



**DANCERS PERFORM FOR PRESIDENT AND GUESTS**—American Indian students at the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe, New Mexico are performing the Tail Feather Dance at the White House. The dance took place on March 29. The performance followed the State Dinner in honor of His Excellency, the President of Upper Volta and Mrs. Maurice Yameogo given by the President and Mrs. Johnson. The Indian dance performance was notable in the fact that it was the first time that American Indians have provided entertainment at dinner in the White House. —The White House Photograph by Robert L. Knudsen

# American Indians Perform Dances At State Dinner at the White House

WASHINGTON — President and Mrs. Johnson held a State Dinner recently in honor of His Excellency, The President of the Republic of Upper Volta and Mrs. Maurice Yameogo.

The distinguished visitors were received by the President and Mrs. Johnson upstairs in the Yellow Oval Room. Colors were presented at the foot of the Grand Stairway and guests were received in the East room. The Marine Band provided background music in the foyer.

Dinner was served in the State Dining Room and guests were seated at ten round tables and a head table. The menu was:

**Bouchee of Lobster Newberg,** Roast Sirloin White House, Rissole potatoes; tomatoes with mushrooms, Salad Mimosa, Brie cheese, and Glace Yameogo.

Flowers in the centerpieces included:

**Gladiolus tristis** (Sweet Glad), blue and white Delphinium, blue Bachelor's Buttons, Gypsophila, red and white carnations, candytuft, blue, yellow and white Iris, bronze, yellow and white Chrysanthemums.

The Truman china was used along with Vermell flatware.

The U.S. Army strings played during dessert.

Following dinner a group of 35 American Indian student dancers, representing 14 tribes from the Institute of American Indian Arts in

Santa Fe, New Mexico, entertained at theater-in-the-round arrangement in the East Room. This was the first time that American Indians have provided entertainment at dinner in the White House.

The group performed a variety of ancient tribal dances that related tribal legends. **The Swan Dance**, was performed by the following dancers:

Dee Ann Davis, Colville Tribe; Barbara Steele, Flathead; Jeanette Williams, Swinomish; Deanne Marcelley, Colville; Yvonne Boyd, Colville; Henry Gobin, Snohomish; Ted Palmanteer, Colville; and Francis Cullooyah.

The following performed **The Hopi Buffalo Dance**:

Damon Honyaklewa, Hopi; Neilson Honyaklewa, Hopi; John C. Romero, Sr., Taos; Ray Trujillo, Cochiti; Ramus Suina, Cochiti; Alexander Garcia, San Juan; John C. Romero, Jr., Taos; and Otilie Loloman, Hopi.

**Tail Feather Dance:**

Daisy St. Clair, Shoshone-Bannock; Lydia Harris, Robert Harris, Felix Perry, Ben Shoyo, Alward Shoyo, Charles Nipwater, and Herman St. Clair, all of Shoshone Tribe.

**The Hoop Dance:**

Fred Chino, Acoma; and Don Neconie, Kiowa.

**The Apache Mountain Spirit Dance:**

Milton Treas, Errol Enjady, Wallace Rice, Philip Ahidley, Delbert Mandez, Norman Shanta, and Patrick Duffey, all of Mescalero Apache Tribe.

The narrator was Emma Plumet, a Sioux Indian.

Gifts from President Johnson to President Yameogo included:

**Box** — Large sterling silver box with Presidential seal and engraved inscription including quotation: "Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere." Abraham Lincoln, September, 1858.

**Drum**—Authentic Indian Artifact—Cochiti Tribal Drum.

**Photograph**—Autographed photograph in sterling silver frame with

Presidential seal.

**Book** — Autographed (leather-bound) edition of "My Hope for America."

Gifts from Mrs. Johnson to Mrs. Yameogo:

**Necklace**—Authentic Indian Necklace of silver and turquoises by Navajo Indians of New Mexico, in presentation case with plaque.

**Books** — Autographed copies of "Treasures from the National Gallery of Art," "We the People," and the "White House Guidebook" — bound in leather with Mrs. Yameogo's name in gold lettering on the cover.

**Painting** — Framed hand-colored engraving of Abraham Lincoln with his family—Thomas Kelly, 1886.

Gift from Mrs. Johnson to children (6):

**Hi Fi**—Portable Hi Fi (Stereo-Mono) in carrying case with six albums of American music including examples of folk music, classical, jazz, cyrituals and a Broadway musical.