


COME TO THE PARTY



A long driveway winds up from Victoria Road in Hout Bay through wild, wooded property. Normally it is quiet and dark, but tonight there is a continuous purr of sleek car-engines along the dirt road. The cars disgorge guests, who are directed by gloved attendants to the lawn beside the great striped marquee. The moon is rising over the sea; the night is warm, the Kir Royale is pink and sparkling; the people are beautiful. A night to remember for ever - that was our COSMO party for Helen Gurley Brown.

It was an effervescent mix - little groups forming and reforming: writers, advertising hotshots, artists, designers, politicians, publishers, business-people, people, people... And they were dressed to thrill: JR in shimmering white by Errol Arendz, HGB in pearly pink from Halston, Anneline in a second silky skin by Fassler, and others in every shade of the season in satin, sequins, silk and taffeta.

And then there was dinner in the marquee, the pianist's notes rippling over the hum of conversation as pink-

and-silver-printed menus were unrolled at the lily-decked tables and the feast began.

What a feast! Pink hearts of silky salmon mousse on a ripple of dill-and-cucumber sauce awaited each guest. The buffet groaned with lobster pâté, stuffed paupiettes of kingklip, smoked Cape trout, chicken and cheese terrines, duckling with Grand Marnier, and bowls and bowls of fresh salads. Led by Mark Sagar, chefs from the Newlands Hotel deftly stirred up shredded beef and vegetables Mongolian-style, subtle with ginger. A croquembouche towered over the desserts, made with strawberries, youngberries and Elgin pears. And a caramel cheesecake was bliss. More hearts ended the evening - this time tiny sweet ones, passed around with the coffee.

We toasted our editor, we toasted Helen, we toasted America and South Africa, but most of all we toasted COSMOPOLITAN - our wonderful reason for being there. We have the pictures and the memories, so join us on these pages - come to the party!



The world's most wanted guest, Helen Gurley Brown, meets designer of the year Errol Arendz and his stunning sister Gloria.