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Sukarno Shakes More Hands

By Marie McNair

INDONESIA'S President Sukarno who has impressed official Washington as few other foreign dignitaries have during his three-day stay here leaves today for Charlottesville, Va. on the first lap of his American tour.



Mrs. McNair

Yesterday afternoon, he received Chiefs of Mission of the diplomatic corps and their wives at the Indonesian Chancery, stayed on for another hour to greet several hundred more guests.

Indonesian Ambassador and Mme. Notowidigdo were hosts at the reception and with President Sukarno in the line was the Minister of Foreign Affairs Roeslan Abdulgani. Other members of the Presidential party stood about in the great rose and gold frescoed walled drawing room which now has new pale pink draperies.

Mme. Munthe Morgenstierne, wife of the dean of the Diplomatic Corps was there to represent her husband. The vice dean of the corps, Guillermo Sevilla-Sacasa, was without his wife. Few of the diplomats lingered, but I did see later the Charge d'Affaires of Uruguay and Senora de Bermudez, and tiny Mme. Tran Van Chuong, wife of the Viet Nam Ambassador, wearing pale-blue brocade, and without the Ambassador who is on a speaking trip.

Justice and Mrs. William O. Douglas, Justice and Mrs. Harold Burton, Justice and Mrs. Stanley Reed were all there.

AND QUITE the handsomest couple were Brigadier P. C. Gupta, Military and Naval Attache of the Indian Embassy in his starched white tunic, navy blue trousers striped in red, and Mme. Gupta in a flowered sari.

Mrs. Walter Robertson, wife of the Assistant Secretary of State, and Mrs. John Simmons, whose husband,

Chief of Protocol, had accompanied President Sukarno from Hawaii, chatted in the hall.

Sen. Theodore Green and Hank Fort and Bill Brend were a conversational threesome. Lt. Gen. Charles P. Cabell was accompanied by Mrs. Cabell who wore a long, vivid-blue silk coat.

THE LARGE portrait of President Sukarno standing on an easel in the drawing room, was matched by a smaller photograph over the mantel in the dining room.

Indonesia's colors—red and white—were displayed on the buffet table in bouquets of carnations; in the huge square cake iced with the Indonesian flag.

The Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zaroubin left early but left behind his Naval Attache, Comdr. Fedor Presnakoy, and his Counselor, Sergei Striganov, as well as the Assistant Military Attache Col. Sergei Edemsky.

SAW MRS. Kenneth Young, Mrs. Rabb, who left her admission card at home but had no difficulty getting in; and Max Rabb who joined her there, and who had brought his.

Jack Logan was there and Mme. Vladimir Rybar was headed for two more parties. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coolidge were circulating and others there were Mrs. Edward Finkestaedt, former Ambassador and Mrs. Myron Cowen,