

Should Kissinger Use a Double?

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Henry Kissinger is the single most irreplaceable man in the U.S. Government.

Should anything happen to him, President Nixon would find it extremely difficult to provide a comparable replacement.

Kissinger is unique not only in life style, but in the highly personal manner of his diplomacy. Close to the vest, he runs what amounts to a virtual one-man State Department . . . and he runs it impatiently—a kind synonym in his case for "ruthlessly." He insists that the bureaucracy become almost immediately responsive to his constantly mounting demands, a sharp contrast to

his predecessor, William Rogers, who ran a slow traffic department.

It is Kissinger's misfortune to be part of the most tarnished Federal Administration since Warren G. Harding's, but in this sea of mediocrity and moral insensitivity, he rolls on like a huge wave breaking on the shores of achievement.

Accomplishments

The detentes with China and the Soviet Union, the peace negotiations with the Middle East nations, the ability to withstand the daggers of Halde- man and Ehrlichman and the spy net-work planted in his office by an un-

trusting military—these are under any circumstances, outstanding accomplishments.

Considering his value to the nation, Henry Kissinger must survive, must be accorded the maximum protection by the various security agencies of the country. Already, an Arab plot to kill Kissinger has been uncovered.

The Arab terrorists who killed 32 people at Rome and Athens airports several weeks ago originally planned to assassinate Kissinger.

According to military and diplomatic sources in Brussels, a machine-gun and grenade attack on Kissinger's plane at Beirut Airport was scheduled for this

past Dec. 16th.

Luckily, Lebanese intelligence learned of the terrorist plot and diverted Kissinger's plane to Rayak air base, 35 miles east of Beirut. Eighteen hours later the Palestine terrorists struck at Rome instead.

Black September plot

The plot to kill Kissinger was formulated by the guerrillas of the National Youth for the Liberation of Palestine, an arm of the Black September group, financed by the Libyan fanatics, say foreign sources.

The plan for the attack supposedly called for it to coincide with the sched-

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Which One Is the Real Henry?



Did you guess that Kissinger is the man on the left? Sorry, he's Harry Sholl of Chicago, and on the right, of course, is the U.S. Secretary of State.

uled Egyptian-Israeli peace meetings at Geneva.

Since Kissinger is an assassination target, would it not be a prudent idea for the U.S. Secret Service or the State Department security apparatus to provide him with a double?

One such candidate for the job is Harry Sholl, 54, vice president of Gateway Houses, an anti-drug-addiction project in Chicago.

Sholl and Kissinger, as you can see from the photos, are look-alikes.

Both are heavy-framed, bespectacled, and amply nosed. In fact, Sholl's physical resemblance to Kissinger is so striking that he is constantly stopped on the streets of Chicago and asked, "Do you know you look like Henry Kissinger?" or, "Excuse me, sir, but are you Henry Kissinger?"

The similarities

Sholl, who is 5 feet 8½, Kissinger's height, and weighs 180—10 pounds more than Kissinger—says he has been asked those questions so many times that he is now running out of gag answers.

"No one paid much attention to me," he explains, "until Kissinger started achieving great exposure. That's when it began—people asking me if I were Kissinger. For a while, my stock answer was, 'No, but I sure wish I'd get some of his action.' Then I would say, 'No, but I wouldn't mind—especially if he'd



Another matchup: Kissinger (left) does his homework on a plane, while Sholl is shown at work in his office.



let me handle some of his Hollywood overflow.'

"Kidding aside," Sholl declares, "I don't want to be Henry Kissinger's food-taster. I just want to be myself. I have my own identity. I was vice president of a marketing company for 15 years. I've been married for more than 25. I have two adopted children, David, 9, and Margaret, 7. I understand Kissinger also has a boy and a girl, and the boy is named David. Like Kissinger's, my background is Jewish. I was born in the United States and got my degree in sociology at the University of Chicago, so my accent is not Teutonic, but people tell me my voice does sound like Kissinger's. I don't think so.

"I'm very happy with what I'm doing. We run four Gateway Houses which provide shelter to some 200 addicts trying to kick the habit. The drug problem in Chicago is a difficult one, and I'm frequently on television myself, explaining things.

Here comes Sholl

"You ask if I would consider a job as Kissinger's double? The answer is no. I've got my own thing. And Kissinger has his. Maybe if he came into one of our Gateway Houses, some of our guys would say, 'Here Comes Sholl.'"

As for Kissinger, currently protected by at least five Secret Service agents, his

first reaction, when asked if he would consider having a double, was characteristically humorous. "Sure," he said, "Then maybe he can come on this trip with me to the Middle East and catch the flak." But then in a more serious vein, "No, I wouldn't have a double. I think one has to be fatalistic about such things. If you start worrying about your personal safety, trying all the time to protect yourself, then you're dead, because then you're thinking about yourself and not your job. Besides, if I had a double, just think what it would do to my social life. The girls wouldn't know whether they were getting the real Kissinger or some ersatz substitute."



After recent Paris meeting with President Pompidou: Kissinger emerges as security men lock hands. U.S. assigns five Secret Service agents to protect him.