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HAILE SELASSIE CELEBRATES 25th YEAR SINCE CORONATION

Ethiopia Celebrated for Four Days in Honor of Emperor Haile Selassie's Silver Anniversary of his Coronation. All Government Employees were given a month's salary in advance so they would have money to celebrate.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia—Emperor Haile Selassie, one of the world's two remaining Emperors (Hirohito of Japan is the other), celebrated his 25th coronation recently with great fanfare, pomp and ceremony.

Although crowned 25 years ago, Haile Selassie has been on the Ethiopian throne only 20 years. He spent five years in exile in England, during which absence King Victor Emmanuel of Italy was designated Emperor of Ethiopia by Mussolini.

The Ethiopian Emperor began his Silver Jubilee day's round of ceremonies with prayer at daybreak, as the roar of 21 cannon volleys reverberated over the mountains and through the dales.

After the cannons' roars, the roll of an oversize tom-tom, known as the "Big Drum," drifted down on Addis Ababa from the compound of Menelik's old palace.

Seated in a gilded state coach drawn by six gray horses, the Emp-

eror and the Empress drove in great style through cheering crowds and smiling women of St. George's Cathedral for prayer and thanksgiving services.

The old Cathedral and its approaches were crowded with royalty, nobility and aristocrats and other high-ranking Ethiopians. Representatives of foreign states also were present.

The United States was represented by the American Ambassador, Dr. Joseph Simonson. Washington sent out as a special delegation to assist Dr. Simonson, an Oregon businessman, a Washington, D.C. woman civil leader, and the U.S. representative on the U.N. Trusteeship Council.

Thoughtful people here have been wondering why one of America's outstanding colored leaders was not included in the U.S. delegation sent to this African state.

With its huge colored population, America can hardly be said to be fully and completely represented at any celebration, meeting or ceremony abroad unless some colored person is included in its representation. This is particularly and peculiarly so when delegations are sent to Africa and other colored countries.

Rev. E. Richardson Named Chaplain

The Y's Men's Service Club of the London T.M.-Y.W.C.A. has asked Rev. E. Richardson to act as chaplain for their organization. The service club is one of the important works of the Y. Rev. Richardson, known throughout Ontario as pastor, counsellor and friend, has served in the B.M.E. connexion and many cities in Ontario. He has his headquarters in London for nearly a decade.

Replacing Rev. George Boyce, of the London B.M.E. church at the Y's Men's meeting last December, Rev. Richardson spoke on Race-Religion, and won the confidence of the Y's Men as an outstanding man and a credit to his people. At his next meeting a unanimous decision by the Y's Men to request Rev. Richardson to act in the capacity of chaplain was passed. This position was held previously by Rev. John of Dundas Centre, London.

DOUGLAS CITES HULAN JACK IN ANSWER TO RED QUERIES

NEW YORK — Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court was principal speaker at the 1956 New March of Dimes campaign last week at the Ambassador Hotel.

He told an audience of approximately 400 leaders of industry and commerce that while in Russia last summer, he was "cross-examined" about the treatment of colored Americans.

Justice Douglas said in answering their questions, he tried to give a picture that America was a place where people of all races, creeds and nationalities lived in democracy.

He pointed out that he was happy to reply that the President of the Borough of Manhattan, Hulan Jack, is a colored man and that we are all proud of him in America.

Mr. Jack was sitting on the platform as Justice Douglas spoke.

He went on to say he found in America an ever-present all-powerful "inequality" that "takes care of everything for the people," declaring:

"If Americans become 'dependent' on an all-powerful government, we become sub-servient to such a government and lose our much cherished freedom."

St. Augustine's Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Father of Rejection
Father Lewis today told of the incident:

"They met me in front of the church and said, 'Father, we know you come to preach the word of God but we can't afford to have a colored priest preach to our congregation. We represent the delegation from the people.'"

"Then they said they would see the archbishop and they would stay at the church and tell the people there would be no mass that morning."

The archbishop's letter said one group of Catholics at Myrtle Grove had expressed sympathy and regret to Father Lewis over the incident.

NEGROES WIN TOP SPOTS IN STATE ELECTIONS

As the fall elections came to a close throughout the U.S. a number of Negro politicians have wedged a niche for themselves in the political picture, most of whom ran for office on the democratic ticket.

In New York, Judge Harold A. Stevens became the first Negro elected to the State Supreme Court when he piled the second highest number of votes, 415,351, to gain a seat on the high court bench. He won a fourteen-year term at a salary of \$30,000 and will serve in the first district, covering the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx.

Judge Stevens was serving a temporary six-month period on the appointment of Governor Harriman of New York. Before the appointment, he had been the first Negro elected to the Court of General Sessions.

In another jurical race, Judge Carson Dewitt Baker, also of New York, serving a one-year temporary appointment by Mayor Wagner, beat his Republican rival for judgeship in the Tenth Municipal Court. He will serve for ten years at a salary of \$17,500.

In Mount Vernon, N.Y. Republican H. Patrick Avery, and Democrat, Dr. William Randolph, were defeated in their efforts to seek election as Board of County Supervisors.

In Detroit, John Dingell Jr., who had the blessing of the political action committee (UAM-CIO), topped his contenders, the Rev. Charles A. Hill and Dr. Richard Bowman, the only Negro candidates seeking the democratic nomination for Congress.

The contest was for the unexpired term of the late John Dingell Sr., whose untimely death left the vacancy. His son, campaigning largely on his father's name, faces Republican Tom Brennan in the run-offs.

In Philadelphia, former Recorder of Deeds, Marshall L. Shepard, councilman Raymond Pace Alexander,

and 47th Ward Democratic Leader Earl Lane joined Mayor-elect Richardson Dilworth in his victory to continue Democratic control of the city.

