

LAMBETH - "NO COLOUR BAR" DANCE.

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Lambeth and Brixton have been much in the news recently following the controversy that has raged over the immigration of West Indians to this country. Thousands live in this area. They are for the most part entirely accepted by their white neighbours. But the colour bar (officially unrecognised in this country) does operate to a certain extent. To help solve the problems raised when white and coloured people live in the same neighbourhood, the Borough of Lambeth organised a "no-colour bar" dance.

The Lambeth Town Hall became a dance hall for the evening. The Borough's Mayor, Councillor White, was there to greet the guests (180 white and 180 coloured) as they arrived. The Mayor was mainly responsible for promoting the dance.

The Reverend John Cawley was another local figure who came along. Everything was fifty-fifty - half the guests were English and half West Indian, and so was the music.

Dan Dunn and Dears Williams had an evening typical of their West Indian friends. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, an English couple, had soon changed partners - East had met West on common ground and had found a lot in common. Few were wallflowers for very long. The rhythm of the Mambo was doing its bit towards racial unity.

On a dance floor in the Town Hall, the people of Lambeth offered a hand of welcome to their coloured neighbours.