By the Duke of Windsor

The speech he could not deliver

Not long ago the Duke of Windsor was giving a press conference when reporters were shooting questions at him. Suddenly, and unexpectedly, he threw a question back.

"Why do you think that the King's attitude towards the British people is different from his attitude towards his servants?"

The room fell silent, waiting for the Duke to answer.

"Because," he replied, "the King's attitude is different from his servants because the King's attitude towards the British people is different from his servants' attitude towards the British people.

The reporters burst into laughter, and the room fell silent once again as the Duke continued.

"It's simple, really. The King has a certain, well, a certain dignity, don't you think? And that makes him different from his servants.

"And what's more, the King also has a certain responsibility. He has to be in charge of the country, you see. And that's something his servants don't have.

"So you see, the King's attitude is different from his servants' attitude because the King has a certain dignity and responsibility, and his servants don't.

"And that's why the King's attitude towards the British people is different from his servants' attitude towards the British people.

"The King is someone who respects the British people, and that makes him different from his servants."

The Duke paused, then continued.

"Of course, there are exceptions, but that's the general rule, don't you think? The King's attitude is different from his servants' attitude because the King has a certain dignity and responsibility, and his servants don't.

"The King is a man of the people, and that's why he's different from his servants."

The Duke smiled, and the reporters smiled back, but they knew that the Duke was right. The King's attitude towards the British people was indeed different from his servants' attitude towards the British people.