

HAILE SELASSIE  
IMPERIAL JUBILEE.

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia arrives for his Silver Jubilee celebrations at the cathedral where he was crowned 25 years ago. With his Empress, he is greeted on the cathedral steps by two Abbunas, high dignitaries of the Coptic church.

The traditional dress of African warriors, fashions of modern Europe, and the pageantry of medieval Christianity - the ceremonial gestures of the *Ligaba*, (or Master of Ceremonies), announcing the royal arrival - all make a pattern of splendour appropriate to one of the world's most ancient monarchies.

Haile Selassie and his Empress stand before their thrones while the solemn ceremony of the Coptic mass is administered by one of the Abbunas.

The ceremony is attended by representatives of the diplomatic corps, and the Emperor's grandchildren have a privileged position.

Christianity in Ethiopia is almost as old as the Christian era itself; the first Bishop of Ethiopia was consecrated about 330 A.D., and for most of the centuries since then it has been a Christian country - its kings fought for the Byzantine Emperors, and its people have remained proud warriors through the ages.

The cathedral service is over, and the Emperor, and his consort drive through cheering crowds to the Imperial Palace.

Thus Addis Ababa celebrates the silver jubilee of a monarch whose dignity, when his country stood alone against Mussolini's armies, captured the imagination of the world.