

## The Service Set

# Menus Was Tuned to Music

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IT WAS HARD to tell who was most pleased last evening at Air Force Secretary and Mrs. Donald Quarles' dinner party — the gourmets or the musical lovers.

The Quarleses gave a sumptuous reception and dinner at the Bolling Air Force Base Officers Club for the top military men from every NATO nation except Iceland, who had a 24-hour stopover in Washington before starting out on a grand tour of United States Army, Navy and Air Force research and development installations.

The party started with cocktails in the Capital Room and then moved down to the Washington Room, where the guests were seated in groups of eight at sixteen tables, which were gaily decorated with spring flowers. While they dined on an epicurean dinner, beginning with baked stuffed deviled crab with hot sauce (accompanied by Rhine wine) and including broiled filet mignon with sauce bernaise (with Imperial red wine), and ending with ices and champagne, they were entertained by the Air Force Symphony Orchestra.

For the Spanish guests there were melodies from Spain; for the Greeks, there was the Peer Gynt Suite; beautiful Copenhagen was



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played for the men from Denmark; and, as a special surprise, for Mrs. Quarles, who is going to New York today to see "My Fair Lady," there were popular tunes from that Broadway hit.

At Table Number One, with Secretary and Mrs. Quarles, was Gen. Bernard R. P. F. Haffelman, Chief of Staff of the Royal Netherlands Army. Earlier he had been in the receiving line with the Quarleses.

Also at Table Number One was Rueben Robertson Jr., Deputy Secretary of Defense. It is rumored that Secretary Quarles will relieve Secretary Robertson when the latter leaves the Defense Department in the near future. Secretary Robertson has confirmed his intended leaving before his two years is completed in August.

CHIEF of the Air Force and Mrs. Nathan Twining—she in emerald green satin—had at their table Maj. Gen. O. Harteon, Belgian Army Chief of Staff; Belgian Military Attache Andre Bigwood;

Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Richard Lindsay; Assistant Secretary of the Navy Garrison Norton, and Secretary Quarles' cousin from Ontario, Mrs. F. W. Wilson.

Following dinner and a short talk by Secretary Quarles (which he gave in English, then in French), the guests were entertained by the Air Force's inimitable Singing Sergeants. Their soloist, William DuPree, who last summer took a leave of absence to play the lead in the Broadway hit, "Carmen Jones," sang arias from "L'Arlisienne" and, to the delight of the German Lt. Gen. Adolf Heusinger, sang, in German, "Yours Is My Heart Alone."

SHARING the spotlight on the musical program was a "ute" solo. The "ute" is an instrument well known in Greece, Turkey and the Middle East. There was also accordion music, and a medley of lilting German waltzes played by the "Strolling Strings."

United States Representative to the Military Committee of NATO, Lt. Gen. Leon W. Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson—her gown was of black lace, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force and Mrs. David Smith and Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Thomas White and Mrs. White were among the party guests. Lt. Gen. and Mrs. C. T. Cabell, Lt. Gen. and Mrs. F. F. Everest and Portuguese Lt. Gen. Humberto Delgado were also there.

Also among the guests, who included the NATO representatives here in Washington and their wives, were Canadian Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Herbert Sparling, Danish Rear Adm. S. Ramlau-Hansen, Italian Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Carlo Cigliana, and British Adm. Sir Michael and Lady Denny.

ADMIRAL Sir Caspar John—on the last lap of a round the world tour—checks in today for a five-day visit. Son of the famous British portrait painter, Au-

gustus John, Admiral Sir Caspar is the newly nominated Vice Chief of the Naval Staff of the British Admiralty.

While here he will stay with Vice Admiral and Mrs. R. E. Elkins (he commands the naval element of the British Joint Services Mission) at their Primrose st. home. Wednesday evening, Admiral and Mrs. Elkins have asked a host of friends for a buffet supper honoring their house guest. The next evening will find Lady Denny—(Admiral Sir Michael Denny is on a U. S. tour)—entertaining at dinner for the visitor.

A trip to Norfolk where he will visit Admiral Jerauld Wright and a dinner there at the home of British Vice Admiral Sir John Eaton and Lady Eaton is on the schedule Friday. Back in Washington Saturday, Admiral Sir Caspar will be the house guest of his old friend, Rear Admiral James Russell, Chief of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics.