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Dazzling Decorations, Fine Food

Golden Plate Planned for 1962

First Annual Event Wins High Praise

Triumphant officials of the Academy of Achievement were shoulder-deep in congratulations Saturday night as the first annual Banquet of the Golden Plate passed into history as one of the most glittering affairs ever staged on the Monterey Peninsula.

Flushed with success, governors of the academy met this morning and voted to stage the second annual Banquet of the Golden Plate next year in Monterey. They did not discuss finances, although most expected to lose money on the first affair.

It had touches of Hollywood's Academy Awards, a Nobel Prize presentation ceremony and a high school graduation, all rolled into one.

Even an outburst of heckling during the featured speech by famed physicist Edward Teller (see separate story) failed to spoil the gloss.

Keep Objective

And through all the sparkle and shine, the academy managed to keep attention focused on its basic objectives—to honor outstanding achievements and by so doing to give inspiration to America's young people.



Applause Engulfs Teller

Edward Teller resumes his seat at the Monterey County Fairgrounds where thunderous applause greeted the conclusion of his keynote speech at the Academy of Achievement's Golden Plate dinner. The renowned nuclear physicist warned that America lags in the atomic arms (More pictures on page 5.)

Guests Greeted

The guests of honor, each of whom was greeted with a burst of applause and organ fanfare as they made their grand entry one-by-one the beginning of the four-hour-plus banquet, were seated at a raised table which stretched along an entire side of the big hall.

As they dined on roast larded sirloin of beef, they were serenaded by the Fort Ord Soldiers Chorus. The award winners dined off real gold service, provided for the occasion by San Francisco's Sheraton-Palace Hotel. The meal was prepared under the supervision of Lucien Heyraud, former chef of the Palace, who came out of retirement for the occasion. It was some two hours from the California Cantaloupe Surprise to the Cherries Golden Eagle, but the food undoubtedly was among the best ever served at a Peninsula banquet.

Dr. Frederick Huber, president of Monterey Peninsula College, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced Monterey hotel owner Jack Dougherty, president of the Academy of Achievement.

More than 50 men and women from the United States and abroad, selected by the academy for accomplishments in fields ranging from music to medicine and exploration to advertising, were on hand to receive the academy's Golden Plate awards.