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Why Kissinger Was Courtly

WASHINGTON — Very appropriately dressed in a black Chinese “Dragon Lady” pantsuit and wearing a heavy jade pendant the size of a large serving of cream spinach, New York writer Barbaralee Diamondstein stopped at foreign affairs advisor 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 the rogues 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 she was on assignment from Vogue. He was happy to talk with a featherbrain feature writer from a fashion magazine. But when he discovered the story was to appear in the “Saturday Review” he asked her to scrap the project.

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

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