

The 2nd floor contained the Club's shopping arcade and the 3rd, 4th and 5th floors, Chinese Staff Living Quarters. The 6th floor contained the laundry.

It was in 1954, too, that the United States Navy Purchasing Branch approached the Club with the idea of opening a Purchasing Branch for American personnel visiting Hong Kong for recreation. Eventually the third floor of the main building was leased exclusively to them. The floor had previously contained dormitories, but with the reduction in the size of the British Fleet in the Far East, it was rarely used to capacity. The extra income was just what was needed at that point in time.

1955 saw that well-known San Miguel Brewery neon advertising sign go up on the roof - at that time, the largest in Hong

Kong. "Long John" whisky added their neon sign in 1960 - more income for the Club!

Renovation and redecoration continued yearly. In 1961 the exterior of the Club got a new coat of paint - and colours - Desert Sand with Terracotta Bands and the 25th anniversary of the opening, on 21st March 1934, was celebrated at a cocktail party in the presence of Sir Robert Black, the Governor of Hong Kong, Admiral Sir G. Gladstone, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, Lt. Gen. Sir E. Bastyan, Commander, British Forces, Hong Kong and Air Commodore T. Holder, Air Officer Commanding, Hong Kong. Sir Michael Turner, Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and a Trustee of the Club was present together with The Honorable Hugh Barton, Managing Director of Jardine Matheson, and also a



