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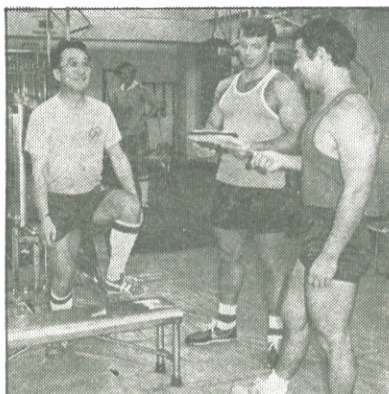
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parents and the *nakado* (go betweens). Once everyone was seated, there were a few short speeches and Ambassador Taddaoui and I were asked to pour the "champagne pyramid." I felt very privileged to share this honor with the Ambassador, especially since there were so many interesting and important people there that evening.

Kuni's sister, Chichan, married to prominent young architect Takenosuke Sakakura, glowed that evening as she moved around the room, making sure everyone was enjoying themselves. Guests included Yoshio Aoyama, Yoshio and Kumi Taniguchi, Marko and Helen (Ma) Yamawaki, Koko Toby (Georges was in Bangkok on business), Mitsuo Maruyama and the Maruyamas' son Helge (Lilo was home with a cold that day), Yasuo and Kumiko Hattori, and the youngest of the famous Osmond Family, Jimmy, in Japan for a TV series. (He also did a *sayonara* concert on the 2nd. He's returned to the U.S.A. by now and is preparing for another step in his career . . . his first appearance in a Broadway show. He'll star in a musical called "Little Johnny Jones." David Cassidy starred in the West Coast production of the George M. Cohan-inspired show and it did very well.)

There was a band at the reception and after a superb buffet that featured western, Chinese and Japanese food, several of the showbiz guests sang. These included Soichi Shikiba, his gorgeous wife Fifi Oyan, Yoshio (Makino) Aoyama and Hiroshi Kameyatsu. It was a glittering reception . . . perfect for the

occasion. Our congratulations to Kuni and Haruki, and our best wishes for a long happy life together.

A friend of mine is road manager for the rock group Whitesnake, so I had to get to one of their concerts while they were in Japan. Several members of the group had been with Deep Purple and I've always liked their music. It was my first time to a concert like this at Asakusa Kokusai Theater, and I was surprised at the huge crowd that turned out for Whitesnake. The enormous, very old theater was packed. The concert turned out to be more exciting than most I had seen at Budokan. I think it was because the whole atmosphere was more relaxed and the kids were able to stand up, and really get down to the music. Those "security people" at Budokan whose job is to push people down the minute they stand up can get a little heavy and really take away from the enjoyment of a concert. Just ask Rod Stewart.

He was really unhappy about audience reaction at his concerts, but felt better once he was told much of it had to do with the restraint forced on the audience by people hired to do just that. The concert at the Kokusai was great and in talking with promoters later, was happy to learn they didn't have any problems at all. It's sad to hear that the Kokusai Theater may be torn down later this year. Tokyo really is changing.

Tuesday the 23rd was one of those days I didn't get to anything I had planned. In the afternoon Kosugi Sangyo showed their latest Halston Collection and that same afternoon and evening there was a press conference followed by

a reception given by Wakaba K.K. to introduce Bal Paré à Versailles on the market here.

On Wednesday the 24th there was a reception at the Spanish Embassy to celebrate King's Day. The party not only gave me a chance to congratulate my Spanish friends, but to meet newly arrived Spanish Ambassador and Mrs. Eduardo Ibanez as well. The Ambassador, a career diplomat, has served as his country's envoy to Morocco and the Soviet Union.

The guests that evening were a mix of diplomats, Japanese Government officials and businessmen. Prominent in the crowd were former foreign minister, Zentaro Kosaka; Keisuke Arita, president of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, and noted flamenco dancer Yoko Komatsubara. (Yoko, by the way, will be performing July 28-29 from 7 p.m. at Hibiya Park Amphitheater, rain or shine. Tickets start at ¥2,500. For more information or reservations call 314-2568.)

There was also a group of architects at the reception who designed the new Spanish Chancery which will be built just inside the main entrance to the residence.

A few days later, on June 25, at the Hibiya Theater there was the Japan premiere of the latest James Bond film, "For Your Eyes Only." This was arranged by The Royal Society of St. George in association with the Japan British Society with the cooperation of United Artists. The proceeds of the evening were for charity.

IN TOWN:

●Paulina, the youngest daughter of Mexican President



Sayonara for Nicolas Chrissakis

Above: Fernando Rincon, Marcos Serreita, Cyril Bedal, Carlos Ponce and Fernando Alves. At right: Hiroshi Alley and Tim Finaly. Below: Rjay Iig, Nicolas Chrissakis and David Thompson. Bottom: Cute mannequins Francine and Caroline.



and Mrs. Jose Lopez Portillo, and her bridegroom Pascal Ortiz Rubio stopped in Japan as part of their honeymoon after visiting Peking. They spent a few days in Tokyo, and visited Hakone and Nikko before returning to Mexico City.

●One of Paris' top hair stylists, Bruno, in Tokyo for a week to meet with friends and



UK societies, United Artists sponsor Japan premiere for new Bond film



Far left: Pam Miller, wife of the New Zealand Ambassador, and their daughter Yvonne. Left: Michael DeLacey and John A.K. Laws, both former presidents of the Royal Society of St. George. Right: Tom McVeigh, Nicky von Nostrand, Maggie McVeigh, Steve von Nostrand. Below, left: Mona Panttaja, Mr. and Mrs. Veijo Jokiranta of Finnair. Below, right: Chris McDonald of Rolex, his wife Fumiko and their friend, Mrs. Mike Knott. Chris also is a former St. George Society president.



