

Schlesinger Talented in Many Ways

Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.,
who will speak Feb. 3 at The Washington Post Book and Author Luncheon, can claim accomplishment as a book reviewer among his more famous ones of historian, presidential adviser and author of the best-selling "A Thousand Days."

But one of his good friends, Herbert Block, cartoonist for The Washington Post, may have winced when Schlesinger began a review back in 1964 with these words:

"One can only deplore the decision to give the drawings on the notorious Washington cartoonist Herblock a resting place between hard covers."

But Schlesinger was just joking. The review would up chiding Herblock for loosing "on our republic the most subversive thing of all—laughter."

Schlesinger graduated from Exeter at 15, made Phi Beta Kappa during his junior year at Harvard, where he graduated summa cum laude in history in 1938.

During World War II, he served in the Office of War Information here and the Office of Strategic Services in London, Paris and Germany.

Since the 1946, he has been a Harvard history professor, a member of the late Adlai Stevenson's staff and a special assistant to President Kennedy and Johnson.

"A Thousand Days," 175,000 copies of which are in print with another printing set for this month, has earned him considerable critical acclaim.

Luncheon tickets, \$3.75 each, are available at The Washington Post and the following bookstores:

Better Mouse Trap (Alexandria), Brentano's, Cucumber (Bethesda), Center (Bethesda), Chevy Chase Book Store (Chevy Chase), Double Day, Francis Scott Key, Hecht's (Washington), Kann's, Paul Pearlman's, Saville, Sidney Kramer's, Woodward • Lothrop (Washington) and World Affairs.