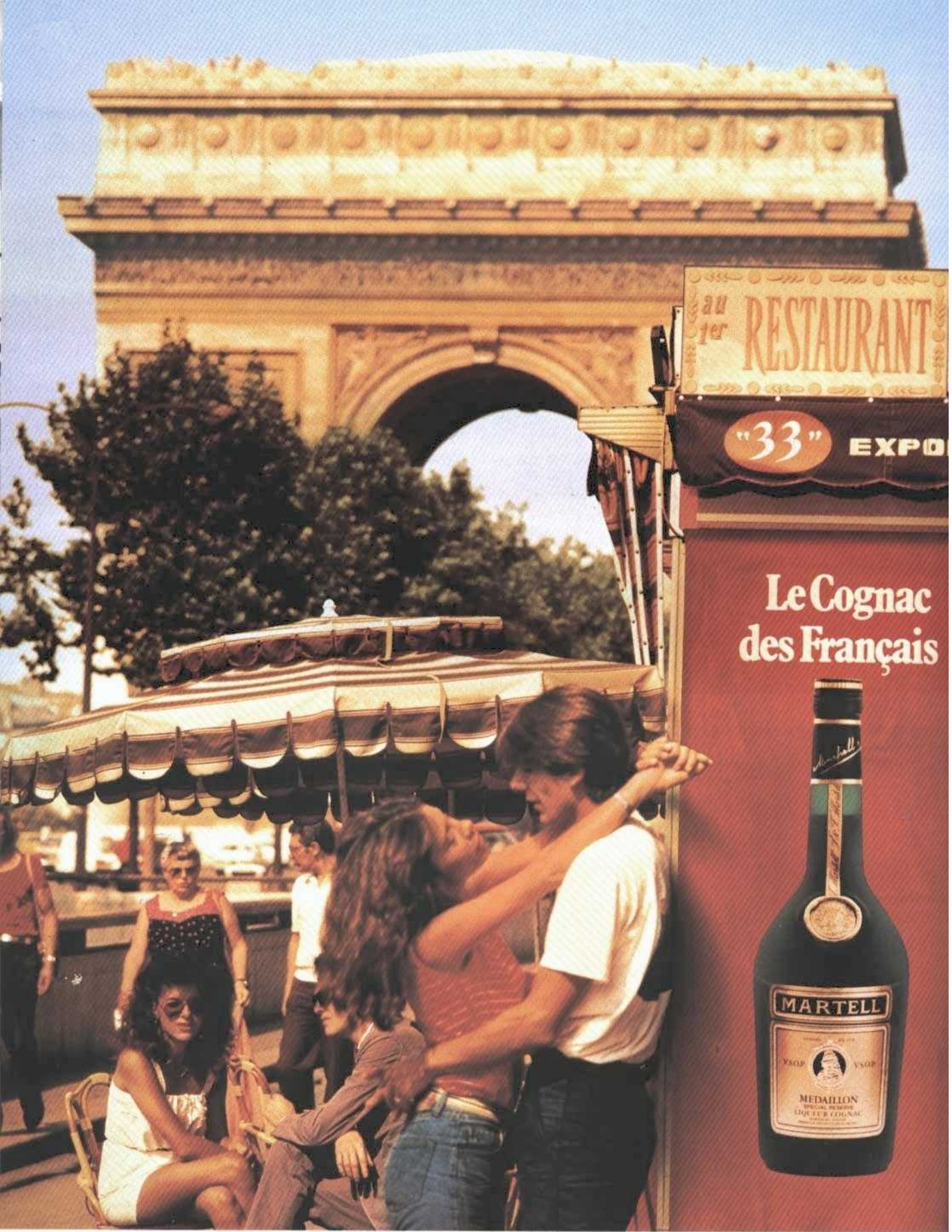


Trustee of the Club. The Commissioner of Police Mr. A.C. Maxwell attended and Commodore G.D.A. Gregory, Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong, Chairman of the China Fleet Club and its Senior Trustee. Commanding Officers of all H.M. Ships in Port, Ratings from those Ships, the General Committee and others connected with the Club were there to help celebrate.

During the installation of air conditioning in 1964 a live shell was found two feet below the Reception Room on the Ground Floor. The shell, Japanese, weighing 83 lbs and 3'2" long, was removed by the Police Ballistics division. Doubtless it had landed in the Club during the battle for Hong Kong back in 1941.

By the mid-sixties the balconies on the first and second floors had been glassed in, and together with the air-conditioning of all the lounges and the bars this added a considerably amount of space in the Club. Around that time the theatre, which was also used as a cinema, was closed down and completely gutted. A new floor was built, and an eight-lane bowling alley was installed on the ground floor and an air-conditioned dance-cum-tombola hall on the upper floor. Two new automatic lifts replaced the old manually operated ones. That project cost the magnificent sum of HK\$1,300,000. It was opened by H.E. The Governor, Sir David Trench on the 21st September, 1965.





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Vietnam - The Boom Years

The Vietnamese War, however tragic, meant virtually a decade of "boom" years for the Club. American and Allied personnel used Hong Kong almost exclusively for "Rest and Recreation", and the Club, on the edge of ever-popular Wanchai, prospered. And with prosperity came plans for a new Club.

During 1970 the General Committee decided that the present Club accommodation was becoming outdated and expensive to run and maintain.

Meetings were held with, sometimes, monotonous regularity. But as recession reared its ugly head, and Defence Cuts came into force it was finally decided in early 1976 to remain in the old building.


It was another three years before the possibility of rebuilding was raised again, in 1979.



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Mr. Andy Lees
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Mr. Michael Morrice
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AT THE NEW CHINA FLEET CLUB
THE ORCHESTRA

Miss Linda Evans at the pianoforte Mr. Teddy Sarreal on the percussion
Mr. Paul L. Speed on everything else

The Royal Marine Concert,
December 1983 Sun Hung Kai
Centre.



The Amethyst Room, set
for Christmas Day 1983
Sun Hung Kai Centre.

That was a well-known landmark, the San Miguel sign on the Club's roof top.



