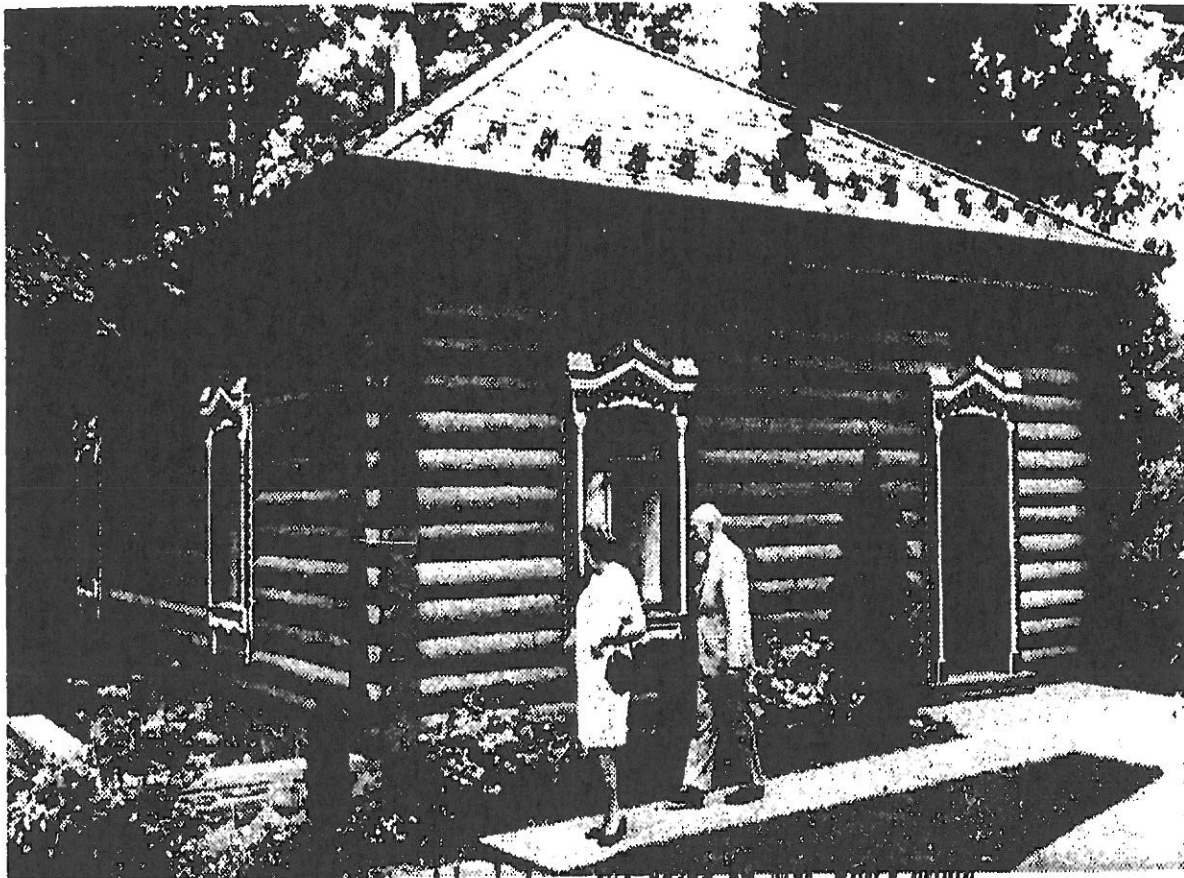


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The Leonard Carmichaels leave the dacha on Mrs. Post's estate.

By L. R. Woodson, Jr. — The Washington Post

ANNUAL OUTING AT HILLWOOD

By Mary Wieggers

Mrs. Marjorie Merriweather Post invited hundreds of guests to her estate at Hillwood yesterday to see her magnificent gardens at the peak of their spring bloom.

When the guests wandered down the garden path

they came upon a charming new building, the Russian country house or dacha, that Mrs. Post is putting up to house the Russian treasures of her close friend, Mrs. Augusto Russo.

The dacha, which adjoins the dog cemetery, is smaller than the one in Mrs. Post's

Adirondack camp, where she holds her famous square dances.

The Hillwood dacha consists of one large room, partitioned off to provide hanging space for paintings.

Outside, it is made of California redwood, treated with preservatives, with ginger-

bread-type carvings over the doors and windows and small stone birds perched on the roof.

The dacha will hold the 350-piece collection of Russian paintings, glass, icons, and silver of Mrs. Russo, an

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Annual Outing at Hillwood

HILLWOOD, From B1

American who was married to the Italian Ambassador to Russia and was in Moscow when Mrs. Post was married to the American Ambassador to Russia, the late Joseph E. Davies. At that time, both Mrs. Post and Mrs. Russo acquired a fabulous collection of Russian treasures. Two-thirds of Mrs. Russo's collection is now in the hands of the Smithsonian. Mrs. Russo is in Italy preparing to bring back the other third so the complete collection can be installed in the dacha.

