

ETHIOPIAN PARLIAMENT AND BANQUET.

Emperor Haile Selassie drives to Parliament House, Addis Ababa, to sign a new constitution for Ethiopia. This milestone in the country's history coincides with another - the Silver Jubilee of the Emperor's coronation. The Emperor and Empress enter the new Parliament building for the signing ceremony.

Under the new constitution, Ethiopians will have freedom of speech and of the Press, universal suffrage, and direct elections by secret ballot. The Emperor retains supreme authority as well as the direction of foreign affairs. This new political structure, the Emperor declares is demanded by the enormous progress Ethiopia has made in the past 25 years.

Cheering crowds, clapping and beating drums, greet Ethiopia's New Deal. To celebrate the event, the Imperial Family give a State banquet for high dignitaries of the country, and the diplomatic corps.

The Silver Jubilee festivities combine the formality of a State occasion in Western countries with the vivid splendour of ancient Africa. Ethiopia was a kingdom when Cleopatra ruled in Egypt; and here, at least, Africa maintains something of the pageantry of centuries gone by.

After the banquet, the Imperial couple preside over a court ball. A glittering climax to an historic day.