

Kissinger Is Reserved Day After His Statement

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CAIRO, June 12 — Quite suddenly, it seemed, the man who appeared on the Newsweek cover of June 10 as Superman is today no longer the center of attention. Kissinger, who had conducted the nation's foreign policy in Washington and in frequent trips abroad, quietly took a back seat to President Nixon in Cairo today.

It was expected that he would turn the stage over to the President for this trip to the Middle East. But today it seemed that Mr. Kissinger was more retiring than was characteristic of the man who has been so active in Middle East negotiations.

He would not talk to reporters, despite requests for him to do so on the Presidential flight from Salzburg. In public appearances with the President he was glum and quiet and stayed mostly in the background. He appeared to be still angry following his news conference yesterday, when he said he would resign unless he was cleared of charges that he acted improperly in connection with national security wiretaps.

Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., the White House chief of staff, and Mr. Kissinger's former associate on the staff of the National Security Council, was reported to feel that Mr. Kissinger conducted himself well in the news conference and would regain any loss of prestige without having to resign.

But it was not as clear how President Nixon felt about the abrupt ultimatum that Mr. Kissinger delivered, apparently without informing others in the Presidential party of his intention to do so.

Ronald L. Ziegler, Presidential press secretary, was asked if Mr. Kissinger had any regrets about his statement.

"I don't speak for the Secretary," he said. "It was a very personal statement on his part."

Mr. Kissinger met with the President aboard the plane regarding today's visit to

Egypt, but Mr. Ziegler did not say how much time they spent together or whether the press conference was discussed.