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CITY RECEPTION FOR HAILE SELASSIE.

19/10/54.

At the Guildhall, the Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia was welcomed by the Lord Mayor, Sir Noel Bowater and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, for the kind of ceremony which, in the City of London, is accorded to its most distinguished visitors.

In what is known as a Court of Common Council, His Imperial Majesty --- whose family's associations with Britain go back more than a century --- was presented by the Lord Mayor with an address of welcome in a silver casket.

So far the proceedings had been carried on in ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the manner of tradition. But a surprise followed in the form of a return gift from the guest --- two enormous and magnificent elephant tusks, joined by a silver band, upon an ebony base; and a pair of hunting spears.

