

JOHORE: SULTAN'S CORONATION.

Upon the Coronation centred the thoughts of the State of Johore. In the royal palace there was splendour as it is still understood in the "gorgeous east". The Sultan came to the Throne in May last year, and into the Throne Room now was borne the crown of rubies, emeralds and diamonds. With a declaration of loyalty, the Prime Minister led the notables of the State in playing homage.

The Sultan's beautiful daughter then saw her 65-year-old father have the splendid crown placed on his head. Johore, at the southern tip of the Malayan Peninsula, has nearly a million people. The ceremony concluded with the coronation of the Sultana. Created more than 400 years ago, the State of Johore has known times good and bad, one of the worst being the Japanese wartime occupation. Johore has always come up smiling. Under its new Sultan may the present good fortune continue.