



**TO HONOR THE DEAN**—Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstierne (center), Norwegian Ambassador and dean of the Washington diplomatic corps, is shown receiving a silver tray yesterday marking his 45th anniversary as a diplomat. Ambassador Sevilla-Sacasa of Nicaragua made the presentation as Mme. de Morgenstierne stood by.—AP Photo.

## TODAY IN SOCIETY

EXCLUSIVELY YOURS

### Charity Ball Gay; Top Envoy Honored

By BETTY BEALE

The Pan American Union ballroom wiggled and waved and shimmied and shook last evening like it's never done before. It was the scene of one big successful party.

The charity ball for the benefit of United Cerebral Palsy, Washington, D.C., drew the Capitalites who knew what to do when they heard the hot Latin music of Tito Puente and his orchestra and how to do it. There was some extremely warm exhibition dancing by professionals Tybee and Barry at one point, but as the evening waxed and the music waxed peppier, they might have learned a thing or two by watching some of the Latin guests.

Glipped from the Aztec gardens, the Pan American Union looked like an MGM set. Tables surrounded by socialites filled the upper terrace and spilled down on the grass below. A long table laden with colorful and delectable food and flanked by a bar at each end formed the terrace backdrop. Los Caballeros, strolling Mexican musicians in snappy black and white costumes strummed their guitars and sang sweet harmonies that floated out into the general gaiety. And overhead the arched balconies of the ballroom framed the brilliant light of the elegant crystal lit-ballroom against the dark of the night.

#### Beware of Monkeys

Beyond the fountain in the foliage-filled patio three cages of rare marmosets drew the attention of new arrivals. Flown up from South America by Pan American World Airways, they will end up at the Washington Zoo. Despite their minute size and adorable little faces, signs warned, "Don't touch, they all bite." Exotic flowers for every table and a gardenia for every feminine guest had been flown in from south of the border by the Air Shopping Service and Avianca of Mexico.

A little burro wearing a lovable look and baskets of flowers on his back stood outside the door of the Union to add more color. He wasn't flown from anywhere. He was driven in from his home in Potomac, Md.

Out on the terrace, Mrs. Marjorie Merriweather Post,

topping her evening dress with a chinchilla capelet, entertained a table of guests that included the Austrian Ambassador and Mme. Gruber, Assistant Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Struve Hensel, former Ambassador and Signora Rosso—she wrapped in white fox; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Le Baron.

#### Mrs. Post Hostess

Mrs. Post's daughter and son-in-law, Deenie and Stan Rumbough, were hosts at another table that included Uruguayan Ambassador and Senora de Mora—he is the president of the Council of the Organization of American States; Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Henry Holland, Colombian Counselor and Senora de Chavez, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Duval and the David Moores.

Peruvian Ambassador and Senora de Berckemeyer were with the Charles Willises, Nancy and Tom Clagett, Secretary Dulles' Man Friday Rod O'Connor and his bride, the Dick Harknesses and the John Sutherlands.

At least 25 Latin ambassadors to the United States or OAS were glimpsed in the crowd including Dominican Ambassador Salazar who was doing a terrific samba with Mrs. Loy Anderson.

Taking turns in the receiving line last night were the women responsible for the success of the ball. They were Chairmen Mrs. Tom Killefer and Mrs. John Jordan, and assistants Anne Heard, Mrs. Burdette Wright, Jr., Claire Snow, Mrs. Harry Snowden and Mrs. George Mahoney.

The only hitch to the party was that the ballroom was a long flight of stairs from the terrace and had to be climbed for each dance. Next time they'll have to put up a dance floor in the Aztec gardens.

#### Norwegian Ambassador Marks 45th Year Here

Washington's most delightful dean was given an anniversary party yesterday morning by the most staggering representation of sovereign nations to gather in one drawing room.

The much loved Norwegian Ambassador Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstierne, dean of the diplomatic corps, was presented with a silver tray from his colleagues to commemorate his 45th year in Washington.

