

Riddle of royal film decision

By Daily Mail Reporter

TWO of Britain's biggest cinema chains denied last night that they had turned down the film, "Nigeria Greet Her Queen."

The Nigerian Film Unit's agent said the Rank and A.B.C. circuits had refused the documentary as "lacking in public interest."

But Mr. Richard Hamer, booking manager for the Rank-controlled Odeon and Gaumont cinemas, told me:

"It is quite wrong to say we have turned the film down. It is a very beautiful picture and we shall do our best to give it a showing."

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And Mr. Victor Comer, A.B.C. booking manager, said: "We haven't turned it down either. It's a good account of the Royal Tour, and we have not decided yet whether we can fit it in our programmes or not."

But last night, at a special showing of the hour-long film, the makers reported the Rank and A.B.C. "refusal."

Representatives of some 3,600 independent cinemas will see the film tomorrow. Meanwhile, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have agreed to show the film at the Empire, Leicester-square.