

HAILE SELASSIE IN GUILD HALL.

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Noel Bowater, is host to His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, at Guildhall in the City of London. The ceremony takes the form of a Court of Common Council, and the City's pearled sword and mace are displayed before the ceremonial thrones. The Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson, reads an address of welcome to the Emperor who was last in London 19 years ago as a refugee. Watched by the distinguished gathering, the Emperor receives a silver casket containing the address:

Two giant elephant tusks, joined by silver bands and mounted on an ebony base are brought in - this is the Emperor's personal gift to the City.

The Lord Mayor thanks His Imperial Majesty on behalf of the citizens of London. The Guildhall ceremony is one of the last engagements of the Emperor's state visit to Britain.

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