The 11 o'clock gathering was meant to be a surprise affair but Ambassador Morgenstierne confessed in his acceptance remarks that his surprise had come when he first heard about it a few days earlier. "Somehow or other 45 never occurred to me as a particularly round figure," he said with a smile. "I thought I would at least have to wait another five years."

Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstierne first set foot in Washington on May 26, 1910, when he and the Norwegian Minister comprised the legation staff. A few weeks after his arrival the Minister died

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so Wilhelm was "it." His headquarters as Norway's diplomatic representative was an apartment in the Bachelor Apartment House on H street across from the Metropolitan Club. "I slept in the bedroom and the living room was the legation," he quipped as he crossed the night to a half century in his mind.

Canadian-born Mme. Morgenstierne, who was the only diplomatic wife present, said she met her husband in Winnipeg, Canada, and came to Washington with him as his bride on December 31, 1926. They arrived in town about 10 in the evening and Marjorie suggested, after they checked in at the Mayflower, that they walk down to the White House. As the bells of the New Year rang out they were looking through the fence of 1600 Pennsylvania avenue. "I fell in love with Washington then," she recalled.

#### Chiefs of Mission Attend

Just about every chief of mission showed up yesterday at the handsome residence on the corner of Massachusetts and Thirty-fourth that is the Embassy today. There was the British Ambassador Sir Roger Makins chatting with French Ambassador Couve de Murville. Were they talking about the British elections or the "meeting at the summit?" "Both," they smiled.

Canadian Ambassador Heeneey and Cuban Ambassador Campa shook hands and decided then and there they would consider that their exchange of official calls. Soviet Ambassador Zaroubin stayed in a huddle with the Ambassadors of Czechoslovakia and Poland. Rumanian Minister Moisescu arrived with his interpreter.

Nicaraguan Ambassador Se-

villa Sacasa, second in rank to the dean, major-domoed the presentation which he had been most instrumental in arranging. When he presented the tray to the dean on behalf of his colleagues, Ambassador Morgenstierne amusingly began his reply with, "Mr. Vice Dean, amigo." He also drew some chuckles when he remarked, "This business of being dean is not due to getting older."

## The Lounge

LUNCHEON from noon

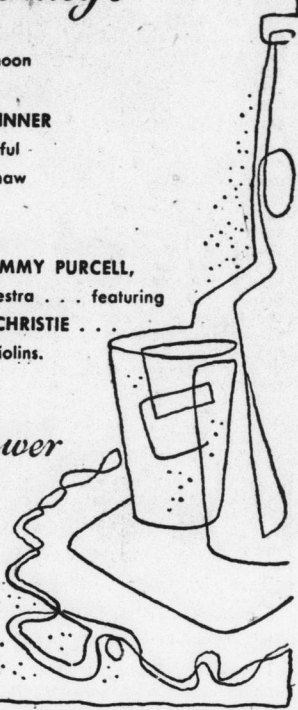
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## AEC Scientists Pass Washington Party Test

By PATRICIA SIMMONS

A couple of years ago, Prof. Willard Frank Libby, applying the so-called "carbon test" to a small piece of burnt wood from its site on Salisbury Plain, estimated that the famous ruin, Stonehenge, dates back to 1848 B.C. plus or minus 275 years.

Yesterday Mr. Libby and his colleague in the Atomic Energy Commission, Dr. John Neumann, passed the Washington party test with flying colors.

One uses protocol, not carbon, for the Washington party test.

At a reception given by the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and Mrs. Lewis Strauss for these two new AEC members and their wives, there were present some not-so-secret ingredients for the successful Washington party:

A Cabinet Corner—Secretary of Defense Wilson soon settled down on a comfortable couch with a cool glass. He

let his wife move through the crowd and tackle the handshaking.

