

# Mrs. Kissinger: Hostess

## or Homebody?

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Kissinger buffs who made a career of jokes about Henry's girls were left high and dry when the secretary of state married Nancy Maginnes last weekend.

Kissinger's good friend, former commerce secretary Pete Peterson, and others had been getting their biggest laughs in speeches and at cocktail parties with quips on Henry's alleged sex life.

In a flash, the jokes have become vintage items. The last unpublished one is believed to have been coined by Peterson:

When Peterson remarked that Henry had few women friends while he was a Harvard professor, but "girls falling all over him" as a White House and State Department official, a questioner leered:

"Does Kissinger really do anything with all those women?"

Peterson replied, "Did Sherman Adams wear the vicuna coat?"

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Whether the new Mrs. Kissinger will take to her role as a cabinet wife is now the \$64 question.

She is publicity-shy and may not go for the hectic round of official functions that she will be expected to attend, and where she'll have to mouth pleasantries.

The secretary of state's mate has the most grueling job of any cabinet wife. With more than 100 embassies staging mob receptions and dinners, more often than not the secretary's spouse fills in for him.

Until now Mrs. Kenneth Rush, wife of the under secretary of state, has pinch-hit as Kissinger's official host-

ess. The chore is burdensome; Rush indicated recently. He said his wife would be glad to get rid of it. Their own social life is

more than they want, Rush said.

That's why Mrs. Rush was delighted to learn of the Kissinger nuptials. But whether it takes her off the hook remains to be seen.

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Kissinger's townhouse here, where presumably he will bring his bride after their Acapulco honeymoon, cries out for the woman's touch.

The address of the rented, two-story row house has been one of the Capital's worst-kept secrets. A ten-minute drive from the White House, it sits on a secluded terrace overlooking a road

that winds into Rock Creek Park.

If Henry and Nancy decide to live there, her work is cut out for her.

The place was described as "empty" and "ugly" by French writer Danielle Hunebelle, whose book, "Dear Henry," told of her unrequited love for Kissinger.

"A sofa, two or three books and a telephone on a stand were in the living room, which had the air of hastily assembled dentist's waiting room," Danielle wrote.

She said an adjoining room held a desk and small bar, "with a few bottles and autographed photos of Nelson Rockefeller, Harold Wilson, Adenauer, Henry with Lyndon Johnson and Henry with Truman Capote."

Other visitors to the Kissinger house recall a sparsely furnished Swedish modern dining room and a rear garden, untended and unkept.

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Convicted Watergate burglar E. Howard Hunt this month will make his first public appearance since testifying before the Senate Watergate committee.

Hunt, who is free on bond but must get permission to

travel, will appear in Omaha April 20 to address the Nebraska Press Association.

According to his lawyer, Hunt won't discuss Watergate but will stick to the topic of prison reform. After spending nearly a year in and out of jails, Hunt has strong views on the subject.

He praises the operation of the Danbury, Conn., prison, where he was permitted to teach English to Spanish-speaking inmates. But he's down on Allenwood in Pennsylvania, where he said he worked long hours at hard labor, despite his painful arthritis.

To make matters worse, the dapper former foreign agent and diplomat was given the chore of shoveling leavings in a cow barn.

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Hunt's motion to change his guilty plea and get a new trial has been rejected by Judge John Sirica. His order silenced Hunt, but the appeals court later lifted the ban.

Hunt is avoiding Watergate talk anyway, so as not to jeopardize his new case. He's back at his typewriter full time, writing an autobiography, and his lawyer wants him to stay there and save the "goodies" for the book.





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**The happy newlyweds, Nancy and Henry Kissinger, on their Acapulco honeymoon**

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