

# Deputy in Kissinger's Place

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 3—Lieut. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, the new director of the National Security Council, has a Ph.D. from Columbia University, is fluent in Russian and Serbian, has a fighter pilot's wings and has the reputation of being an efficient, self-effacing professional.

General Scowcroft, 50 years old, has been Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's deputy on the council since January 1973. He is described as "scrupulous" in that role—never displaying by so much as a flicker any policy disagreements he might have had. But it is also believed unlikely that his own views differ in any significant fashion from those of Mr. Kissinger.

General Scowcroft (first syllable rhymes with snow) has filled his deputy's role for more than two years so quietly and efficiently that some find it difficult to think of him in the out-front position he has just inherited.

He is generally described as being not an intriguer,

and as one of the hardest workers in the White House. "He's there all the time," said one observer.

He is also described as cool under pressure and as a straightforward and "very quiet and very forceful man," and a good administrator, but not vigorous and dominating.

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General Scowcroft's relationship with Mr. Ford dates back to the final months of President Nixon's tenure, when he briefed the then Vice President in national security matters.

General Scowcroft, who was born in Ogden, Utah, on March 19, 1925, and attended public schools there, was graduated from West Point in 1947. In the Air Force, he earned his fighter pilot's wings in 1948, but never saw combat. He has been a scholar—receiving a master's degree and a doctorate from Columbia, studying at the Georgetown university's School of Language and Linguistics, and attending several of the military's schools and colleges.

At the Pentagon, he served in the Office of International Security Affairs among other areas.

He first came to public notice when he was named military assistant to President Nixon in February 1972. Shortly afterward, he headed the 25-person advance party that went to Moscow to arrange for Mr. Nixon's visit there later that year. Because of the timing—the United States had just renewed its bombing of North Vietnam—his mission was considered a touchy one.

As deputy director of the National Security Council, General Scowcroft has had the responsibility for the staff and met daily with President Ford. But he has avoided trying to share Mr. Kissinger's role of foreign-policy adviser or his celebrity.

He has been married to the former Marian Harper since September 1951. They live in northwest Washington and have a teen-age daughter, Karen. He never, according to his wife, discusses his work at home.