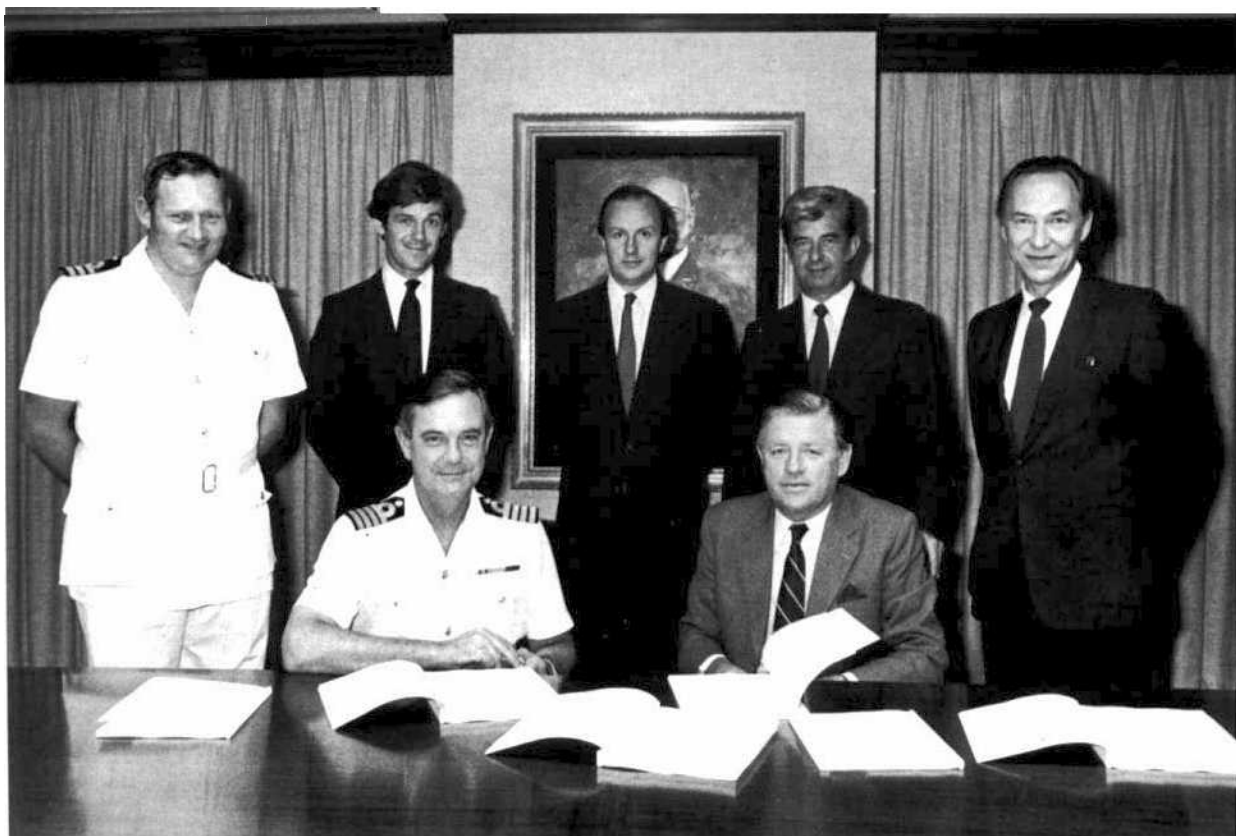
The New Club (1980-84)

Early 1980 brought the next step towards redeveloping the Club and it was decided to go to Tender for a new club on its present site, the winning Tender to provide temporary accommodation for a period of 3½ years. Four companies tendered, with Sun Hung Kai coming out the winner. Although Sun Hung Kai later withdrew their Tender, they allowed the offer of temporary accommodation to stand. Hong Kong Land then offered to take on the redevelopment, and this was accepted.

The temporary Club, situated in Sun Hung Kai Centre has been very successful, if with somewhat reduced facilities, for members. Nevertheless, long-standing favourites like Tombola, Folk Shows, and of course Mollie's Music Hall, continue to make their appearance.

It is planned to move into the new Club, hopefully, in March 1985. In the new building, to be named Fleet House, the Club will occupy the first nine floors. Facilities will include Bars, Restaurants, an Auditorium, a Bowling Alley, 38 Family Rooms, a Residents Pool, Sauna, Squash Courts, USNCD Shops and the traditional CFCRN Shops.

Alan Gilbert & Associates, the Club's interior designers, have kindly supplied a selection of artist's impressions of the new Club. These should give members some idea of what is in store when that long looked-forward-to move is finally made in 1985. The future of the Club looks very bright and it is hoped that Members will continue to enjoy and utilise the Club for many years to come.



Standing (left to right): Commander M.L. Beaumont R.N., David Holdsworth, Paul Harris, Phil Baldwin, Alan Gilbert; Seated (left to right): Captain A. Waugh R.N., Trevor Bedford.



The China Fleet Club - The Staff

The above members of the bar staff have an accumulated service of well over 200 years between them.

LAM Chin-Fook	Kelly Lounge Barman	37 years
TONG Lo-Hing	Supervisor	36 years
CHAN Chung	Disco Barman	34 years
LAM Hong	Chichester Lge Barman	34 years
NG Chi-Sum	Disco Barman	33 years
YU Man-Yuen	Assistant Manager	33 years



The catering staff has only recently been formed - in 1982. But with the Club's long-term service well-established by its Bar Staff, we can expect to see several hundred more years mounting up from the catering staff too.

