

WHO'S WHO

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## Beautiful Mrs. Ky-- Full of Surprises

MRS. NGUYEN Cao Ky yesterday surprised an almost all-male audience by attending the Commonwealth Club luncheon in the Fairmont Grand Ballroom at which her husband, the vice president of South Vietnam, was the speaker. (See Page 1)

It was the Kys' second surprise move of the day. They arrived heavily guarded at the hotel at 2:50 a.m., thus avoiding confrontation with protesters who showed up by the thousands as the day progressed.

On arrival, the Kys were still in evening clothes after attending a State Department dinner in Washington, D.C. They were whisked to the Fairmont Tower's 17th floor, which was taken over entirely by the party plus dozens of Secret Service men.

Mrs. Ky had "no time" for interviews, according to the press attache. She brought her own hairdresser with her and was beautifully coiffed for her unexpected appearance at the luncheon.

She and her husband came down to the kitchen entrance of the ballroom in a service elevator and entered through the rear of the room about 45 minutes after the lunch started.

She wore a native dress of teal blue silk with a gold thread running through it and a silver mink stole. Several rings sparkled on her fingers, and she wore a strand of pearls and earrings.

It had been announced earlier that the rule of having no women at a Commonwealth Club speaker's table would be broken for Mrs. Ky.

"She said she was honored," said Paul A. O'Leary, a past president of the club, who sat on her right.

The striking-looking young woman ate nothing as she made small talk with him and her other luncheon partner, South Vietnam's Amba-



**BREAKING Commonwealth Club precedent, Mrs. Nguyen Cao Ky sat at speaker's table next to Paul A. O'Leary**

sador to the United States, Bui Diem. The Kys had apparently eaten in their suite before going to the ballroom.

Mai Ky was the only ornament at the head table, which was bare of flowers. If they had known she was coming, perhaps they would have had a bouquet.