

## □ DRESSING TO WIN □

I often think the Posting Services Centre should hold a briefing on how to dress when attending cocktail parties at post.

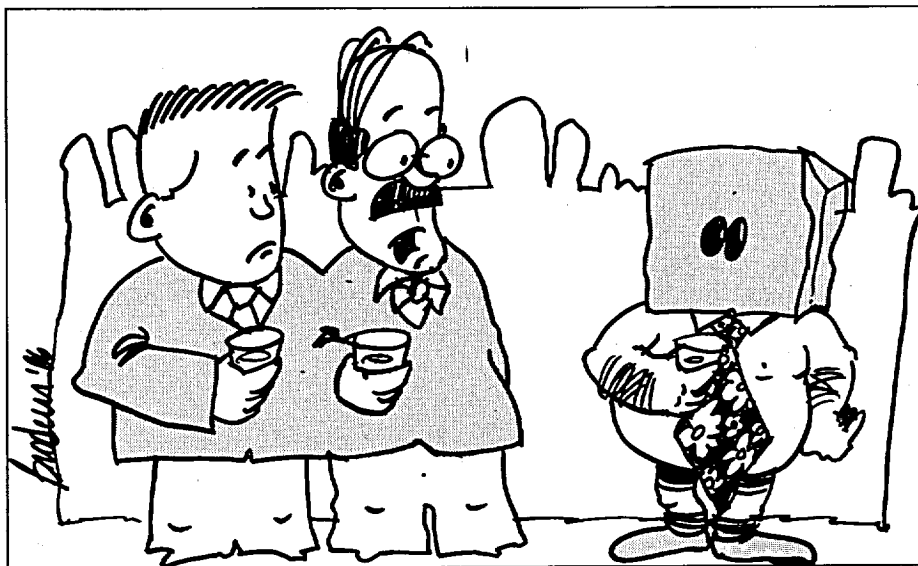
First of all, clothing should be very simple and touch as few sweat-stained parts of your body as possible.

This is particularly true in the tropics, where most cocktails are held outside in order, to accommodate as many disinterested people as possible, and where the perspiration drips down your mosquito-bitten legs and into your shoes.

Speaking of shoes, always wear flat ones as you'll probably be shuffled off into the garden where your heels will slowly sink into the grass. Always try to wear patterned clothing so that you can disguise the bits of tuna puff, samosas and peanut sauce which have landed on your apparel. Clothing with pockets is a wonderful idea as these will be handy for tucking away preferred business cards which it is impossible to unobtrusively dispose of otherwise. Keep a supply of yours there too so that you don't have to put down your wine spritzer in order to fish out a card from your wallet or purse.

Women should always carry an evening bag with a shoulder strap so that it can dangle clumsily between their arm and chest. This leaves the hands free for smoking, eating hors d'oeuvres, drinking and shaking hands simultaneously. As for accessories, your Prince style ring should not be worn on your right hand as it is considered poor form in many countries to wound someone when shaking hands.

Avoid wearing scarves at all times as they are just catch-alls for ashes, hot sauces, etc. This also applies to large shell necklaces and cowl necklines.



*George's ties always impress me.*

Men should ensure that their tie is firmly attached to their shirt so that it does not flop into the sour cream and onion soup dip when leaning over the table for a taco chip. Men serving in countries such as Indonesia have an advantage as the approved mode of dress is "batik" which can be either long or short sleeved shirts that do not require a tie. Safari suits are not acceptable under any circumstances.

Lastly, try to find an alternative place to wear your name tag as it is disconcerting to have people constantly peering at your chest. Enjoy □

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### AMBASSADORS AND HIGH COMMISSIONERS POSTED ABROAD

On December 5 1986, and January 23, 1987, two diplomatic appointments were announced.

They are, respectively:

**Paraguay:** Michel de Goumois as Ambassador to Paraguay while continuing as Ambassador to Chile as announced in September 1985. Mr. de Goumois joined the Department of External Affairs in 1958. He has served abroad in Karachi, Vientiane, Saigon, London and Dakar. From 1981 to 1985, he was Ambassador to Switzerland.

**Brussels:** Daniel Molgat as Ambassador to the European Communities in Brussels. Mr. Molgat joined the Department of External Affairs in 1959. He has served abroad in Hong Kong, Islamabad and Washington. Since 1985, he has been Ambassador to Spain □