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**Merry-Go-Round**

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**The Kissinger Nobody Knows**

**WASHINGTON** — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's latest foray into the Middle East was a flawless performance.

He was his usual cool, convivial self, wheeling and dealing in the world's worst hot spot. He kissed the Arabs, embraced the Jews, and smiled for the cameras.

Despite a schedule that would exhaust a normal man, he was always ready with a quiet word, a quick joke, a clever rejoinder.

It was Kissinger diplomacy at its best.

Few members of his world-wide audience realized that beneath the suave exterior, there is a Henry Kissinger nobody knows.

Kissinger's closest associates describe him as a brilliant but domineering man, given to a wide range of emotions. When his Middle East shuttle diplomacy broke down last March, according to intimates, he broke down and wept.

Sometimes, when he is tired and his nerves are frayed, his temper erupts like a volcano. His face reddens, his German accent thickens, and the expletives flow like lava.

On rare occasions, intimates have told us, he actually flings objects at the subject of his scorn. One former aide claimed Kissinger once threw a book at him. Another said the Secretary seldom lets fly with anything more lethal than a wad of paper.

Yet, in public Kissinger seems always to be in complete control of himself.

The one exception came in Salzburg, Austria, last year, when Kissinger appeared at a news conference expecting to be quizzed about his considerable accomplishments in the Middle East. Instead, reporters bombarded him with questions about his role in the wiretapping of his former aides.

A stung, angry Kissinger denounced the "innuendos" that were being hurled at

him. If the wiretap controversy was not cleared up soon, he threatened, "I will resign."

It was the only fleeting glimpse the world has ever gotten of the man behind the mask.

**Prices Up, Polls Down:** President Ford's political advisors are worried about his economic policies. They have warned him bluntly that he must bring unemployment down to seven percent and inflation down to six percent if he has any hope of winning the election next year.

Yet his own gradual goal, even if it is successful, would reduce unemployment only to about eight percent by November, 1976.

At the same time, the President is deliberately trying to raise petroleum prices to discourage consumption. And he is also determined to continue the sale of wheat to Russia.

His petroleum policy has sent gas prices at the pump up five cents per gallon in the past few weeks. And the Soviet purchases have sent wheat prices soaring. The effect is sure to be felt at the supermarket.

As gas and food prices have gone up, President Ford's popularity has gone down in the opinion polls. This is a coincidence that has not gone unnoticed by Ford's advisers.

**Prince-in-Waiting:** For five years, Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk has been a ruler without a country. Now the Communists, supposedly have captured his country back for him. The Prince is preparing for a triumphant return.

Secret intelligence reports claim, however, that the Cambodian Communists don't want the Prince meddling with their new government.

This would be embarrassing for the Chinese Communists, who have recognized Prince Sihanouk's government-in-exile. So in return for Chinese aid, according to the intelligence reports, the Prince will be permitted to come home for a

ceremonial appearance.

Then he will be allowed to speak for Cambodia at the United Nations. It will be a hit-and-run speech, without any of the usual backroom diplomacy.

Then the Prince will return to Peking where he will continue, in effect, to be a ruler without a country.

**Agnew Record:** Former U.S. Attorney George Beall, the man who prosecuted ex-Vice President Spiro Agnew, is quietly making an effort to preserve the precise words in the secret judicial conference that resulted in Agnew's resignation. The talks between Agnew's lawyer and Justice Department attorneys were taken down by a court stenographer, but they were never transcribed. Now Beall is trying to get the former Vice President's permission to make a permanent record.

**Logus Blockade:** The U.S. government has partially relaxed its 13-year-old economic embargo of Cuba. The truth is, it has not been effective for years.

Few of America's allies subscribed to the blockade. British companies have been trading with Fidel Castro's

government for over a decade. Canada has long been dealing quietly with Cuba. Even the tiny nation of Israel, one of America's staunchest allies, secretly aided the Castro regime with private grants and technical assistance throughout the 1960's.

Israel's support of Cuba did not end until 1973, when Castro visited the Middle East and was persuaded by the leaders of Libya and Algeria to break diplomatic relations with Jerusalem.

**Washington Whirl:** The Ashland Oil company has been caught making improper contributions to U.S. politicians and foreign officials. From now on, an Ashland spokesman told us, the firm would contribute only to the United Fund and the Girl Scouts. Carpenters on Capitol Hill tell us they are being "worked to death" by Congressmen who want their offices redecorated before the Bicentennial tourists start swarming through the building. Secret intelligence reports reveal that the Shah of Iran has started developing his own missiles.