Guests yesterday drove up the azalea-lined drive of the 24-acre estate to the portico of the great house where uniformed men took their cars. Then the guests passed through the rooms containing the Russian czarist jewels and china, to the elegantly French-antique furnished drawing room, where Mrs. Post received them.

They then stepped out the door through the formal French gardens to the wide expanse of lawn, where two tents with tables loaded with rich cakes and strawberries and ice cream were surrounded by small tables. The flowers themselves—azaleas, rhododendrons, tulips, pansies, camellias and



Marjorie Merriweather Post

flowering trees, were in the peak of their bloom. They bordered the lawn, the walks, filled the Japanese garden and trailed through the dog cemetery. Mrs. Post's gardener knows the

secret of making everything bloom at the same time, and the parties are always planned for the precise weekend when the blooms will be at their peak. Mrs. Post, an expert gardener

herself, lays out the color scheme, so that, for example, yellow tulips will have a background of brilliant red azaleas and white will be matched with purple.

Mrs. Post's family and friends from New York and Palm Beach combined with Senators, ambassadors and officials of the new administration.

The family included, Mrs. Post's daughter, Mrs. Augustus Riggs IV, her granddaughter, Mrs. George Dudley Iverson, and a godson, retired Gen. Alden Kingsland Sibley of New York.

White House Social Secretary Lucy Winchester talked with the new Director of the Mint Mary Brooks, while Les Carpenter, husband of Mrs. Johnson's press secretary, showed Mrs. Nixon's press secretary, Gerry Van der Heuvel, the cases of Russian jewels.

New York friends of Mrs. Post's, Mr. and Mrs. Barbu Niculescu, recalled that they were married at Hillwood. "When it becomes part of the Smithsonian Museum, I will tell my children their daddy was married in a museum," Niculescu said.

Former Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, Sens. William Spong, Clinton Anderson, Henry M. Jackson, and Birch Bayh mixed with the Ambassadors of Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece and Ireland, among others.

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WITH HER SORORITY SISTERS IN TOW, MRS. MAY PAUSES IN FRONT OF HER 34-ROOM GEORGIAN MANSION ON A TOUR OF HER 29-ACRE WASHINGTON ESTATE

Sorority Sisters' Luxury Weekend

COEDS ARE THE GUESTS OF A FAMOUS HOSTESS

For the 22 sisters of Sigma Alpha Theta the Washington weekend was a life of luxury they had never encountered—or expected to meet again. They flew from New York in a private plane, were ushered into a magnificent drawing room by a butler who boomed out their names, were served luncheon by liveried footmen.

