

An 'Odd Couple'

Men of the Year

NEW YORK — (AP) — Time magazine, calling them the "odd couple," yesterday selected President Nixon and Henry Kissinger as its "Men of the Year" for 1972.

Describing the pair as "an improbable partnership," the magazine said they "have been changing the shape of the world, accomplishing the most profound rearrangement of the earth's political powers since the beginning of the cold war."

'Triumph and Trial'

The cover of Time's Jan. 1 issue shows the faces of Nixon and Kissinger carved in stone with the caption, "Triumph and Trial."

Time called them an "odd couple" because Nixon is

the "champion of middle American virtues, a secretive, aloof yet old-fashioned politician given to oversimplified rhetoric" who has become a "surprisingly flexible, even unpredictable statesman."

Metternich, Francis I

"At his side is Kissinger, 49, a Bavarian-born Harvard professor of urbane and subtle intelligence, a creature of Cambridge and Georgetown who cherishes a never entirely convincing reputation as an international bon vivant and superstar."

Time compared them to "Richelieu and Louis XIII, Metternich and the Hapsburg Emperor Francis I, Colonel House and Woodrow Wilson, Harry Hopkins and FDR."