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# The Nature Trust

New York

● ALMOST anyone will tell you that the dazzling social highlight of World Wildlife Week in Palm Beach will be the dance former Ambassador and Mrs. Guilford Dudley are having to make Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, the Wildlife International president, feel loved and wanted. Jane Dudley will not have to go it alone in supplying a hot meal for the whole of her prestigious guest list. She's lined up nine Palm Beach leading ladies to give dinners before her dance, and those nine are—[sound of trumpets, roll of drums]—Mrs. T. Bedford Davie, Mrs. John R. Drexel III, Mrs. Nicholas Du Pont, Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks, Mrs. Alfonso Fanjul, Mrs. Rodman De Heeren, Mrs. Ogden Phipps, Mrs. Thomas Shevlin, and Mrs. Earl E. T. Smith. Their friends call them Dysie, Noreen, Bunny, Mary Lee, Lillian, Aimee, Lil, Durie, and Leslie. Almost all the time.

What this whole business is about is something called "The 1001: A Nature Trust," which everyone knows is the closest thing to Prince Bernhard's heart these days. If you don't count Queen Juliana and the four girls, of course. Members of "The 1001" from all over the world have periodic gatherings with the prince and other leading conservationists. It's the only way to get the job done.

● SOMETIMES they meet at Soestdijk Palace in the Netherlands where Juliana and Bernhard live. The March meet is set for Palm Beach and in May these arch-conservationists will congregate at the Coto Donana in southern Spain. Don Juan Carlos, the next king of Spain, will meet Bernhard at that one. Sounds rather like fun.

For the Palm Beach affair, Peter Scott will fly in from England and the rich-from-oil John Murchisons will come from Texas. They are good friends of the Dudleys, who are themselves founder members of "The 1001."

The Dudleys' dinner will be a miniscule one, just H. R. H. and a few members of "The 1001." The tables will be what is sometimes called a riot of color. You tell me what else you'd call spring green, bright pink and yellow cloths printed with birds, and centerpieces comprised of 2½ feet tall candelabra held in place by a profusion of roses, carnations, delphiniums, lilies, bachelor buttons, anemones, tulips, etc. etc. You'd call it a riot of color, that's what you'd call it.

● AFTER the coffee, Prince Bernhard and the Dudleys will greet the guests arriving from the other nine dinners. There'll be dancing in the drawing room to Cliff Hall and his orchestra, and whoever wishes to can spill out onto the terrace—weather permitting.

When the last crumb has been brushed away from the dinner tables, the dining room will be transformed into a psychedelic discotheque with strobe lights and tiny cocktail tables covered with hot pink cloths and centered with flashing pink and yellow cubes! Another riot of color yet. A rock group called "The Joker Is Wild" will take it from there. Shortly after midnight supper will be served and then all the distinguished wildlifers will be sent out to pasture. And not a moment too soon. Most of them need their sleep.

● MARC BOHAN in the flesh will be in New York for the Dior Boutique Fashion Show March 7th to benefit the Museum of the City of New York at Saks Fifth Avenue. Along with Marc's goodies, there will be a perspective of fashion from the museum's costume collection modeled by some delectable ladies and introduced by delectable Louis Auchincloss, the president of the museum who knows all about Edith Wharton and things like that.

Mrs. Walter B. Delafield will wear a maroon satin walking dress with a matching brocaded velvet jacket circa 1885. Mrs. John Brokaw will model a yellow satin evening gown with a front panel of white satin, trimmed with lace and black ribbon. It was designed in an 18th century revival style by worth circa 1895. Mrs. Peter F. Carleton's dinner dress, circa 1908, is deep navy velvet trimmed with black sequins, green chenille, and lace. Mrs. William G. Cahan, a fetching blonde, will wear a long gray georgette evening gown [and in those days when they said evening gown they meant evening gown] appliqued with bugle beads circa 1920. Mrs. Bruce Addison will wear a black worsted faille cocktail dress by Dior representing Christian Dior's famous new look.

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Joan Beck is on vacation. Her column, "You and Your Child," will resume when she returns.