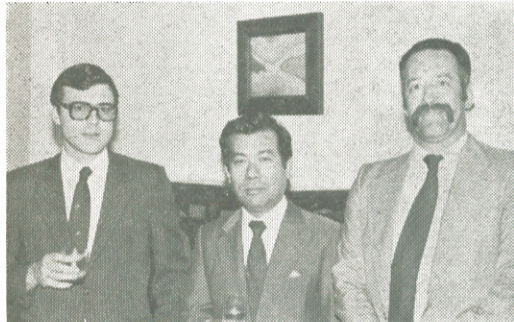
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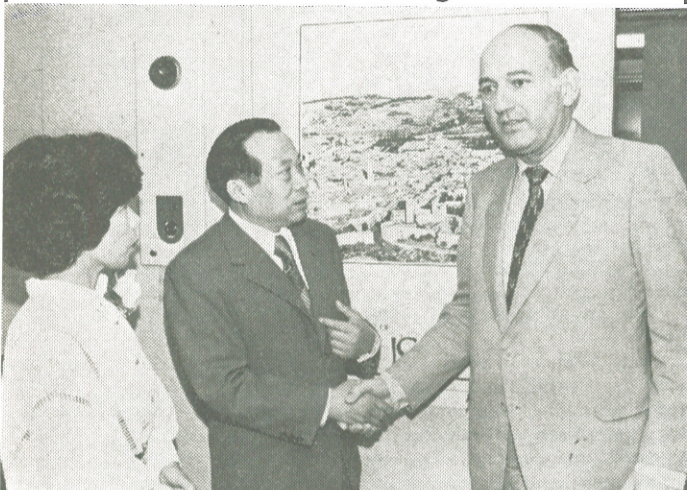
Spain introduces new ambassador to Japan, celebrates King's Day



At left: Newly arrived Spanish Ambassador and Señora Eduardo Ibanez. At right: Ambassador and Señora Ibanez meet Kumie Imai, president of the Japan Association of Spanish Songs, and noted Japanese flamenco dancer Yoko Komatsubara. Below, left: Pedro Bengoa (NipponSpain Co.), Yoshikazu Yoneishi (*Travel Journal*) and Pablo M. Muller (Spanish National Tourist Office). Below, center: Spanish Counsellor Servando de la Torres, Wakara Hara, Kenichi Watanabe, Hiroshi Hara (all architects) and Junichi Yano of the *Asahi Shimbun*. Below, right: Dr. Jona B. Senilagakali, counsellor at the recently opened Embassy of Fiji; Abdul Qureshi of the Pakistani Embassy, and Roy Honda of the *Asahi Evening News*.



In & around the Big Mikan . . .



Israeli Ambassador Amnon Ben-Yohanan receives the gratitude of Junichi Tamura, president of the 3F Club, following the ambassador's talk to the group at a recent meeting. Looking on is Mrs. Tamura.

talk about business possibilities here. We met him at the Hilton with his friend, Francoise Morechand.

● U.S. singer-composer Neil Sedaka was here, but not to perform. Sedaka came with family for a holiday.

● Rodolfo R. Llorca, regional vice-president of Philippine Airlines, here with his family for a few days. His wife and children went on to the U.S. for summer holidays. He stayed on here for work, went back to his head office in Hong Kong for a few days, and planned to join the family later.

HEARD FROM:

● Olivia Hussey, on location in Australia for the film "Turkey Shoot." She wrote: "David Hemmings is doing some of the directing, and that's fun." Her husband Akira Fuse is with her; they both say they love Australia and the Australians.

● A note from Lee Theodore who heads "The American Dance Machine" saying they'll be here again the beginning of August. They're booked for a month at Hakuhinkan Hall, but as in the past, will probably extend their run.

● A card from Dino and Leonor Troni, spending a few days in Vienna. Dino was head of 20th Century Fox's offices



Patrick Benhamou, head of the French National Tourist Office in Australia; Sylvie Fradin, a student at a sports university here, and Bruno Finance of the French magazine *VU*—out on the town in Roppongi.

here and now works for Walt Disney Productions out of London. The Tronis send regards to their many friends here.

TO DO:

● Have you ever wanted to be a "spear carrier" in a big operatic production? Ever wondered what goes on backstage in a mammoth international production? Want to hear — close! — the magnificent sounds of Grand Opera? The coming operatic productions of La Scala Opera Company need "extra" performers to appear in background crowd

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● Don't miss the striking art exhibit by young French artist Jean Francois Mosat to be shown July 11-17 at The Gallery in the Shinjuku Isetan Department Store.



Setsuko Ogata of Helene Curtis, Sae Saijo of Estee Lauder and Kayoko Ogata of Helene Curtis congratulate cosmetic surgeon Dr. Yuko Ito on the publication of a new book on keeping fit.



Willie Jackson, the newly arrived get-down-and-boogie dancer hired by the Lexington Queen disco takes time out from turning the ladies on with his erotic moves to drink in a bit of culture in Asakusa.

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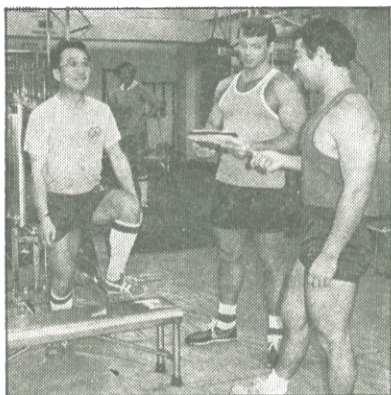
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