

Farewell Reception Of Haitians Takes Place

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Democracy prevailed temporarily at one of the largest social parties of the season last week when several hundred distinguished guests of different races attended a large reception given at the Carlton hotel by Eli Lescot, president-elect of Haiti, and Mme. Lescot. The reception was given as a farewell before the Lescots left on Thursday to sail for Haiti, where the inauguration ceremonies of the retiring Haitian minister as president will take place on May 15.

The hosts offered their guests the best in refreshments, and an imported group of native Haitian dancers who entranced the party members.

Voodoo dancing, a ritual reserved for moonlight nights in the island republic, had a completely cosmopolitan setting as the diplomats and members of the official world watched the barefoot, calico-frocked girls, their heads tied in bright bandanas, and their men with bandanas too and blue denim overalls.

They danced and sang on a low stage erected at one end of the Carlton Room with the soft rhythmical beat of maracas, strange looking drums, as their only music.

The dancers might have been the products of any dancing school, so similar were many of their fantastic steps to that of the modern dance. The Haitian entertainers remained over for the festival of folk music and dance in Constitution Hall, Thursday through Saturday, inclusive.

The President-elect and Mme. Lescot stood in the small room adjoining to welcome the guests, Mme. Lescot wearing a powder-blue suit with a wide brimmed black straw hat. In the line also was Fernand Dennis, minister of foreign affairs of Haiti, who is here for a brief visit.

Mrs. Cordell Hull, wife of the Secretary of State, was among the callers who included: the Mexican ambassador, Dr. Francisco Castillo Najera, accompanied by Senora de Castillo Napera; Brazilian ambassador, Carlos Martins, with Senora Martins; Ecuadorian ambassador, Capt. Colon E. Alfaro, with Senora de Alfaro; Chilean ambassador and Senora de Michels;

Cuban Ambassador and Senora de Concheso, the Minister of Guatemala and Senora de Recinos, and Senora de Pastoriza, wife of the minister of the Dominican Republic, with Senorita Matilde Pastoriza, along with American diplomats, congressmen and officers of the armed forces.

Among the Race guests entertained were Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard university; Dr. Emmett J. Scott, former Howard secretary, now on staff of Republican national headquarters; Dean and Mrs. Charles H. Wesley of Howard; Dr. and Mrs. Howard Thurman, Mrs. William Stuart Nelson, Dean and Mrs. L. K. Downing of Howard;

Drs. and Mesdames Russell Dixon, William Wells, Leslie Jones, Mme. Lillian Evarianti, Dean Susie Elliott, Dr. Helen W. Burrell, Dr. Alain Locke, Dr. Valaurez Spratlin, Miss Celine Tarbary, Louis R. Achilles, Fernan Pecou, Miss Lois Jones, Mesdames Helen Gray, Adrienne Ryan, Bertie B. Lewis, Bernice E. Edwards, Estrela Burrell, Mary Church Terrell, Dorothy Howard, Misses Lulu V. Childers, Maud Grimes, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McDuffie.