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Gertrude Cooper will be on leave for five weeks.  
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Paris couturier Pierre Cardin, on an overnight stop in Cape Town, was the man in the spotlight at a reception at Monterey on Thursday evening. With him, his hostess Adele Searll and fashion siblings Errol and Gloria Arendz.

## Stylish Cardin

The Cape for Cardin was a kick-off to Rio.

Plus the typical touches that Johannesburg grinds its teeth about.

Lunch at Boschendal (Mr Cardin in country tweed with leather patches murmuring "ravisement" with each sip of Achim von Arnim's Blanc de Noir.) Drinks in the evening (Mr Cardin in a precision-cut grey suit) at Seardel's grand-house headquarters at Monterey — a garden in full summer glory, balmy night

air, guests with fashion connections.

The Paris couturier plus entourage flew out last evening, Brazil-bound. Wednesday sees the opening of the latest in his Maxim's chain. High up with the lights of Ipanema on one side, Copacabana on the other.

There'll be a maharajah from India, Maxim's habitues from all over. If you make beautiful clothes you have to provide places for them to be worn.

When he wanted to take Maxim's to

China, says Cardin, the French ambassador told him he was tackling the impossible. The night spot's flourishing and maintaining its image with food flown in from Japan, Hong Kong, Paris. But then he's succeeded in Russia as well.

The man has boundless energy and style. Walking with kings and statesmen he hasn't lost the common touch. As he says, intently in heavily accented English — "I'm not just a designer of clothes."