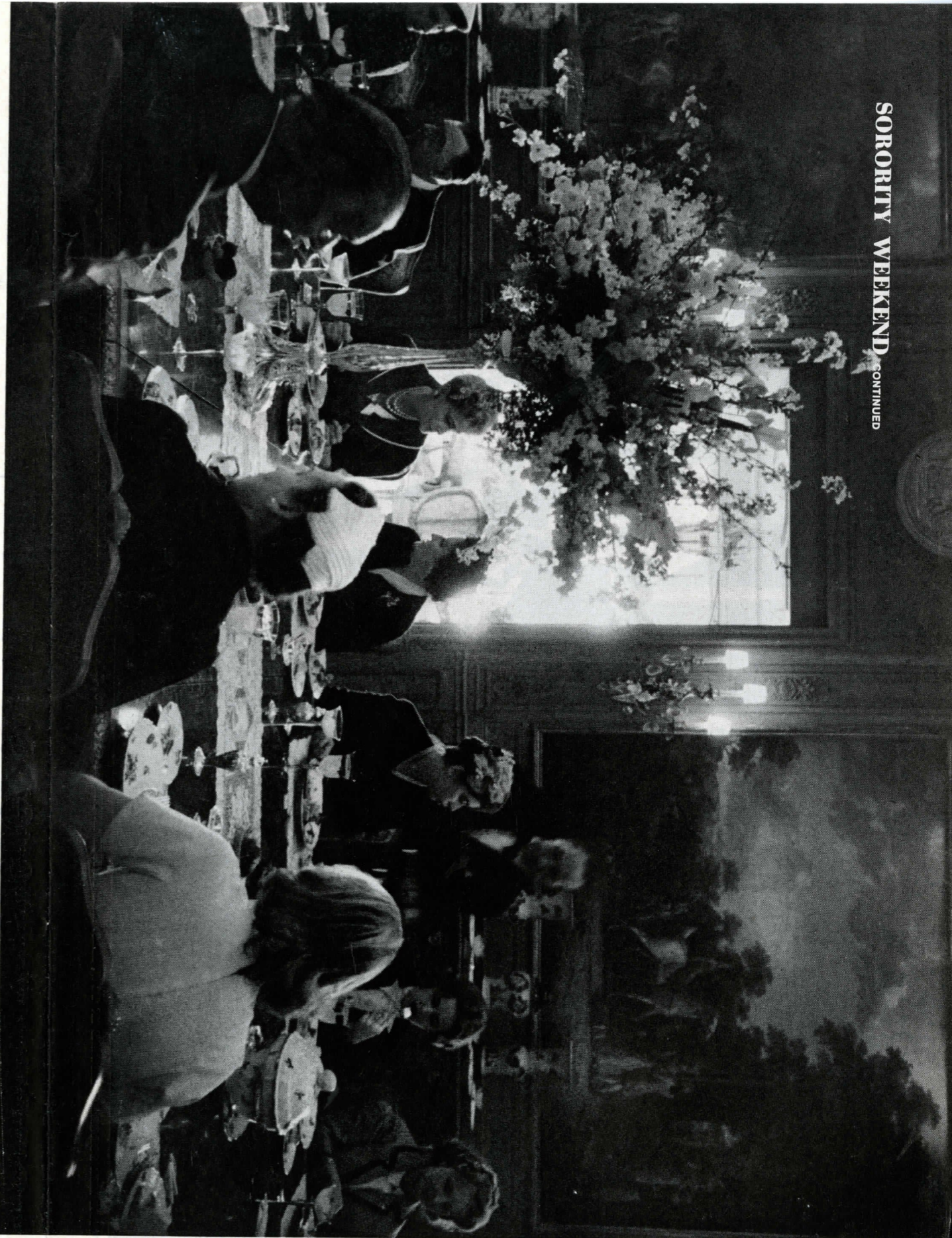
The girls, from C. W. Post College of Long Island University, were guests of one of the country's most famous hostesses, Mrs. Marjorie Merriweather Post May. Heiress to the C. W. Post cereal fortune and former wife of Ambassador Davies, Mrs. May had made gifts to the college, which is named after her father. In appreciation, the girls had made her a member of their sorority and Mrs. May, in turn, had invited them to visit her in Washington. She put them up at a hotel, gave a cocktail party to which she invited 24 Washington bachelors, took them to a dinner party.

Awed by it all, the girls at first talked only in whispers. Mrs. May, who wore her sorority pin all the time, soon put them at ease. But the girls never got over feeling, as one of them put it, "like a fairy princess on a magic carpet."

ACROSS STEPPINGSTONES, Mrs. May takes girls to Japanese garden, one of several on grounds.



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ELABORATE LUNCHEON was served in dining room with 18th Century Dutch murals. Mr. May, a machinery executive, sits left foreground. Mrs. May behind vase.

MEETING A DATE, girls gather at cocktail party around Gerson Nordlinger Jr. Pat Doran, 20, of Huntington, L.I. is to right. Corsages were gifts of Mrs. May.



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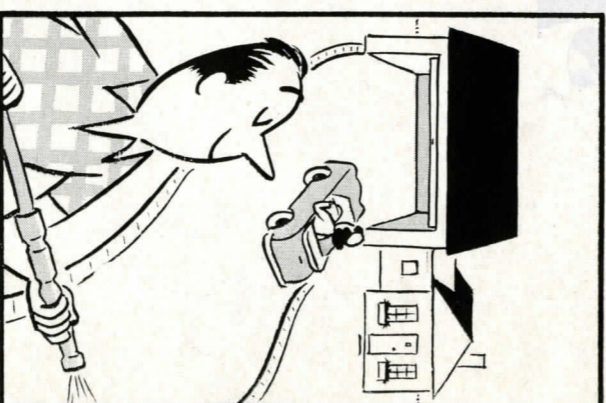
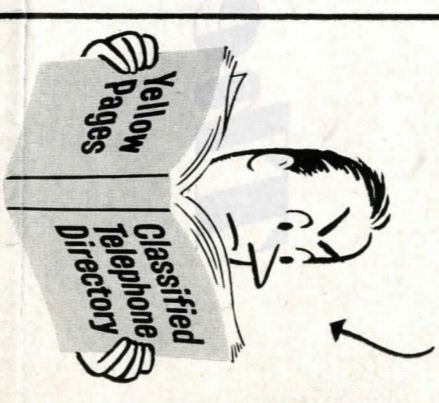
SHOWING LIBRARY, Mrs. May points out English paneling and family portraits. Painting of her father, C. W. Post, looks down from above mantle.



GOING UPSTAIRS to see Mrs. May's bedroom, girls pass through massive hall. Chandelier is from czarist Russia, pictures are of Russian court members.



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