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Romulos Fete Their Defense Secretary

Visitors Here at Invitation of Secretary Gates

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There was an "unofficial adjournment" of Congress last evening to take a trip to the Philippines.

The destination was the gay party given by Philippine Ambassador and Mrs. Romulo in honor of their country's Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Santos.

Scores of members of the military and their wives turned out to pay tribute to the Philippine Secretary, and almost as many members of the United States Congress came by a favorite Embassy.

Where in some corners of the room there was talk of "when I was stationed in the Philippines" there were other spots where the conversation was nothing but campaigns—America's political ones.

The host, himself, who for diplomatic reasons must be bipartisan, is campaigning for a product of his own country.

"I have heard that Ken-

edy and Nixon both have very well-oiled machines—and I'm glad but I hope they're using Philippine oil—that will help us!" said the Ambassador with his usual big grin.

On the other hand Mrs. Oscar Chapman, wife of the former Secretary of Interior, was chatting about plans for a huge fund-raising dinner for the Democrats.

Kennedy Telecast

This \$100-a-plate dinner will take place on September 20 and will feature Senator Kennedy as speaker on, according to Mrs. Chapman, his first national telecast.

Two of the congressional favorite "oldsters" were on hand early for the party; Senator Theodore Francis Green and former Speaker of the House Joseph Martin. As one guest put it "their greetings of one another give hope that regardless of what party comes into power, the world won't come to an end."

And the wide spaces of Texas were represented in Representative and Mrs. Clark Thompson and Representative and Mrs. Albert Thomas.

Hollands Attend

Representative Thomas was also introducing the well-known Dr. Ruben Flock, who is currently a professor at the University of Iowa and is known for his "golden cancer" operations where he reportedly used for the first time radiated gold for such surgery.

Senator and Mrs. Spessard Holland were also among the congressional lions at the party, the Senator saying that he planned to do a lot of campaigning for the men in his own State but nothing of a national nature.

Secretary Santos said that he had been in this country at the special invitation of Secretary of Defense Gates and added "I have met with the top brass of the Pentagon and I have enjoyed every minute of it." And on the feminine side Mrs. Santos said, "I have done only a little shopping here and I would like to do more." The visitors leave for New York today and then return to their homeland.

Gen. and Mrs. Omar Bradley were there sampling the buffet which was filled with good things to eat and not just colorful things to see, and others were Mrs. Thomas Kinkaid, Assistant Secretary of State, and Mrs. J. Graham Parsons, Judge and Mrs. Homer Ferguson (he is a former Ambassador to the Philippines), Gen. and Mrs. Albert Pierson and Assistant Secretary of the Army and Mrs. Dewey Short.

Speechmaking

Alaska Senator Ernest Gruening was there, as were Senator Mike Mansfield, Representative and Mrs. John Dingell, former Ambassador, and Mrs. Emmett O'Neal, former Korean Ambassador and Mrs. Yang, Gen. and Mrs. Willis Crittenger, Vice Chief of Na-

val Operations and Mrs. James S. Russell, who gave Secretary Santos a special greeting from Naval Chief of Operations Arleigh Burke, and Col. and Mrs. Daniel Torrey.

Mrs. Murray Snyder, Wife of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, was there, saying that her husband was off to Salt Lake City making speeches, and others were Undersecretary of the Army Milton, Mrs. Charles Finucane, wife of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Deputy Director of CIA and Mrs. Charles P. Cabell and Deputy Secretary of Defense and Mrs. James H. Douglas on their way to a dinner party.

One of the guests having an especially good time at the party was Mrs. "Charlie" Nivera. Mrs. Nivera is the social secretary to Mrs. Garcia, the first lady of the Philippines, and her husband, a well-known newspaperman in his own country, was press secretary to the President when he made his official visit to this country.

Mrs. Nivera admitted to several projects bringing her to this country. The ultra-efficient secretary has been given access to the White House social offices by her counterpart, Mary Jane McCaffree, and has been studying the routine here.

From her boss she has also carried out assignments to look into slum-clearance projects here as well as recreational facilities since Mrs. Garcia is most interested in these projects. However, the most important Nivera mission to this country has been to put their pretty daughter Carolyn into college here.

So the popular Romulos gave "adjournment" to all from Congress to college.