

PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

Crown Prince Akihito was in the news on technically Japanese soil, namely at the embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens, where 200 of his imperial father's subjects attended a garden party, at which east and west made a

brave attempt to meet. ~~No, after you, sister!~~

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Chopsticks ~~with~~ with English pastries quite while newly successfully, / the Prince mingled with his people in the / accepted democratic manner.

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For the Japanese ~~party~~ in London it was a notable afternoon, *quite a happy week for ex-foes certainly it* Love your enemies, says the bible, and for ~~us~~ *we about to hate enemies* we abound with love; witness Dr. Hans Speidel.

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Tactfully not uniformed the Herr Doktor was one of 160 delegates from NATO and Commonwealth countries attending the Royal Armoured Corps display, Speidel was once Rommel's Chief of Staff, so ~~some M.P.s~~ didn't like his being shown our latest military ideas. ~~But times change, foes become friends, and Germany Western now contributes to the defence of Europe, the sort of chance you have to take in this bewildering age. The aim of statesmen is to bring all Germans, along with Herr Speidel, on to the democratic side.~~

To Queen Juliana, who's never been an enemy, always a good friend, we join with her subjects in wishing many happy returns. On her 44th birthday people filed past at Soestdijk Palace to pay respects in the traditional and delightfully informal way. Old Dutch, young Dutch, all wished Her Majesty well, not to mention a young also-ran, straight from the Tulip Rally. ~~To~~ ^{too} To a friendly Queen we/all say, Many Happy Returns.