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Nixon Goes Partying in Palm Springs

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Walter Annenberg, the multimillionaire and former ambassador to the Court of St. James's, celebrated his 70th birthday this month at his fabulous 250-acre estate in Palm Springs.

Richard Nixon, who appointed Annenberg our ambassador to England, made one of his almost-never social appearances (and was easily the most politely stared at). You could almost describe Nixon as the life of the party — except there were so many lives of the party there. Pat Nixon was not well enough to make the trip from San Clemente.

Other guests were Jerry and Betty Ford, the Ronald Reagans, the Nelson Rockefellers, Frank and Barbara Sinatra.

Princess Grace of Monaco is preparing for the June wedding of her beautiful daughter, Princess Caroline. It will be a small affair, but, right afterwards, Grace and Prince Rainier are giving a big ball at home for about as many of the glitterati as they can cram into the place.