A Supreme Court Justice—Stanley Reed still talking about the gala party given at the Sulgrave Club Wednesday evening by Aviatrice Jackie Cochran.

#### Cafriz Covers Seven

A No. 1 Hostess—Gwen Cafriz in dinner clothes announcing that she had seven parties to take in during the day.

A White House Man—Presidential Adviser Sherman Adams who always looks like he's having a good time.

Some Diplomats—Like the Ambassador of Canada and Mrs. Heeneey, the van Roijens of the Netherlands, the Ambassador from South Africa and Mrs. Holloway, Baron Silvercruys of Belgium and Lord and Lady Makins of Great Britain.

Top Brass—Gen. and Mrs. Mathew B. Ridgway, Mrs. Arthur Radford and asked from the Atomic Energy Military Liaison Committee: Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Kenner F. Hert-

ford, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Harry Roper, Rear Admiral and Mrs. George C. Wright, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Paul H. Ramsey, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Herbert Thatcher and Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Richard T. Colner Jr.

Lawmakers—Among those you may have spotted from the Atomic Energy Joint Committee: Senator and Mrs. Clinton P. Anderson, Senator and Mrs. Bourke Hickenlooper, and Representatives John Dempsey, Carl Durham, Carl Hinshaw, Paul Kilday, James Patterson, Melvin Price and James Van Zandt.

Assorted V. I. P.—Like Ambassador for Peace Harold Stassen, Director of CIA Allen Dulles, and Mrs. Alice Leopold who heads the Women's Bureau.

#### Saudi Arabia Fete

Over at the Embassy of Saudi Arabia last evening Ambassador and Mme. Al-Faqih asked a group of their friends to a farewell buffet supper.

Guests included about 150 from the State Department, the Syrian-Lebanese colony and, of course the Arab envoys. The host returns to Saudi Arabia in June.

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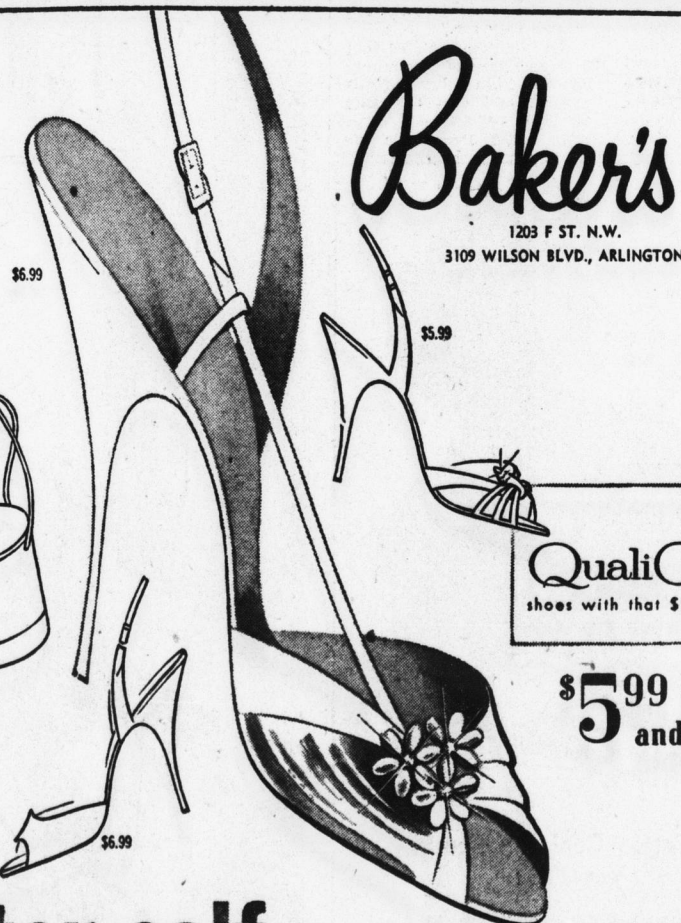
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