

BABY PRINCE'S RECEPTION

One-year-olds were invited to the Royal Palace in Tokyo. Crown Princess Michiko and her little son met the parents. She and the mothers had one thing in common, they all had their babies a year ago last February. Hence they get together with Prince Hiro. There must have been hundreds of thousands of Japanese babies born at that time; these at the party were chosen because they were winners in a national health contest. The future Emperor was soon the life and soul of the party. His guests weren't in the least nervous. It takes a lot more than a Royal Palace to embarrass the average citizen who's just passed his first birthday. What a change has come over the Japanese Royal family. Nowadays they cannot be too democratic. Prince Hiro and his future subjects had a grand party.