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Fashions

DRESSING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

This gold and brown matte velvet print dress in the short length, is enhanced by huge flounced sleeves on either side of the plunging neckline.



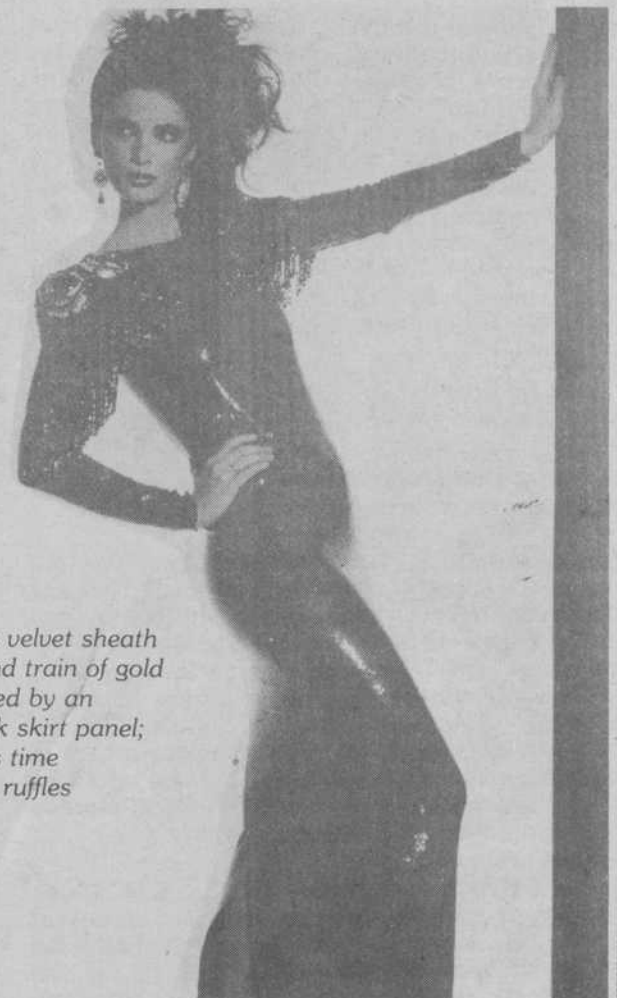
Holiday evenings will be dazzling this year. Gowns feature shimmering fabrics — velvet, satin — with lots of jewels, beading and sequins. Shapes can be sleek or flounced. The colors — basic black sometimes spiked with bright splashes of red, blue or gold, or bright red or green or gold to compliment the Holidays.



Nothing can be more elegant than tapered black velvet evening pants topped with a shiny sequined blouse with long puffed sleeves.



Shown here, left to right: a long black velvet sheath with wide waist to hip cummerbund and train of gold satin; a black sheath in velvet enhanced by an electric blue satin hip flounce and back skirt panel; and again the black velvet sheath, this time embellished with deep bright red satin ruffles cascading around the slim skirt.



The ultimate in holiday dazzle — a sleek fitting floor length sheath of red sequins, slit up the back. And to heighten the effect, squared shoulders boasting roses of black, red and white bugle beads, with silver and black bugle-bead fringe. SPECTACULAR!