Buckingham Palace. She was one of 1,500 guests at an after-dinner reception there Monday night. She was again at the palace Tuesday night, among 120 honored guests invited to a wedding eve dinner given by Queen Elizabeth II for the bride and bridegroom.

The 55-year-old queen chose a dress, coat and hat in aquamarine silk crepe-de-chine. The coat was pleated from a yoke fastened from a row of small covered buttons, and her hat trimmed at the back with gauze sprigged with satin flowers and crystals.

The 80-year-old Queen Mother was in, for her, a classic green georgette dress, floating panels cascading from the yoke, and a hat of matching flowers and osprey feathers.

Diana's mother, Frances Shand Kydd, wore a hyacinth blue chiffon dress, fitted at the waist and with a double-filled, low-necked collar.

Mrs. Reagan was to attend a reception tonight given by British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington. She is to fly back to Washington tomorrow aboard the U.S. government aircraft which occasionally serves as Air Force One, ending her first overseas trip since moving into the White House and the longest separation from her husband in their 29-year marriage.



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Robert Runcie, blessing Prince Charles and Lady Diana at the wedding service in St. Paul's Cathedral. Others in the photo are the Queen, Prince Philip and the Queen Mother. In the background are Princess Ann and her husband Mark Phillips, Princess Margaret and her son Viscount Linley.

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