

The attending press, following instructions, wore either black ties or long skirts. Given the choice, two young women reporters were wearing tuxedos.

One woman in a long red dress, standing high on the photographers' platform facing the steps, yelled, "How about acid rain?" It was the kind of question which some reporters shout and which the President never answers.

Mulroney would later sidestep the question more diplomatically. When asked about acid rain by a French-speaking reporter, he replied: "Non, non, non, c'est pour demain. Chaque chose en son temps."

It was a beautiful night. Harp and string music floated out of the open front doors. The Reagans escorted the Mulroneys to their private quarters for a chat and then down the Grand Staircase. They mingled with the guests, including Chicago Bears running back Walter Payton, who bumped into the President and apologized. "I'm so star-struck with all these people," he said.

The Reagans, the Mulroneys and Mr. Payton all seemed to be having a wonderful time.

The dinner guests included their Royal Highnesses Prince Karim Aga Khan and Princess Salimah Aga Khan, Dr. Giovanni Agnelli and Donna Marella Agnelli, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Buckley, Jr., Chief Justice and Mrs. Warren Burger, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Desmarais, Senator and Mrs. Jake Garn, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gifford, Cynthia Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Plummer, and some forty others.

They sat at small tables adorned with pink tulips, ate Angel Hair Pasta with Seafood and Romano Cheese Sauce, Supreme of Chicken Vol-au-Vent and Pistachio Marquise, and drank Sonoma-Cutrer Chardonnay, Leardini Pinot Noir and Schramsberg Crémant Demi-Sec. Later on, pianist Rosalyn Tureck played Capriccio "On the Departure of a Beloved Brother" in B Major and two other pieces by Bach.



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WEDNESDAY

Breakfast with Bush

AT 7:30 A.M. the Prime Minister arrived at the handsome official home of Vice President Bush, high on a hill on the grounds of the Naval Observatory.

The feeding schedules of participants in international meetings are as rigid as those for babies of up-to-date mothers were in 1935. There is also a certain overlap among table companions. The Prime Minister and Vice President would meet for breakfast in the morning and again for dinner in the evening at the Canadian Ambassador's residence.

After breakfast Mr. Mulroney went off to Capitol Hill for an hour-long meeting with the House Leadership and members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He and Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill exchanged a few Irish jokes and the Speaker told the Prime Minister he had an open invitation to address a joint session of Congress.

An Agreeable Lunch

The President and the Prime Minister had lunch together and then announced two significant points of agreement.

They signed a five-year extension of the North American Aerospace Defence Com-