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MONDAY 19TH MARCH
AUDITORIUM-COCKTAIL PARTY
(Invited guests only)

1845-2100

TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH
GOLDEN SCOOP TOMBOLA
\$2000 Specials Plus
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2100-2359

MEDIEVAL BANQUET
\$80.00 per person
Traditional Fare

1800

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH
GOLDEN JUBILEE DAY
(Club Closes)

1900-2359

GALA EVENING
For all serving full members, RN, RM & WRENS.
Half-price drinks, Disco, Buffets,
Entertainment. Etc.



1930-2359

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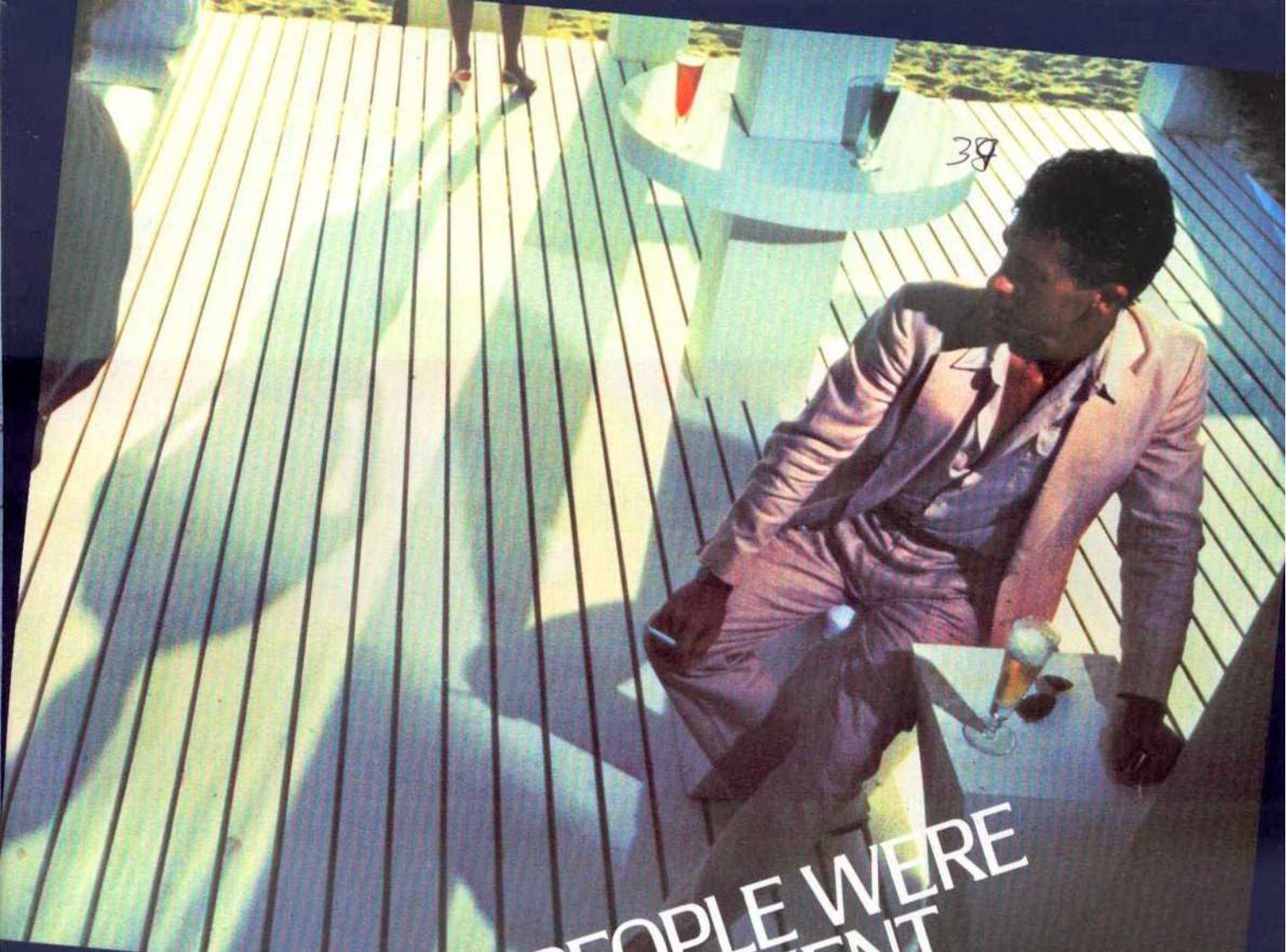
Teresa Carpio in rehearsal with Phil Baldwin and Peter Hayward in attendance and Mel Tobias at the piano.

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