Also in Philadelphia, Municipal Court Judge Theodore O. Spaulding amassed 647,680 votes on both the Democratic and Republican slate to return to office.

New Haven's 19th Ward whose candidates are traditionally Negro in both major political parties, elected two Democrats to office. They are: James E. Keyes, 35-year-old mortician, elected as 19th Ward Alderman, and Richard W. Brown, 29-year-old student embalmer, re-elected selectman.

In Memphis, the Rev. Roy Love, pastor of the Mount Nebo Baptist Church and the lone candidate to seek office on the City School Board made a strong bid for the post but fell 6,000 votes behind as the unofficial votes count was completed Friday.

In Toledo, Ohio, Councilman James B. Simmons Jr., retained his place in the City Council in the municipal election there last week. Democrat Simmons ran a strong fifth in the city-wide election to pick nine councilmen in a field of eighteen.

Elsewhere in Ohio: Charles Lucas of Cleveland won a victory to get a seat on the State School Board. Kellogg, Carr and Capers won in Cleveland's councilman's race. Atty. Russell Carter of Dayton lost his second bid for judge.

In Alexander, Ark., an aluminum worker was elected to the City Council. He was A. C. Wallace, one of seven candidates for the five seats on the council.

The Rev. Frank R. Gordon of Knoxville, Tenn., was nominated for a seat on the School Board in Knoxville.

In Pittsburgh, Democrats Paul Jones was re-elected to his position as City Councilman, and Harry Fitzgerald was re-elected alderman.

NEW ENTERTAINER IN LONDON — RICHARD DOUGLAS

Another young London who is making a name for himself in the entertainment field is Richard Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, of London, Ontario. Richard's tap dancing has been enjoyed by all who have seen him in and around London at hospitals, churches and benefits. Those who watched Kitchener T.V. station or happened to catch him at the Odeon Theatre in London, will agree that here is a young man to watch.

SHOTGUN KILLER STANDS MUTE AT ARRAIGNMENT

James Howard, 36, stood mute upon arraignment on first degree murder charges Tuesday for the shotgun slaying of Mamie Irvin, 23 of 1457 Sheridan last week.

Howard was remanded to county jail until a later pre-trial examination date has been set.

Mrs. Irvin, the mother of two children by a former marriage, was allegedly shot by Howard in the bedroom where her two boys were asleep following heated argument because she refused to cook.

Howard followed Mrs. Irvin into the bedroom and partially decapitated her with a blast from a .16 gauge shotgun from a distance of three feet, police said.

He then left the woman's body draped across the children's bed and calmly walked to another room of the house and went to sleep until 4 a.m., police reported.

The shooting occurred at 9 p.m. Mrs. Jesse Beckton, of 3705 Lafayette, said at the arraignment that Howard came to her home the next morning and related details of the slaying.

He said she believed Howard had been drinking at the time.

SUSPEND MISSION SERVICES AS NEGRO PRIEST REJECTED

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel has suspended services at the St. Cecile Roman Catholic Mission at Jesuit Bend because parishioners refused to permit a Negro priest to celebrate mass.

The archbishop also reduced services at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at Belle Chasse and at St. Joseph Mission at Myrtle Grove. All three churches are across the Mississippi River from New Orleans.

In a letter to members of the church and members, Archbishop Rummel said he addressed "with sentiments of deep sorrow" the first communications of its kind in the long experience of 27 years during which we have been entrusted by the Holy See with the Episcopal office.

Cites Discrimination
The letter told of the arrival of the Negro priest at Jesuit Bend on October 2, and added:

"He was approached by several members of the congregation and informed politely but in unmistakable language that he was not to celebrate holy mass in that mission chapel."

"The only reason alleged for the unwarranted interference with the discharge of his duty was the fact that he is a member of the Negro race."

The archbishop called the incident "clearly a violation of the obligation of reverence and devotion which Catholics owe to every priest of God regardless of race, color or nationality."

The Rev. Father Clement Meyer, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, identified the Negro priest as the Rev. Father Gerald Lewis of

SINGER TO FEATURE CHURCH BIRTHDAY

Miss Mattie Willis, of Battle Creek, Mich., presented a soprano recital at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mainland street. Miss Willis, a dramatic soprano, lecture-recitalist and a concert oratorio and radio artist, was here for the observance of the 50th anniversary of the church.

Miss Willis studied under the late Dr. R. Nathaniel Dett, renowned Negro composer and teacher. She was taught by the late Harper C. Maybacc.

YOUNG STATE DEMS ELECT FIRST NEGRO

The Michigan Young Democrat Clubs elected a Negro for the first time to one of its top state offices, at its recent three-day convention held at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel.

Elected state treasurer was Raymond M. Murphy, 27, a Dodge Main employee, and member of Local 3, UAW-CIO, where he is active in the Fair Employment Practices Commit-

POSTMAN FOR THREE GENERATIONS GETS LETTER CONTAINING \$101

WASHINGTON — A mail carrier who has been serving three generations of Washingtonians in the up-town S St. area was honored by thoughtful patrons on his route Wednesday.

Thomas Clifton Anderson, 62, of 1460 Fuller St. NW, received \$101.00 in contributions from a delegation of citizens in the 15-square-block area which he serves.

The gift was made in appreciation of his 35 years of faithful service in the neighbourhood. The presentation was made by Mrs. Evelyn W. Easterly of 936 S. St. NW, scene of the brief, moving ceremony.

Murphy, who was an unsuccessful candidate for state representative in the Thirteenth District last year, has been treasurer of the Young Democrat Club in his district for two terms.

He is also a delegate to the senior Democratic convention.