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Now, perhaps, the most brilliant ceremony of all- the opening of ~~Ceylon's~~ ^{her} youngest Parliament by Her Majesty the Queen.

~~But~~ First, the drive to Independence Hall, used instead of the Houses of Parliament, so that more of ~~the~~ ^{her} people could attend the ceremonial opening.

the Queen, wearing her Coronation Robe accompanied by the Duke, takes (Wearing the Coronation Robe),

her place ~~the~~ ^{Asian} oriental pageantry, ~~the Queen and the Duke take their~~ ^{places} on ~~the~~ ^{her} black ebony thrones - used by the former Kings of Kandy.

~~Despite the long stern regalia of the Court, Her Majesty looked cool and charmingly approachable.~~

Captain's ~~the~~ Prime Minister advances to present the Speech from the Throne, and later, the address from the Senate.

And under the gilded arches and ceiling ~~that~~ that formed a series of sparkling rainbows- the Queen- as the centre jewel- speaks in praise of Ceylon- and ~~the~~ ^{its} democratic way of life.

For nearly 150 years, Britain has watched over the interests of this sunny island. ~~A small country, however, with a population as large as any island in the world.~~

And the Queen and her husband acknowledge the ^{GREETINGS} ~~offers~~ of a loyal ~~island~~ people- who add their Asian welcome to the countless tributes paid to a young and lovely Sovereign.