

# Portrait of Henry: Off the Hook

By Maxine Cheshire

Dressed in a black Chinese "Dragon Lady" pantsuit and wearing a heavy jade pendant the size of a large serving of creamed spinach, New York writer Barbara Lee Diamondstein stopped at foreign affairs adviser Henry Kissinger's table at the Sans Souci last week.

Kissinger was lunching with famed portrait photographer Yousuf Karsh and his wife. Karsh, who has photographed most of the famous faces of the world, recently added Kissinger to his rogue's gallery after an introduction from their mutual friend, NBC's Barbara Walters.

Kissinger was being very courtly to Miss Diamondstein, with good reason, and insisted she join them.

"You're a very honorable lady," he said to her.

He meant she let him off the hook journalistically recently after a lengthy interview in his office at the White House.

He was somehow under the mistaken impression that the interview was an assignment for Vogue. He was happy to talk with a feature writer from a fashion magazine. But when he discovered the story was to appear in "Saturday Review," he asked her to scrap the project.

She obliged, although she could have sold the article as a lead story to a half-dozen intellectual publications.

## Just Plain John

Mrs. Albert Gore, wife of the former senator who is now chairman of the board of Island Creek Coal Co., may not be planning to redecorate with "his and hers" bathtubs. But the two 16th-century marble palace fonts (fountains) for which she paid \$1,350 here at Weschler's auction gallery last weekend are big enough to soak inside, chin high. . . Young Jay Rockefeller is running for governor of West Virginia under the name of "John D. Rockefeller IV." But legally, he isn't entitled to that roman numeral. In his family, one male of each generation has claim to that name at 21, if he wants to carry it. Jay never got around to having his lawyers go through the necessary formalities and he is still legally

just plain "John Rockefeller". . . Campaigning for Jay Rockefeller in West Virginia last weekend, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy consistently got a laugh when he told crowds, "It kind of bothers me that someone is trying to run on a famous family name". . . Women's Wear Daily, observing Sen. Kennedy's wife, Joan, elsewhere on the campaign trail recently, made a point of the fact that she was wearing no wedding ring. Neither does he. . . Georgia Sen. Herman Talmadge's wife, Betty, enrolled at American University, felt conspicuous because she is the only student in her class who doesn't wear blue jeans. She has gone on a special diet designed to get her trim enough to wear the younger generation's Levi uniform. . . Maids at the Essex House, where Martha and John Mitchell are currently staying in New York, are not allowed to clean the rooms when the Mitchells are not there. "Do Not Disturb" signs are hung on the doorknobs of the suite to indicate that they are absent and do not want anyone inside while they are away.

## Mexican Gold

Kenneth H. Dahlberg, the Minneapolis businessman who is Midwest finance chairman for the Republican campaign, had one of his Mexican subsidiaries make up special matching gold pins for him to give President and Mrs. Nixon. But after Dahlberg's name became involved on the periphery of the Watergate bugging investigation, he considered changing his mind and dropping the gift idea. . . Sen. William Proxmire, separated from his wife since last year, was spotted in a Georgetown restaurant the other night, having dinner with WTOP television's respected Capitol Hill correspondent, Carolyn Lewis. A health and nutrition enthusiast, Proxmire was watching his diet, while Miss Lewis had steak and a drink before dinner. . . United Mine Workers president Tony Boyle, who is appealing a five-year sentence for illegal campaign contributions in 1968, sounded out former Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa on conditions at Lewisburg penitentiary. Boyle is reportedly gloomy on Hoffa's description.

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