
Betty Beale: Washington

Haldeman: A shocker on tapes about Henry

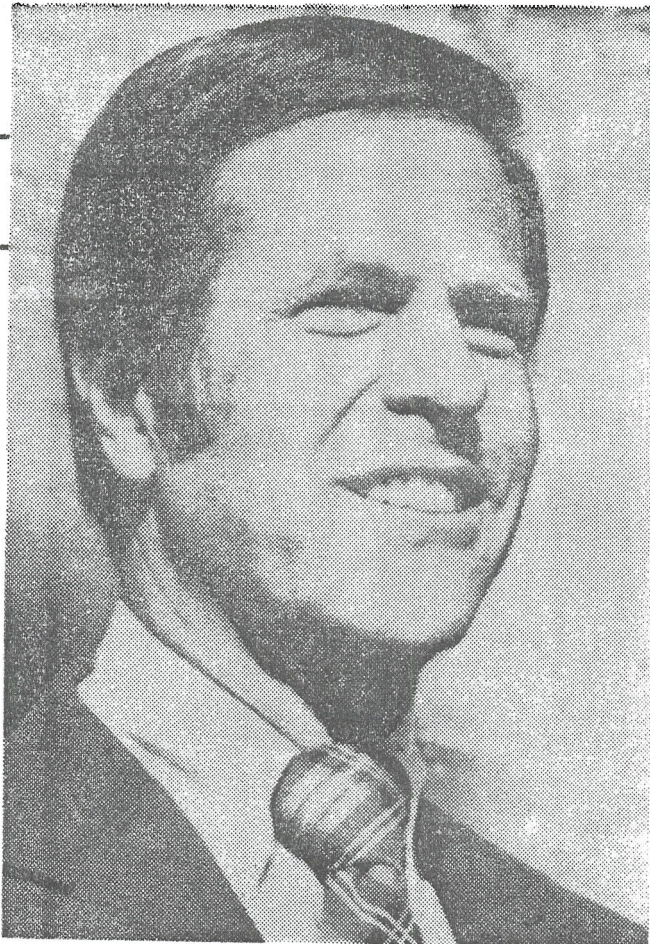
WASHINGTON — The old Haldeman-Kissinger rivalry has cropped up again. Bob Haldeman, the indicted presidential assistant who ran the White House on such a tight rein he even laid down the law to Henry at times, recently told a friend that the country will get a shock when those White House tapes are played.

Why? Because the nation will find out, said Bob, that the successful foreign policy ideas carried out by this administration were not only President Nixon's ideas but some of them were even opposed at first by Henry Kissinger . . . Could that be the reason the tapes were installed? By a President who doesn't like or trust the reporting of the press?

The tightening web of Watergate makes party-going in this town ever more interesting. At the big reception-buffet our Ambassador to Austria and Mrs. John Humes gave for GOP chairman and Mrs. George Bush, Rose Mary Woods and former SEC head Bill Casey made a beeline for each other. Both had testified at the Mitchell-Stans trial in New York and were comparing impressions.

What had really surprised them was the tender age

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H.R. (BOB) HALDEMAN
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of the foreman of the jury. She's a 22-year-old woman. "And the foreperson of a jury is supposed to be the smartest one on it," said a prominent Democratic lawyer.

Now president of the Export-Import Bank, Bill Casey said that John Mitchell had never asked him to do anything more than members of Congress frequently asked him — i.e., review a case or give someone a hearing. Why didn't he say that about Congress in court? Because courtroom replies are limited, he said.

Ambassador Humes is a rich New York lawyer and former squash champion of the state who turned his mother's home in Woodstock, Vt., into a summer camp for slum children. He also established the Humes Foundation, and down for the party was its managing director and former Washington resident Nathan Bartlett.

"What do you do in New York, Nathan?" asked an old Washington friend. "I give away money," he replied happily.

At the Washington Performing Arts Ball, Mrs. Woods danced so hard with her most frequent escort Bob Gray, that she left a trail of feathers from the hem of her gun-metal sequin gown all over the Sheraton Park ballroom. She was working off some steam after five and a half hours of private questioning by the Senate Watergate committee staff.

At least one Senator was always present, she said, but it was the staff asking her the same boring questions over and over again. She called the questions "stupid" because she had already answered them before.

Rose Mary has to exert an effort to control the qualities she inherits from her father and push to the fore those she inherits from her mother. "She's an interesting mix," said Bob Gray, vice president of Hill & Knowlton. "She has a fiery Irish quality and a quiet determination."

At another table at the Arts Ball (where steel drums were pounding out rhythms for 700 people) Arthur Burns was saying right after he left the White



ROSE MARY WOODS
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House at the end of 1969 to become chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Bob Haldeman issued an edict that nobody should talk to the New York Times. It stayed in force for three days until Burns and others could get it changed. Could you imagine a quicker way to alienate the entire press corps, asked Burns, still aghast at the thought.

Leon Jaworski, the Watergate prosecutor, has become the new social lion of Washington. In this town the way to guarantee the success of a party is to give it in honor of a political celebrity who is a hot news item. To show how hot Jaworski has become, three invitations to soirees for him and Mrs. Jaworski have turned up in the mail within one week. There was also a tussle in the Texas State Society over who should be honored at last Sunday's big luncheon — Leon or Jack Valenti? Valenti's supporters won but the prosecutor was among the guests. And introducing the VIPs present with movie titles, emcee Liz Carpenter said, "The Awful Truth — Leon Jaworski."

The Agnew house in Kenwood was purchased for \$300,000 by retired builder Myron Davy because, said his wife Nancy, "it's a very comfortable house and at the same time quite beautiful." Does she plan to make any changes? "Nothing drastic. That's one of the reasons we liked it." Burr, Morris & Pardoc who sold Judy's dream house said that 20 percent annual appreciation of Kenwood real estate accounted for \$72,000 of the \$110,000 Ted Agnew made on the house. The rest derived from the addition of a big carpet on



GEORGE BUSH
... a smile for the party

the second floor, all new carpeting and redecorating and the addition of a room the Agnews converted from a porch (all paid for by the Agnews) plus a few permanent protective measures the Secret Service couldn't remove.

The Davys didn't want to leave their mansion and 250 acres on the banks of the Potomac near Woodbridge, Va., but their land was condemned by the state to become a recreational park.

"I don't know who's coming here but they'd better bring mosquito repellent when they do," said Mrs. Davy. They looked everywhere in the area before they let the family-related firm of Arnold, Bradley, Sargent, Davy & Chew take them to the suburb in Maryland. They found no telltale evidences of the Secret Service except for a "great big parking area" by the garage and a not-very-attractive nine-foot fence with electric eyes, now disconnected.

Vice President and Mrs. Gerald Ford showed up for the cocktail gathering of the newest fine arts committee for redoing Blair House. The President's Guest House has been redecorated almost continuously since the Kennedy administration, and now it turns out that many of the changes were all wrong for its period! Blair was built in 1820, and adjoining Lee House, which is now part of it, about 1850. So all that handsome, jade-green flowered Chinese wallpaper in the Lee House may come out because it belongs in the Georgian period.