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To-day, 15th September, 1952, sees the fulfilment of the U.N. Resolution which prescribed the federation of Eritrea with Ethiopia. The Act of Federation was ratified last Thursday by the Emperor of Ethiopia, and the Eritrean Government under Ato Tedla Bairu have now taken the oath in Asmara before the Emperor's representative. The physical transfer of government from British to local hands is in its last stages, and this evening the British Chief Administrator, Mr. Cumming, signs a Proclamation, to take effect at midnight, transferring power to the Federal and Eritrean Governments.

To-morrow Mr. Cumming flies to Addis Ababa to pay his respects to the Emperor before leaving for England, and most of his staff (except for a few whom the successor governments are keeping on contract) are returning home, leaving a job of work well done.

It remains now for Senor Anze Matienzo, the United Nations Commissioner for Eritrea, who has played a notable part in the Eritrean settlement, to make his report on his mission to the General Assembly this autumn.

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