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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

The President and Mrs. Ford will host a white tie dinner honoring Their Imperial Majesties, The Shahanshah of Iran and The Shahbanou of Iran, Thursday, May 15 at 8 p.m. Ann-Margaret, Actress-Singer-Dancer, will perform at the after-dinner entertainment in the East Room.

The State Dining Room will be transformed into a garden setting for the evening, with American Bronze Sculptures as the focal point of the centerpiece on each table.

The Bronze Sculptures, which are all from the Permanent Collection of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, are on loan to the White House for the dinner. The Sculptures are of the late 19th and early 20th centuries and are by American artists. They are: Dancing Faun by Robert Ingersoll Aitken (1878-1949); Girl Standing, Girl Seated, Girls Dancing in the Street, Sea Treasures and You Dare Touch My Child by Abastenia St. Leger Eberle (1878-1942); Figure of Nude Child Holding Shell by Janet Scudder (1873-1940); Dancing Girl, Woman Reading, Classical Female Dancer, Enthroned, Grecian Woman, The Dance Step, and Seated Woman by Bessie Potter Vonnob (1872-1955).

The centerpiece will be placed on a plateau of baby tears, resembling a garden lawn with lily of the valley growing out of the baby tears. There will be four 24" candles, in low crystal holders, surrounding the Sculpture. Similar garlands will be attached, around the candles four to five inches above each candle holder to create a pavillion effect around the Sculpture. The candlestick holders are on loan to the White House from Tiffany & Company, New York.

In keeping with the garden theme, each table will be covered with an emerald green silk tablecloth with an overlay of a square cloth of lily of the valley imprinted on a white background. The silk cloths were donated by the G Street Remnant Shop, Washington, D. C., and the lily of the valley cloths were donated by Wamsutta. The tablecloths were designed by David Jones and executed by Mark Adams of Alexander-King, Garfinckels, Washington, D. C.

The tables will be set with the Truman china, the Kennedy crystal and the Monroe vermeil. Each dining chair will have a garland attached to the back of it, while the decor of the room will include trees and garlands on the wall scones and the chandelier. The greenery is from the White House.

Mr. David Jones of Los Angeles is the designer of the table arrangements for tonight's dinner. Mr. Jones, a floral designer and Interior decorator, has donated his services, time and expenses to the White House.

Tonight's menu includes Salmon en Gelee with Sauce Verte, Saddle of Veal, Tomatoes Saint Germain, Spinach en Branche, Hearts of Lettuce Salad, Bel Paese Cheese, Praline Mousse and Demitasse.

The wines are Freemark Abbey Johannisberg Riesling, 1970, Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon, 1971, and Schramsberg Blanc d Blancs, 1972.



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BIOGRAPHY: DAVID JONES

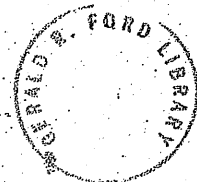
(David Jones of Los Angeles, California, is the designer of the table arrangements for the Dinner honoring the Shah of Iran on May 15, 1975.)

David Jones' floral career has ranged from assisting friends of his parents who own a shop in South Bend, Indiana, to New York City, where he has worked with Judith Garden and Ethel Rogers, to Los Angeles, where, in 1964, he opened his own business. The David Jones Floral Design Studio is located on the famous Sunset Strip in Hollywood.

David's floral talents have branched out into the field of Interior Decoration. Some of his more recent credits include the Manhattan Penthouse of Gloria Foster and her husband Clarence Williams III of television's "Mod Squad," Los Angeles' beautiful Greenhouse Restaurant, and the recently opened Mark Twain's Jumping Frog Saloon in the fashionable Brentwood area.

Floral clients range from all areas of the social and business worlds. Any day might find David and his crew planning and creating parties for the Alfred Bloomingdales, the Deane Johnsons, Martha and Hal Wallis, the Ronald Reagans, the Lew Wassermans, Jennifer (Jones) and Norton Simon, and many film and television personalities. Frequent callers from around the world are: Secretary of State and Mrs. Henry Kissinger, Mrs. Averell Harriman, Mrs. Albert Lasker, Mr. Andre Kostelanetz, Princess Shams Pahlavi (sister of the Shah of Iran), Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, and both Ford daughters, Charlotte and Anne.

David Jones is synonymous with excellence in floral creativity and accomplishment.



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