

Who Will Entertain at the

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Will Dr. Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State designate, stand in for former Secretary of State William P. Rogers on the social front this week?

Kissinger will have his chance Wednesday night (Sept. 12) when invitations are out in the name of Secretary and Mrs. Rogers for a 6:30-8:30 p.m. reception at Blair House. The party will honor about 25 diplomats—who are giving dinners at their embassies the night of the Meridian House Ball on Oct. 3.

Now that Rogers is out of office, he and his wife are no longer expected at the Blair House affair. So will Dr. Kissinger go in his place? The committee says he has been invited but at the moment no one has answered. Mrs. Clark MacGregor, chairman of the ball, and Mrs. Kenneth Rush, co-chairman and wife of the deputy secretary of State, are optimistic but keeping fingers crossed.

The one guest of honor who is sure to be there is the angel of this year's Meridian House Ball, the man who is giving the \$10,000 backing needed to stage it.

He is Harry J. Gray, president and the chief executive officer of the United Aircraft Corp. Before joining United Aircraft, in 1971, Gray was senior executive vice president of Litton Industries.

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He is also Clark MacGregor's boss at United Aircraft, where MacGregor is now a vice president.

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"T-bone—50 cents a pound."

With meat—\$3.95 a pound."

Blair House?