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Kissinger Would Stay--Others Won't

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President Nixon's chief foreign policy architect, Henry A. Kissinger, plans to remain on at the White House if Mr. Nixon gets re-elected.

But, for many others in the Cabinet and on the toplevel staff, the cry "four more years" does not apply.

Presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said he expected Kissinger to stay on as national security affairs adviser, a role sometimes likened to Number Two man in the nation.

POWER

Kissinger relishes the power and the opportunity that only the White House can offer in being Nixon's mentor on foreign affairs. His clandestine travels and secret missions have added a touch of mystery to his life and probably volumes on notes he will use for memoirs later on.

He has long since severed his ties with Harvard University and probably would find the professional role dull compared to the big game of diplomacy.

But there will be an exodus from the administration. Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird already has served notice he will be leaving the top Pentagon post at the end of the year. He is keeping his future plans under wraps.

ROMNEY

Housing Secretary George Romney, whose troubles have multiplied recently over aid to flood-stricken victims in Pennsylvania, says he will be leaving the Cabinet. He is expected to become a member of the Mormon Church's ruling council.

There are recurring reports that Secretary of State William P. Rogers also will be departing. Former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally, who heads the Democrats for Nixon organization, is mentioned as a possible successor to Rogers or Laird.

White House counselor Robert Finch plans to return to California and may go back into active politics himself. He is a former lieutenant governor of the state.

MEDIA

Herbert G. Klein, director of White House communications, has been offered two tempting executive jobs in New York in private industry when he leaves the administration after the election. But it is reported that his wife would prefer that they return to their native state of California.

Ziegler also has had alluring bids from the private sector but he insists he will continue to be the "voice" of the White House in the next four years. There may be shakeup in his staff, however.

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