

At St George's Cathedral in Addis Ababa, the Emperor Haile Selassie and the Empress arrived to commence, with a service of the Coptic Church, the celebrations of the royal Silver Jubilee in Ethiopia. It was a service of Thanksgiving, attended by the Government and tribal chiefs of this ancient land; and by the Diplomatic Corps representing the nations of the world. Haile Selassie ascended the throne in 1930

As the Emperor participates in this service of Thanksgiving, no doubt he looks back to the early years of his reign, when his sovereignty was usurped by the war machine of the Fascist Army of Mussolini; the 1935 invasion by tanks and warplanes.

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The warrior tribes of Ethiopia rallied to the standard of their Emperor. But against those modern arms, their primitive weapons were useless. The Emperor was forced to leave the land in which his family had been kings for centuries.

that This day --- as the Emperor walked from the Cathedral, he would remember, too, the Commonwealth forces under General Wingate roused the men of Ethiopia --- and in 1941 drove out the usurper. Paving the way for reforms that would bring this backward kingdom into line with modern times.

On the second day of the Jubilee Celebrations, ~~the~~ ---- the State Opening of Parliament.....at which more reforms for liberal Government were ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ announced.