

## Betty Beale: Washington



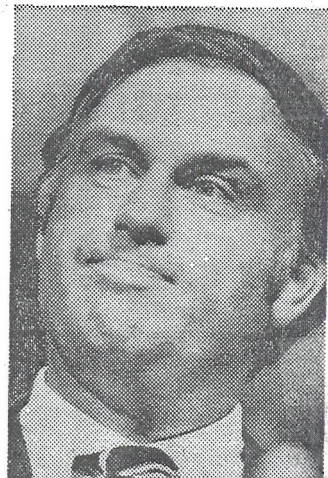
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# Henry breaks the ice

WASHINGTON — Henry Kissinger had just been sworn in as head of the United States delegation to the United Nations when he met with the foreign ministers of six major Arab states.

"It was a difficult position," said an observer. "He is noted as Jewish and as a shrewd negotiator and here he stood before all these enemies. They were almost breathless with curiosity and there was an electric excitement as he stood up."

Then out came Henry's first sentence in his German accent. "There's no way I can win." The foreign ministers burst into laughter and the ice was broken.

After that he told them that he would like to be judged not on the past but on the future when he has spent time on the Arab situation. And he would like to be judged not merely by his words but by his works. He also told them he planned to visit Arab countries in 1974.

As for Henry's feelings now that he's Secretary of State, he grins and says "I'm going to be insufferable." At least he's introducing some pizzaz. His elegant dinner for more than 500 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art for the heads of every delegation to the U.N. this past Thursday night was the first such party ever given by an American Secretary of State.

The very same night Henry was getting an award at a dinner in New York for his accomplishments toward world peace, down here in Washington his predecessor and supposedly arch rival Bill Rogers, not

Henry, was getting credit from Republican members of Congress for the same accomplishments.

They were exuding love and lots of it at a dinner in his and Adele's honor at the strictly Republican Capitol Hill Club. Cracked the handsome Rogers, "You have never seen so many Democrats here before—they let the press in." Then he added he was going to be nice to Democrats because he might have them as clients in his new legal practice. The rumor is George Meany is one of them.

Funniest of the testimonials offered to Bill that evening was Rep. Edward Derwinski's (R-Ill.). He recalled the time he served as one of the congressional members to our U.N. delegation when the then Secretary of State Rogers told them, "You've got three instructions. The first is, don't let Red China in the U.N. The second is, keep Pakistan and India from having a war. And the third is, if they want to move the U.N. out of New York, let them have the damn thing."

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President and Mrs. Nixon was so pleased with Patrick Buchanan's testimony before the Senate Watergate committee they invited the presidential aide and his wife over to the White House the same evening. Mrs. Nixon and Julie, who had watched the whole proceedings in which Buchanan's virtuoso performance had made the entire committee, especially Sen. Lowell Weicker and counsel Sam Dash, look simple, were very enthusiastic. Did Lowell say anything to Buchanan after testifying? "Not a word," said Patrick who, along with Agnew, campaigned for Weicker in 1970.

He has been inundated with congratulatory letters,



telegrams and telephone calls from all over the country. "It's going to be an administrative problem—answering all the good people who have written in," said Buchanan who added that Sen. Sam Erwin "was even kind enough to send over 10 telegrams" that were addressed to him in care of the senator.

Far from suffering in the witness chair in the hearings, Buchanan said, "I enjoyed it."

The Willard Marriotts gave a party for oil czar Gov. John Love and his wife, that drew everybody from Margaret Truman Daniel to Maury Stans. Gov. Love said he couldn't forecast gas rationing, but "don't throw away your sweater," Stans, who has been indicted in the Vesco case, told his friend and current member of our U.N. Delegation to the General Assembly Mark Evans that he had talked to his lawyer the day before and the lawyer said, "Things are looking better every day."

Kathleen Stans, who almost died from a strange blood disease that Mayo Clinic says afflicts only 100 people in the U.S., looked remarkably well after her long illness. "The disease can't be cured but it's been arrested," said Kathleen.

Clare Luce, in town for a stay and looking as beautiful as in her pre-eye operation days, told about a visit in Honolulu from Frank McCarthy, producer of "Patton." Frank, who is now going to do a film on Douglas MacArthur, told Clare he has read 50 biographies on the general and is still enormously puzzled by

**PROSPECTS** are optimistic, Maurice Stans tells Mark Evans, left, a member of the U.S. mission to the U.N. Mrs. Stans was well enough to attend the party after a long illness.

MacArthur's character. In all the biographies, said Frank, he has not found a single example of humor.

Frank wanted to talk to Clare because she did a story for *Life* on MacArthur in the Philippines at a time when the news interest was in Europe, where war was raging, and not the Pacific. *Life* carried the story with the general's picture on the cover in the issue that just happened to be dated December 7, 1941.

Dick Walters, the brilliant lieutenant general who is deputy director of the CIA, said about Watergate: "To keep a scandal like this alive without either sex or money (for personal gain) is one of the prodigious feats of journalism of all times." ... Another Walters comment voiced at the same social gatherings: "Anybody who says flattery will get you nowhere has never had it."

In the passing of Marjorie Post, Washington and the country have lost the only woman in it who lived like a queen. The extent of her fortune, the luxury of her surroundings, the number of her domestic staff (60), the regal bearing of the woman who like a proper queen was devoid of snobbery and the quantity and quality of her jewels—all lent excitement to her presence wherever she was.