

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES

by Kathryn Hall Bogle



MR. AND MRS. JACK RICH

Beneath an archway of fluffy white chrysanthemums and pastel carnations at the altar of Augustana Lutheran Church, Marian Lathan and Jack Rich exchanged matching gold wedding bands and their wedding vows before the Rev. Dennis Marttala on Saturday afternoon, May 8.

The 2:00 p.m. wedding, an interfaith event, witnessed by 300 invited guests, united Marian, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brozie Lathan of Lake Oswego and Jack, the son of Mr. Morris Rich of Encino, California.

Given in marriage by her father,

the bride was escorted to the altar by her brother, Anthony Lathan, yeoman 2/C of the U.S. Navy, stationed in Los Angeles.

The bridal gown was of white Belgium lace over taffeta fashioned with high throat, long fitted sleeve and chapel length train. Her veil was attached to a tiny white Princess Diana hat. She carried an all-white bouquet of orchids, stephanotis and baby breath. The "something borrowed" was her mother's diamond wedding ring set.

Audrey Green, sister of the bride, acted as matron of honor. Mrs. Green wore an embroidered peach

silk ankle length dress with cap sleeves. In her hair she wore small clusters of baby breath and she carried a basket of small flowers on her arm. Angela Cration, Ginger Brown, Maria Parra, Tina Lathan and Vanessa Casin-Cross, sisters of the bride.

Six-year-old Shawnee Lathan acted as flower girl and young Jermain Lathan carried the two rings.

Attending the bridegroom was Donald Farness as best man. Ushers wearing matching brown suits were: Richard Gibson, Randy Dietrich, Ralph Raleigh, Ron Emig, Bruce Lathan and Anthony Lathan.

Vocal soloist was Mrs. Mary M. Golden, a Bremerton aunt of the bride.

The dainty and petite bride, born in Portland, attended Jefferson High School. She has a degree in speech communication and a teaching certificate fro PSU. She is employed as a senior merchandiser in the offices of J.C. Penney.

The bridegroom, brought up in New York City, attended the U. of Minnesota and holds a master's degree in business administration. He has completed some work towards his doctoral degree in Economics and taught Economics at OSU from 1970 to 1972. Since 1978 he has been the auditor for the Employment Division for the State of Oregon.

A reception followed immediately after the wedding in the church parlors.

Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Lathan entertained the wedding party and 200 or 300 guests at an elaborate wine and champagne buf-

fet supper. Many ethnic foods, Jewish, Swedish and African, were among the selections offered.

Dancing, which continued through the supper hours and beyond, was for all ages and backgrounds.

Leading folk dancing was the bridegroom Jack Rich, whose hobby is the dancing of the Balkan countries. Africans in national dress joined in the informal and joyous dance lines. Westerners joined where they pleased. Morris Rich, father of the bridegroom, claimed a first traditional dance with his new daughter-in-law.

Among other dancers were Marian Rich Harshman, sister of the bridegroom and her son, Erik Harshman of Torrance, California.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Pauline Devore of Encino, John Golden of Bremerton, Sister Agnes Olorunninsola, Brother Emmanuel Onyeador and Brother Ambily Epeke, all of Nigeria, Brother Joseph of Sierra Leone, and Mr. and Mrs. Webbo Makete of Kenya.

Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Lathan with the smooth flow of the day's events were: Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, Mrs. Marjorie Russell, Mrs. Marie Smith, Mrs. Ella Ann Mason, Mrs. Denise Peterson Allen and Mr. and Mrs. James North.

The newlyweds, after the festivities, left for a honeymoon in San Francisco and Reno. Denise A. Brown caught the bouquet at the bride's departure.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich will be at home in their new apartment in Portland upon their return.

His Excellency, Abudu Yesufu Eke, Nigerian ambassador to the United States, made a brief stop in Portland during the past week.

The distinguished visitor addressed about 100 members and friends of the World Affairs Council, who gathered at a luncheon held at the Hilton Hotel last Thursday, May 6th.

Eke, while recognizing the friendly relationship existing between the United States and Nigeria, sought to draw attention to some sensitive points in the attitudes of each nation to the other.

"No nation can be entirely independent of its neighbors," he said. "What you do in America is a lesson to us in Africa. Any country that can feed its own people can be admired. We see the industrialization of your country and we look up to you to see how you do it. You are not only flying to the moon, you are paying attention to technology and we have great admiration of your technologies. Your work with your hands, not just your minds, and we admire you for this.

We look at your history and we see that one section may want to withdraw from the whole, such as the Civil War. We see that the 13 states stayed together and have grown together and we see that our country has had its own test, when in 1967 Biafra tried to secede. We had our own Lincoln-type man who rose to keep our country together."

Taking a gentle jab at some recent events, Eke asked, "Is the United States interested in the status quo in South Africa?" Again, "How is this interest manifested?"

The economy of Nigeria is tied to the economy of the United States, Eke said. Crude oil is a link and he said that the solution could be for the oil-buying and oil-selling nations to simultaneously lower oil prices and the prices of food and other commodities used by the oil producing countries.

"No country can be entirely happy if his neighbor is deeply unhappy," Eke said.

The speaker was introduced by Richard Nokes.

While in Portland, ambassador Eke spoke to classes at Portland State University. Arrangements for these talks were made by Dr. William Little, head of the Black Studies Department at Portland State.

In the welcoming parts at Portland International Airport were the Ambassador's countrymen: Dr. E.C. ("Chuks") Ogbvobiri, Joseph Vdeajah and Mrs. Njdeka Ebisi.

The Ambassador was scheduled to speak on Friday in Seattle at the University of Washington before returning to the Nigerian embassy in Washington, D.C.



His Excellency Ambassador Abudu Yesufu Eke of Nigeria, Nideka Ebisi of Nigeria, and Dr. William Little, head of Black Studies Department at Portland State University, at World Affairs Council Luncheon Meeting.

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