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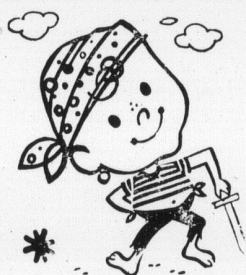
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Emperor Haile Salassie is greeted in Ottawa by Prince Michael Makonnen, 13, (right) his grandson, and Lij Michael Mengesha, 13, his great-grandson. In background are Governor - General Vanier and Prime Minister Pearson.

Mounties Perform Musical Ride For Emperor Haile Selassie

OTTAWA (CP) — Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia begins the second day of his state visit to Canada today by

attending a special performance of the famed Royal Canadian Mounted Police musical ride.

The Emperor later placed a wreath at the national war memorial and then attended a luncheon in his honor given by the Canadian government.

His official day ends when he will give a press conference on Parliament Hill.

When the Emperor stepped from his aircraft onto the red carpet at RCAF Station Uplands to being a state visit, following closely behind was an old personal friend—Social Credit leader Robert Thompson.

Moments later the bearded emperor, dressed in a field marshal's uniform, spotted two 13-year-old lads wearing the navy blue blazers and crests of Ashbury College, a private school in the wealthy suburb of Rockcliffe Park village.

While members of the cabinet, diplomats and other dignitaries waited in line, Haile Selassie shook hands and embraced the youngsters—grandson Prince Michael Makonnen and great grandson Michael Mengesha.

The emperor, who last visited here in 1954, was greeted by Mr. Pearson as "the embodiment of the movement of Africa co-operation through independent states, which is sweeping across the continent."

"The 1960s may well be known to history as the African decade, when more than 25 sovereign African states have joined the world community," the prime minister said. "By contrast, Ethiopia can look back to 3,000 years of independent nationhood."

"Nothing could have been more fitting, therefore, than that the leaders of 32 independent African states should have gathered in Addis Ababa (the Ethiopian capital) last May to lay the foundation of future African unity."

Replying briefly in Amharic and French, the emperor said he reaffirmed his dedication to the cause of peace and freedom, something he said both countries shared.

He hoped his three-day visit would help deepen the friendly sentiments between Canada and Ethiopia. (At present the two countries have no formal diplomatic ties).

Governor - General Vanier said the emperor's wisdom and courage had captured everyone's admiration.

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