

Bicentennial Reaches London

The American Embassy in London and the Bicentennial Commission in Washington have been keeping their collective fingers crossed about the private preview at the British Museum on Sept. 15 of "The World of Franklin and Jefferson."

Naturally it would be smashing if Queen Elizabeth would stop in on the premiere, invitation-only gathering. This is what everyone has hoped for. But only an unexpected miracle or curiosity which could bring that about now because "the prime minister is opening it and he wouldn't be doing it if the queen were to be there," observed an embassy spokesman with protocol-bias.

The headliner from the U.S. is to be none other than the vice president himself although both the VP's office and the commission seem wary of verifying it. "We don't know for sure," was the comment of the latter. But according to the British Embassy the matter is settled.

ROCKY WILL SHARE the spotlight with Prime Minister Harold Wilson at the opening and again at the big, official-jammed dinner. U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. Elias Richardson will give that same evening—their most important party to date. Now we know why the Richardsons skipped a week in mid-September when scheduling their rare housewarmings in the new V.P. residence.

Bicentennial Administrator John Warner headed the delegation to the first opening in Paris and the White House designated West Virginia Gov. Arch Moore to head the delegation to the same show in Warsaw. Only the original mother country of Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson raises the Vice President and a delegation of 12.

Warner will be there, and so will the two brilliant designers who set up the remarkable show—Charles and Ray Eames. Marie Kidder, who worked on research for the exhibition for three years, went to London two weeks ago to help prepare for the opening. The exhibit limited to the two founding giants of our nation was a roaring success in Paris. *Le Monde* dubbed it "a feast," an "exemplary exhibition" and a "sparkling collection."

"IT WAS RATHER EMBARRASSING," said a spokesman for the Japanese embassy about the published remarks of Los Angeles florist David Jones. The Japanese embassy has set so many restrictions on the design competition for the opening that it is believed by President and Mrs. Ford, Jones had said, that he would not be doing the flowers at the White House that evening. "The embassy staff doesn't want anything on the table but flowers and those have to be a certain size."

The embassy, the protocol office and Rusty Young, head White House florist, all said they were not aware of any such restrictions. "I don't think the embassy would be telling us to use here," said Rusty, who

will do the flowers that evening in the same manner he generally does them for the big formal 8-shaped table.

There is no truth to the embassy-imposing restriction, said a Japanese diplomat. "It's ridiculous. No one here is aware of discussing the subject with anyone." As for Jones's statement that the Japanese were not sure they wanted the dinner to be televised because they don't want their Emperor photographed while eating, the diplomat said it was their own Japanese TV that had asked to televise the dinner table. "It is up to the White House to decide. Both the Emperor and Empress are televised on many occasions. I don't think there is television covering on eating at any White House State Dinner," he noted. "Usually they photograph at the beginning and during toasts."

He seemed equally surprised by Jones's statement that the Japanese don't want their emperor to dance. "Dancing is very popular in Japan and sometimes the royal family attends balls." The Emperor doesn't dance "but that is partly due to his age. He is 74. It doesn't have anything to do with culture or religion."

Deputy Chief of Protocol Stewart Heckwell said the only stipulation he knows about the Emperor connected with his visit Oct. 3 is that he does not drink any alcoholic beverages. . . .

THE RED CHINESE may be a politer nation people but they are sticklers for protocol. In the old days not only did a new ambassador in town have to pay a courtesy call on all envoys from recognized countries who preceded him here, but the latter would return the call. That was before World War II when there were only 30 or 40 foreign missions and the pace of Washington life was characteristically slow.

Today with more than 120 missions here no new ambassador expects a return call. So new Argentine ambassador Rafael Vazquez was utterly charmed when Ambassador Huang Chen of the People's Republic of China said he wanted to return his visit.

Having been treated to substantial Chinese delicacies with tea when he called on Chen, Vazquez went all out to serve Ambassador Huang and Han Hsin, who came with him, the traditional Argentine steaks, barbecue of beef "with breads and sausages, along with the Argentine *pan de azú*—known as mate—for the mid-afternoon snack.

Vazquez, an experienced career diplomat, has a wife and five daughters, ages 4 to 21. Small wonder that he said a married man was sent here to replace Elias Oella because Argentina's other very eligible bachelors are "needed for domestic consumption."

A WASHINGTON RESIDENT was offered the post of Greek ambassador to Washington a year ago. It was recently revealed. But Elias Demostroopoulos, who



Ambassador Huang Chen of the People's Republic of China (right), Deputy Ambassador Nan Hsin (left) and

Argentine Ambassador Rafael Vazquez admire Argentine "mate."

for seven years here was the wife of a free Greek, turned down the offer.

The former officer emigrated from Greece in September 1917 and landed in New York with only \$20 but now makes close to \$100,000 a year as a consultant to several big Wall Street firms. Obviously, as an ambassador, he would have neither the income nor as free a life as he has now.

But the No. 1 component in America of George Papadopoulos went back to Greece in April and was given a *tanfurlous* welcome. Thousands of people were at the airport to greet him and hundreds of cars

convoyed him into Athens. The first person he greeted when he stepped off the plane was one of Papadopoulos's victims, Col. Spyridon Moustakalis, who was returned to a mental and physical vegetable by torture. He was brought to the airport by his wife in appreciation of his stay in Walter Reed Hospital which Elias arranged as soon as the dictatorship was overthrown.

Demostroopoulos called the Papadopoulos death sentence "justified" because he deprived the people of Greece of their freedom for seven years." The dictator once even tried to kidnap him from this city, but Elias doesn't believe in the death penalty in principle.

MOTHER NATURE'S COSMETICS

Homemade Beauty Preparations Save Dollars

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By Donna Lawson

Special to the Washington Star

The desire to be more beautiful than even God intended has occupied women since time began. What-

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NOT ONLY 10 certain basic ingredients work, but they can

consistency seems to be a strong indication of their effectiveness. The ingredients for the beauty preparations in this series are easy enough to find. Most can be picked from a garden or tree or bought at any local

