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Odd! A party our Royal pair missed

THE Prince and Princess of Wales are relieved that they did not accept the invitation to attend a party in Auckland, New Zealand, at the end of their tour down under.

Indeed I hear they are chortling at the fate which befell a huge party of journalists and others accompanying them o n the tour, who did go.

This jolly event was staged at a lively



emporium known as Trouper Cooper's Curry House-run by jaunty New Zealand TV actor, Terence Cooper.

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The sixty or so were in a merry mood when an enormous Samoan native entered carrying an equally huge straw: basket.

It soon transpired that the creature—some 6 ft. 8 in. tall—was a transexual and he was the subject of much hilarity, particularly when he danced with a plucky little Fleet Street photographer. When the Samoan lifted his sweater he revealed an interesting figure.

The Samoan eventually disappeared into the night and it was not until well after 3 a.m. when the party broke up that guests discovered that a jacket, a sweater and money was missing. The restaurant itself was short of two ornamental elephants.

My inquiries reveal that Auckland police are still searching for a giant Samoan transexual with a bulging straw bag who had said he was in search of funds for a sex-change operation.