



## **REPUBLICANS** *on the* **THRONE** a PERSONAL ACCOUNT of ETHIOPIA'S MODERNIZATION *and* PAINFUL QUEST *for* DEMOCRACY

### About the Book:

Republicans on the Throne is a memoir spanning the author's youth and six-decade career in the United Nations, the government of Ethiopia, and the African Development Bank. This book examines closely the fundamental forces behind the revolution along with its failed attempts to improve the country's fortunes on both the economic and political fronts. It also provides an assessment of the policies and practices of the new rulers, how the country is faring under their leadership, and concludes that major challenges remain in the struggle for democracy, fundamental freedoms, national cohesion, and the fight against poverty. While there is little doubt that the curtain has fallen on Ethiopia's monarchy, this has not prevented a new breed of tyrants (two thus far) from installing themselves on the throne. Ethiopia's heritage of autocracy therefore survives, but in a far less paternalistic and more sinister form than hitherto. This leads many to be apprehensive about the prospects for democracy, but the author is more sanguine and offers his perspective in the book.

### What others are saying:

"A valuable autobiography by a patriotic Ethiopian who is well placed to comment on the trends and aspirations of post-revolutionary Ethiopia." --**Richard Pankhurst**

"This is an engaging book, which provides a good read for anyone interested in the unfolding drama of development in an African country through the eyes of one of its leading practitioners." --**Shiferaw Bekele**

"This book is a well-written, straight-forward account of what has happened in Ethiopia during the past three-quarters of a century. I recommend it highly." --**Theodore Vestal**

### About the Author:

Born and educated in Ethiopia and subsequently in the U.S., **Tekalign Gedamu** started his career as an economist working for the UN in New York and for the Emperor Haile-Selassie's Government. In 1974 he held a cabinet post in the short-lived Endalkatchew Makonnen's government. In 1977, he became economic advisor to the African Development Bank and later served as vice president. In 1995 he returned to Ethiopia and help found a private commercial bank which he managed for seven years. Simultaneously, he served on the boards of a number of national and international NGOs.

### What:

Book launch, discussion and signing

### Who:

Tekalign Gedamu, the author

### When:

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Ethiopian Community Association  
44th and Chestnut Street, Philadelphia

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