

A Critical Choice: Moving The Rockefeller Commission?

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Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's wife, Nancy, who shuttles to and from her job in New York, may soon have an office in Washington.

Vice President Nelson Rockefeller's National Commission on Critical Choices for America, for which Mrs. Kissinger works as a foreign affairs expert, is considering a change of address from Manhattan to the nation's capital.

"We don't know yet," the commission's executive director, Henry L. Diamond, said last week. "We are trying to work it out. Both the President and the Vice President think it is a good thing to continue . . . but we don't even know at this point if we are going to be part of the federal government."

The commission, originally a state organization while Rockefeller was governor of New York, was created to use the best minds and the leading politicians of both parties to come up with solutions for problems that will confront this country and the world into the next century.

The commission, which has "35 to 40" employees, presently is privately funded with Rockefeller and his brother, Laurance, each contributing \$1 million.

Although the commission originally was viewed as a national power base designed to propel Rockefeller into the White House, it has had the enthusiastic support of Mr. Ford. He traveled to New York three times, as a congressional leader, as Vice President and then as President, to attend its sessions.

Undercover

With the press trying to track down former CIA director Richard Helms all over Washington last week,

his stepdaughters had to go undercover.

"My sister and I have had to move out of our apartments," Lindsay McKelvie said last week. "We can't even go pick up our own mail. We're shadowed everywhere we go. CBS and NBC have had us under 24-hour-a-day surveillance."

Helms won't be found until he wants to be found, she predicted. "He doesn't want to talk to anybody until he finds out what's going on."

House Cleaning

Alice Roosevelt Longworth isn't going to emulate Barbara Howar and have a garage sale, but she is going to give celebrity-conscious collectors a chance at buying some of her famous belongings.

Furniture, paintings and bric-a-brac belonging to Theodore Roosevelt's octagenarian daughter will be sold here by Sloan's Auctioneers at a catalog sale scheduled for Feb. 19-22.

The items are all things she has had in storage for decades. The consignment includes several pieces of the massive, pseudo-Elizabethan castle furniture that was the fashion of the Gay '90s, and massive oil canvases few homes today have the wall space to display.

Marketing

Like many husbands with working wives, David Eisenhower is often seen these days shopping in the supermarket below his Columbia Plaza apartment.

Lugging a bag of George Washington University law school textbooks in one hand, he pushed his cart up to the checkout counter the other day with \$20 worth of purchases that included pork chops, strawberry yogurt and a carton of Marlboro cigarettes.