

The British cruiser H.M.S. Gambia coming into Portsmouth at the end of the voyage from Malta --- and a salute overhead from aircraft of the Royal Air Force Coastal Command --- began the State Visit of the Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. He had been officially welcomed on board by the Duke of Gloucester --- who, as representative of King George V, had attended the Emperor's Coronation in 1930.

The decorated train steaming into Victoria Station was awaited by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and ^{other} members of our Royal Family.

Travelling with the Emperor was his son, the Duke of Harar.

Also on the platform with representatives of the City and County of London, ^{and other officials,} were Sir Winston Churchill and Mr Eden.

Outside the station, the Emperor inspected a Guard of Honour mounted by the 3rd Battalion, the Grenadier Guards.

Then --- for the procession to Buckingham Palace --- the Emperor rode with the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. This visiting Sovereign, is remembered with respect in these islands..... for it was here in Britain that Haile Selassie lived in patient exile, while his ancient land was held in conquest by Mussolini. They were British forces --- under the legendary General Wingate --- that made possible the Emperor's return in triumph to his capital, in 1941.

In this ~~absolute~~ ruler from Addis Ababa, Britain has a good friend in far-off Africa..... and thus we bid him welcome to our London.