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## Betty Beale: Washington

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# Texas-size sendoff for Anne

WASHINGTON — Anne Armstrong, first woman Ambassador from the U.S. to the Court of St. James's, was wined, dined, toasted and praised at a brilliant, power-packed dinner before leaving for London. Hosts were longtime Texas friends of the Armstrongs, millionaire Deputy Secretary of fellow Texan Mrs. William Clements.

The receiving line at the imposing Anderson House, the Cincinnati, which

Strauss was asked later what the s and miniature be today if John Connally had not switched to the Republican party. "He'd be our nominee," answer is Strauss without hesitation. Which just goes to show how John missed the boat.

David Eisenhower was asked what he thought of

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his father-in-law's visit to China at this time. He said, "Of course, if he (Nixon) wants to win friends and influence people it wasn't a good idea. But he wanted to see Mao again before he (Mao) died and the Chinese said he had to come now, not later." Famous Texas millionaire Ross Perot and his attractive wife flew up from Houston for the party and Perot was telling someone how he went about getting his daughter the one birthday present in the world she wanted a few days ago — a trick dog. He got the head of the dog act to train one, but when the new dog saw the other dogs in the Perot home didn't have to remember he lay down on the job.

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