a guest at the wedding

Our man in Sikkim—Lee Battaglia, whose photographs graced Alumnus pages while he was in the Journalism School here—now gets a page mostly to himself because of an assignment he drew from another magazine, National Geographic, of which he is assistant illustrations editor. His job was to photograph the wedding high in the Himalayas that united the American girl, Hope Cooke, 23-year-old graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, and 39-year-old Prince Thondup, heir to the throne of the Buddhist kingdom of Sikkim, an Indian protectorate bordering on Tibet. (One of his earlier assignments with National Geographic took Lee back to his native Italy; for the Alumnus he has covered events in Rocheport and Westphalia.) At left we see our ex-photographer resplendent in top hat and striped pants. Below, Elio Lee Battaglia—a long way from the cash register he once manned in the Student Union cafeteria—exchanging pleasantries with the charming bride-to-be as they stroll behind the prince and his father, the reigning Maharaja of Sikkim.