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Rain to some extent marred the inauguration of South Africa's State President at Pretoria. Security precautions put cameramen as far off as possible, outside the Palace of Justice. The man chosen for the new Republic's highest office, is Charles Robbert Swart, Governor-General since January last year. To acclaim him, thousands of people came into the city from the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. Here, for many, would be their first view of him, as he arrived, with Dr. Verwoerd, to address them. A brief tribute to him was paid now by the Premier. Africans mostly stayed in their own townships. After Verwoerd's speech the President paid a warm tribute to the Queen's friendliness, for it is with reluctance that many South Africans say good-bye to the Commonwealth. Her Majesty sent best wishes for the Republic's future. For the older Afrikaaners the day meant victory for Paul Kruger. The old President of the Transvaal, they said, had won the Boer War posthumously.... All the world will watch, as South African faces her future as a Republic.