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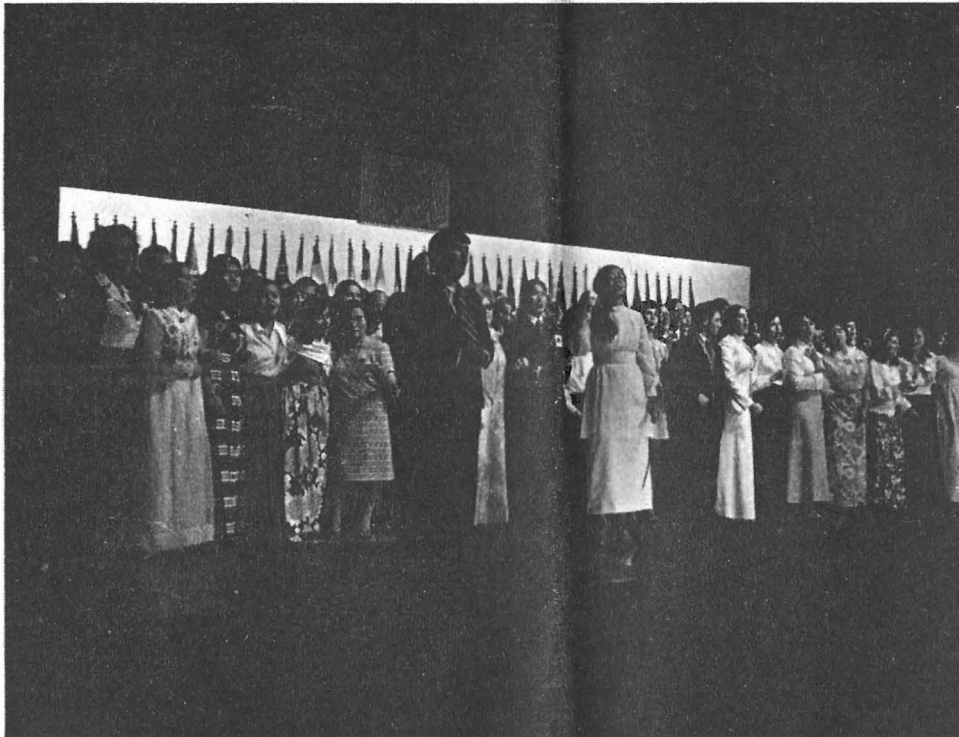
The Kabuki Theatre of Japantown came to life December 16th, 1972, as over 1,000 people participated in the Third Annual International Christmas Friendship Festival. "The purpose of the evening is to promote understanding and friendship," said general secretary for the evening, Michael Y. Warder.

Chairman of the event, noted business and civic leader Benjamin Swig, chairman of the board of the Fairmont Hotel, gave an inspiring welcome based on his remarkable life. Vice-chairman was Judge Joseph G. Kennedy. Chairman Swig stayed an hour after the program giving encouragement to the young people who worked on the evening and spoke on the importance of helping such causes.

Opening

The evening dramatized the family of nations with the spectacular opening flag ceremony when each flag of the 42 participating consulates was marched in. A thunderous ovation culminated with the arrival of "Old Glory".

Phyllis Yamato led the audience in "Let There Be Peace on Earth" accompanied by the New Age Orchestra of the International Re-Education Foundation, under the direction of Miss Nancy Radens.



Chaplain J.W. Betzold of the 6th Army gave the invocation for the evening. The roast beef dinner was cooked and served by members of the International Re-Education Foundation with Cecil Sala acting as advisor.

Sang Ik Choi, director of the executive committee, gave a brief greeting and spoke on the spirit of heart that had

to characterize such a gathering if it was to be true.

Guests

Guests in attendance included Mrs. Margaret Krsak Koesen, Chairman of the First Christmas Banquet and President of the Bataan-Corregidor Society of America; Francisco Arauz, Consul

General of Nicaragua and dean of the Consular Corps; John F. Knowles, representing President Nixon; the Honorable J. Earl Coke, representing Governor Reagan; Sun Myung Moon, Founder of the Unification Church; Harry Buttmer, President of the City College of San Francisco; representatives of the five major armed services; Dr. Louis Batmale, President of the San Francisco Community College; Virgil Elliott, Finance Director of San Francisco, the consular corps and many others.

Entertainment

The Dominquez Brothers of El Salvador opened the entertainment which followed dinner. The Hanayagi School of Dance followed with several numbers that captivated the audience. They have been so well received each time they perform on these occasions.

The Prince Charles Junior Pipe Band then marched out to the center of the large stage blowing those pipes that seem to evoke the nobility of the soldiers' spirit in all who listen. They turned in another brilliant performance.

After the speakers, the Bhangra Dancers of Punjab, India came out to shake the house into the joy of the spirit of their Harvest Dance. It was infectious. (See page 6 for pictures)

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