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JAPANESE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Imperial Japan celebrates her 2,600th birthday. Emperor Hirohito and his rarely filmed escort Empress Nagako presides at a ceremony which commemorates the founding of the world's oldest dynasty. Over 50,000 specially invited guests come to watch the ancient rites. Today the Emperor proclaims to the world his direct descent from the Sun Goddess. The age old dance of Nippon is with full dignity, it's a symbol of evolution. The Emperor's legions salute their overlord with a reverence full of centuries. After dark Tokyo resounds to the festivities of carnival, a gigantic procession of decorated cars wind through the main streets in a grand Asiatic Mardi Gras. It's the country's birthday and that's an historic occasion.