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POOL REPORT - State Dinner

The Federal Executive Council Building is a Kennedy Center-modern structure of white marble and vast spaces. The dinner for about 125 was held in a hugh room with mosaic murals. The dining table was U-shaped; many bouquets of roses. Men were all in business suits; waiters wore black tie. Menu: lobster bellevue, consomme, hot cheese pudding, roast turkey, salad, cheese, ice cream bombe, Yugoslāv white and red wine and champagne.

About 11:00 p.m., after the exchange of toasts, a company of folk dancers performed typical dances from various Republica of Yugoalavia (Serbia, Croatia, etc.). The President, smoking his pipe and wearing his aviator glasses, leaned forward on his elbows and obviously enjoyed the performance, particularly the acobatics of the young men. Mrs. Ford seemed animated throughout the entertainment. Afterward, the principals -- plus Kissinger -- came around the table and posed for photographs with the dancers. After handshakes all around, they departed at about 11:30 p.m.

As we entered the building, fighting with the Yugoslavs over our questionable credentials, your poolers observed a small white butterfly on Pappy Noel's leg.

Tom DeFrank - Newsweek  
Bonnie Angelo - TIME

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