



Empress of Abyssinia

Returning To Abyssinia

It may be recalled that on the occasion of a garden fete held last month on behalf of the Mayoress of Swindon's Comfort Fund, the Empress of Abyssinia was unable to fulfil a promise to perform the opening ceremony. Princess Tenagnework attended and apologised on her mother's behalf explaining diplomatically that her health "did not permit the journey to Swindon".

We are now able to announce that the Empress, with her suite, left Bath and England some time ago. She is expected shortly to arrive in Addis Ababa, there to rejoin the Emperor. That was the true reason why the Empress failed to visit Swindon and obviously, it could not be revealed at the time.

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OPC Note:-

The Empress of Abyssinia, Menen Asfaw, she was the wife of Emperor Haile Selassie I. It was in 1941 that the emperor was restored to the throne with the support of the British Government following the Italian invasion. The emperor, empress and their children had been living in Bath, Somerset from 1936 to 1941