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While we're doing the ball thing — His Royal Highness The **Earl of Wessex**, **Queen Elizabeth's** youngest son known as Prince Edward, was the hit of the evening at the Rainbow Room, where 350 guests gathered for a dinner-dance benefiting the Royal Academy of Arts in London. Edward was so amusing, a couple of the guests thought he might make a good standup comic!? (Just kidding!) The Royal Academy, by the way, was one of the sponsors of the controversial art exhibition, "Sensation," that ruffled so many feathers at the Brooklyn Museum — all rather boring in retrospect. Nary a word was spoken about this at the party, although Prince Edward did mention that the Academy was sponsoring an exhibition of art in the age of Queen Victoria, this to be shown in the U.S. next year. As an antidote to "Sensation"? Let's hope it's a strong one.

Among the crowd tucking in and dancing to the music of **Bob Hardwick** were such as **Happy Rockefeller**, **John Whitehead**, **Irene Roosevelt**, **Anne Hearst** and a whole gang of others of that ilk and stripe.