



High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago Mathew Ramcharan (Dean of the Commonwealth High Commissioners and Honorary Chairman of the Organizing Committee) with his wife, sample the rum punch that welcomed the 250 guests to the Commonwealth dinner held Monday, March 14, at External Affairs headquarters, Ottawa.



Mr. Les Powis, member of the Ottawa branch, Royal Commonwealth Society, and the High Commissioner for Lesotho, sample each other's cuisine.

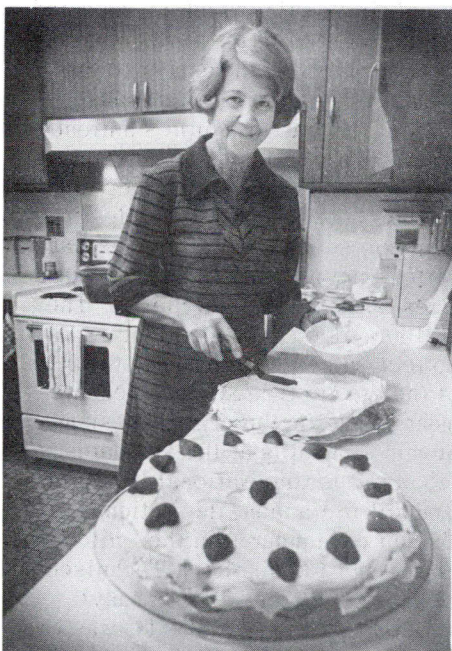


Mrs. Henry Tambia, and Mrs. Arthur Abeyawardena of Sri Lanka, at the dessert table.

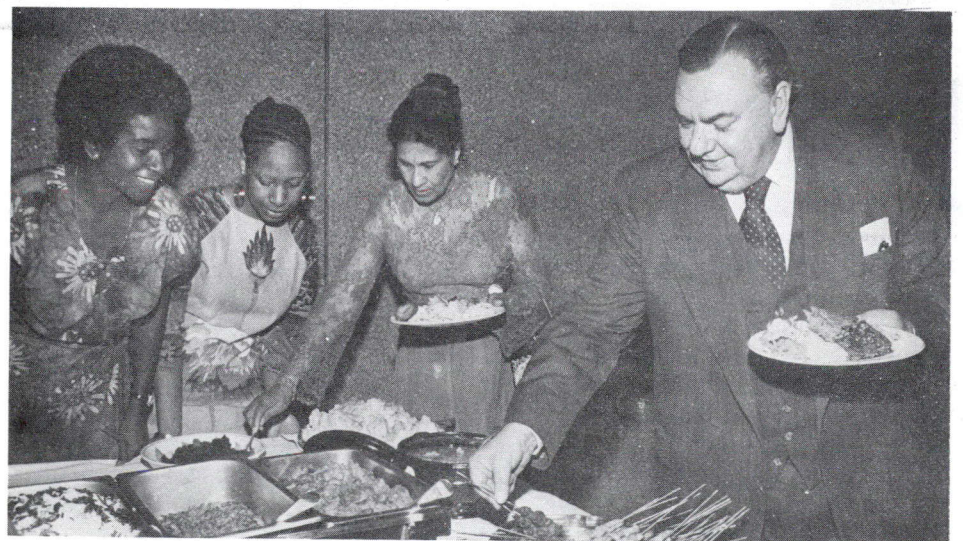


(Centre above) Rene Talalla of Malaysia, one of the co-ordinators of the diplomatic group, and Dominick Sars-

field of Canada, program chairman, at the Caribbean reception that took place before dinner.



Mrs. Eyre (wife of the High Commissioner for New Zealand) created two incredibly large and deliciously air-light Pavlova, the dessert for which New Zealand is famous.



(Right to left) Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson and Mrs. Ramcharan (wife of High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago) are

tempted to try the various dishes by Stella Lukumbuza (daughter of High Commissioner for Tanzania) and Yella Cofie (Ghanaian student).