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Hope Ridings Miller Party Was Wonderful

THERE aren't many hostesses here in Washington who can entice the Vice President of the United States, the President of the French National Assembly, and the French Ambassador to a dinner dance at the Sulgrave Club at the drop of a hat.

But that's exactly what Hope Ridings Miller, energetic and talented editor of *The Diplomat Magazine*, did the other night and everybody had a wonderful time.

Of course, M. Jacques Chaban-Delmas, the President of France's National Assembly, had much to say to Vice President Johnson. There was no language barrier because M. Chaban-Delmas speaks very fine English and furthermore, Mme. Alphand, the wife of the French Ambassador, was doing double-time interpreting whenever necessary.

'COUNTERPART'

M. Chaban-Delmas is the counterpart of Speaker Sam Rayburn, at whose invitation he and his pretty wife came to the Capital.

He had lunched with Mr. Sam that day, was most impressed; even called our Speaker by the famed name, "Mistair Saum." Ambassador Alphand noted that the chief of his national assembly is, "Maybe ranked a little above your Speaker; a little below the Vice President."

Jacques Chaban-Delmas was 45 on March 7; he is a vital, slender, dark-haired young man. And undoubtedly the best dancer who has hit the boards of the Sulgrave Club's dance floor in many years!

"It's the same in Paris," laughed pretty, ash-blond Mme. Chaban-Delmas, as the ladies complimented her husband on his wonderful terpsichorean talents. "Everybody says Jacques is the best."

The wife of the French official—they depart today for New York and thence to France after a brief stay at the French embassy—is a dainty young woman, very chic, with wide, aquamarine eyes.