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Non-Stop Partying For Tricia

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The efforts of legions of gardeners, chefs, dress-makers, florists and White House staff members, as well as the First Family, will culminate at 4 p.m. today when Tricia Nixon, the elder daughter of the President, marries Edward Finch Cox in the Rose Garden of the White House.

It is actually a three-day extravaganza, probably consuming the entire year's crop of pink and white sweet-bachelor and rehearsal dinners, there was a "consolation" party for the bridegroom who could not be invited to the wedding.

Tricia Nixon set the tone Thursday night when she began her bridal party for a screening of the 1956 film, "The Swan," in which Grace Kelly plays a story-book princess who comes to realize that she must marry in keeping with her rank.

Then, last night Tricia and her bridegroom spent the eve

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of the wedding listening to the oldtime society bandleader each of the Ivy League school which Cox has attended — Princeton, Yale and Harvard.

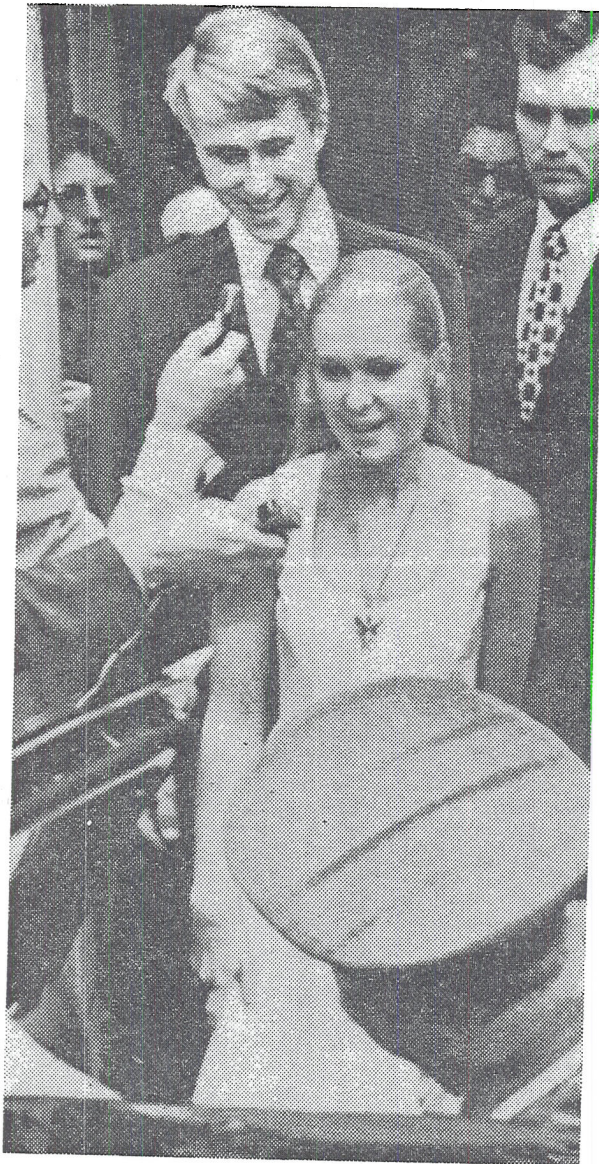
That was at the rehearsal dinner, which his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ellis Cox Sr., gave at Blair House for the wedding party and their closest friends and relatives.

This category consisted of the bridesmaids and groomsmen, the President and Mrs. Nixon; Mamie Eisenhower; Bebe Rebozo; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drown; the President's brother Edward Nixon and his wife; one of the bridegroom's two godmothers, Mrs. J. Harper Sillin; Mrs. Cox's niece and nephews, Elizabeth, Edward and Maturin Finch; and Mrs. Glen Thomas.

They dined on seafood newburg, filet of beef with truffles and fresh strawberries and pineapple, off Lowestoft China at pink tables.

CONSOLATION

Lunchtime was a little less exclusive. This was given by Cox's other godmother and



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TRICIA AND ED LEAVE 'CONSOLATION PARTY'
Friends who'll miss the wedding got lunch instead

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one of his godfathers, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKean, at the Sulgrave Club, and was described by a guest, Mrs. Carol Zappee Jr., as the "consolation prize."

The Zappees, like many of the other luncheon guests, were not invited to the wedding, but isn't going anyway. The Zappees Sr. are away, said their son, and haven't been getting their mail.

The bridegroom-to-be stood up and the luncheon and gave a small speech about how wonderful it is to have godparents. And the god-father who was present, McKean, toasted Cox as "typical of today's forward-looking younger generation," and predicted that he "would do so much with Tricia by his side."

SQUEEZE

Miss Noxon was all dressed in white. Her fiance said he was holding up "very well." The doorway of the Sulgrave Club was a wild scene as they pushed through along with brusque groomsmen who have been instructed not to talk to the press.

Indignant old ladies who belong to the club blocked the door saying, "What wedding party? We're just trying to go to lunch."

After the luncheon, the bridal party returned to the White House for the wedding rehearsal, in which all the principals, including the President and the bride — who wore a bedsheet for wedding veil — participated.

The ceremony is to last

only half an hour, but the rehearsal took much longer because they went through the rain plan in the East Room as well as the sunshine version, which includes a 390-foot march from the Blue Room to the Rose Garden.

To insure serenity, the area immediately surrounding the White House will be closed to the public today.

Reagans Weren't Invited

Sacramento

The Ronald Reagan's didn't make the list for invitations to Tricia Nixon's wedding today to Edward Cox.

The White House earlier this week refused to say whether the California governor was on the list for invitations, but a spokesman for the governor's office said he was not.

The Cox and Nixon families each held their guest lists to 200 persons at Mrs. Nixon's request.

"We're not having many officials — and the officials we are having, we know," Tricia said earlier.

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