

## Betty Beale: Washington

"There ought to be a law that keeps men from talking at benefit balls," said a guest at the SOS Ball which raised money for six famine-struck countries in Africa. President Nixon dropped by with his wife, who was honorary chairman of the benefit, and talked about how much need there was and how generous Americans are. Liberian Ambassador Peal made a long talk and Assistant Secretary of State David Newsom spoke.

The President left after saying he plans to go to Africa again during his three remaining years in the White House, which is another way of saying he doesn't expect to have to quit. But there was so little applause when he walked in it was embarrassing.