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That regal beauty in white at the American Associates of the Royal Academy Trust's dinner dance at the Rainbow Room was the flower of the Windsor family, **Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra of Kent**, the Queen's first cousin, and, along with her husband, **Sir Angus Ogilvy**, a guest of honor at the party. As this glamorous gala celebrates the close association of America and England and their partnership in the arts, there were Anglophiles in every corner, including the decorative Mrs. Tobin (**Anne Armstrong**, our former ambassador to the Court of St. James's and her husband; **Betty** and **Virgil Sherrill** of New York, and **Ann** and **Vernon Taylor**, who live in Colorado and the world. The Armstrongs, the Sherrills and the Taylors were co-chairmen of the dinner and the party the following night at Doubles honoring Princess Alexandra and Angus Ogilvy.

Again, it was **Bob Hardwick** and his orchestra playing for the American Associates and their British chums. Said *la belle* Alexandra to Hardwick. "It is incredible being here at the Rainbow Room. I always associate it with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. I don't know why, I just do." That's all it took for quick-on-the-trigger Uncle Bob, who immediately launched into every Astaire/Rogers dance medley he knew — plenty. In the dancing crowd were such as **Carter Brown; Nancy** and **John Whitehead; Jan Cowles**, all red, black and gold and shining short hair; **Wendy Lehman; Susan** and **Coley Burke; Sir Philip Dowson**, the president of the Royal Academy and **Lady Dowson; Drue Heinz; Poppi Thomas; Robin Duke; Sir John** and **Lady Kerr** (he is the new British ambassador in Washington); Francis Kellogg; **Renee Wood; Hillie** and **David Mahoney; Aylene Massey; Patricia Patterson; Kenneth Jay Lane**, and others too chic and stunning to mention, I suppose.

Guests at the Doubles Party included **Laurance** and **Mary Rockefeller, Brooke Astor, the Douglas Dillons**, beautiful **Patsy Preston**, Patricia Patterson, **Robin Duke, Gail Hilson** and others too swell to mention, probably.