

Congratulations George Tames

**Winner of the 1992
Kodak/White House
News Photographers'
Association Achievement
Award**

George Tames, whose career spans 11 presidential terms, joined the *New York Times* as a photographer in 1945. The enduring popularity of his images is due in part, wrote Francis X. Clines in an article for the *New York Times Magazine*, to his ability "to capture the intimate, unguarded moments that reveal the character of life in the capital."

It seems to have been Tames' fate to work among the political figures of Washington, D.C. The son of Greek-Albanian immigrants, Tames was born only four blocks from the Capitol. Still in his teens, he took a job as a copy boy at *TIME* magazine, taking pictures in his spare time. And in 1940, he made his first presidential photograph of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

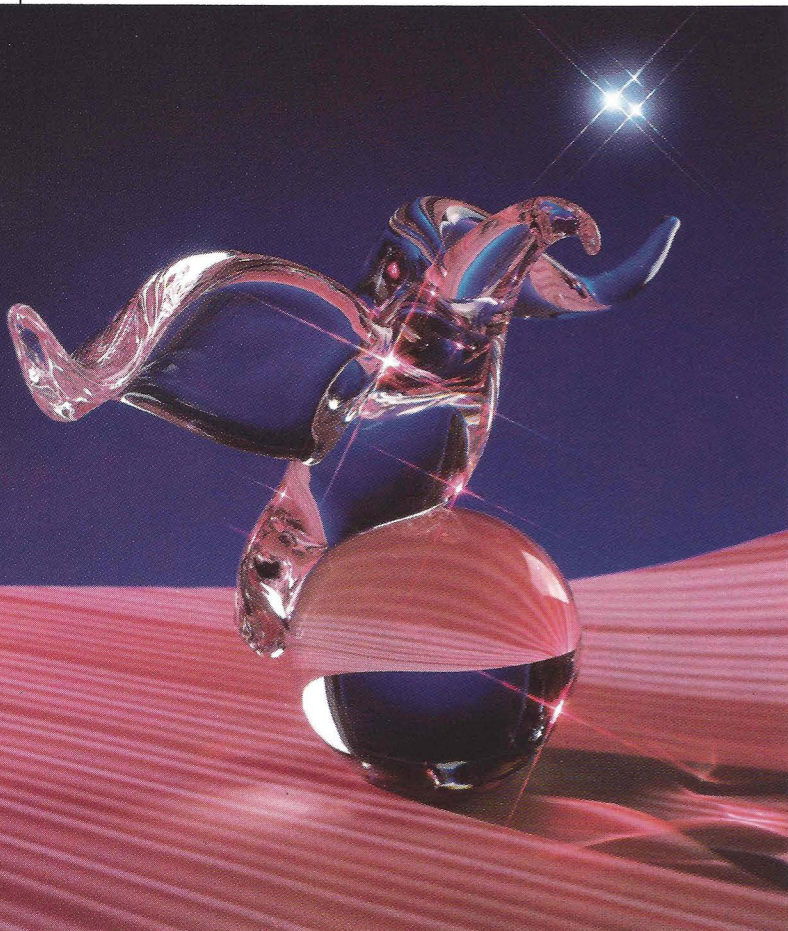
"George Tames' superb photographs have told the story of American political power for the last half century," notes Hugh Sidey of *TIME*. "Friend and confidant of the mighty," Sidey continues, "he went where few other photographers were allowed. Man of grace, honor, and exuberant humor, he was and is beloved by his friends and colleagues."

"Acknowledged by his peers as the dean of White House photographers," remarks Sidey, "George Tames has photographed every major American political figure of the past 45 years. His acclaimed photographs for the *New York Times* capture the essence of politics with startling clarity."

Although highly praised by his peers, when asked about his techniques Tames modestly explains, "You watch the light as it plays on people's faces. You know when the picture's there."

Tames served as president of the White House News Photographers' Association (WHNPA) in 1970 and 1971. He has won the Photographer of the Year award three times, and has placed first in the WHNPA annual contest 17 times. Tames resides in Washington with his wife, Frances, and enjoys fishing holidays at his North Carolina retreat.

Professional Imaging, Eastman Kodak Company, and the White House News Photographers' Association are proud to present the 1992 Kodak/WHNPA Achievement Award to George Tames, a photojournalist of and by the people.



ABOVE: The Kodak/White House News Photographers' Association Achievement Award - a polished Steuben crystal eagle - is given annually to a member of the White House News Photographers' Association in recognition of outstanding service to the organization and achievement in the field of photojournalism. Designed by

James Houston, the eagle is an especially appropriate figure for this award, since it has long been a symbol of American strength and leadership. Recent recipients include Jack Fletcher (1985), Arthur V. Lodovichetti (1986), Larry Krebs (1987), Maurice Johnson (1988), Ken Blaylock (1989), Paul M. Lyons (1990), and Bernie Boston (1991).