

# Food fair and show please crowd

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lights from all over the world. In color, glamour and talent. Close to 1,700 people came to be fed and entertained at the Food

Fair and Variety Show sponsored last week by the International Student Association. They left with full stomachs and dazzled minds.

The evening began with assorted dishes from 29 countries laid out like a huge family picnic. To maneuver through the crowd, one had to dodge heaped up plates, upraised forks and happily working jaws. There were dainty appetizers, soups, fruit salads, ex-otic desserts and more variations of beef, seafood, poultry and pork than could be tasted.

Immediately following the Food Fair was a fashion show featuring I.S.A. students dressed in ruffles, sequins and gold-trimmed silks. Slides of palaces, countrysides and cities shown behind the models took the audience to the foreign homeland settings. To conclude the show, three children dressed in gold-threaded red velvet suits from Sumatra simply smiled and brought the audience's applause to a peak

A talent show brought all the color, culture and pageantry to a climax. There were lilting guitars, delicate Oriental music, sensual belly dancing and foot-stomping South American folk dancing. Besides entertaining, the entries in

the talent show were competing for awards presented to the winners at a ceremony the following night.

The first place prize went to three Bolivian musicians who played mandolin, guitar and a na-tive drum. By the time they finished their medley, including "El Condor Pasa," the audience was clapping in rhythm to their captivating beat.

Second place went to a Korean who strummed two songs which he said exemplified the attitude of the new generation in his country. The words he sang were in a language foreign to many there, but his message of love came across clearly on his spellbinding guitar.

Third place went to another guitarist, a Nicaraguan, who hushed the crowd with his own love song entitled "Give Me a Smile.

All entries in the Food Fair also were judged that night on their overall appearance and flavor. There were two classes grouped according to the number of club members of that country. Winners of class A were: first place, Hong Kong; second place, Taiwan; third place, Venezuela. Winners of class B were: first

place, Puerto Rico; second place, Bangladesh; third place, Turkey.

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