

# Kissinger

## Calls Nixon

### 'Unpleasant'

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OTTAWA, Oct. 15 — The private table talk of Henry A. Kissinger reveals that the Secretary of State found former President Richard M. Nixon to be an "odd, artificial and unpleasant man."

Kissinger made the comments at a private state banquet held in his honor Tuesday night by Canadian External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen.

Kissinger's comments were picked up by a microphone that was used to transmit his after-dinner toast to reporters, who were not invited to the banquet. But the sound system was turned on throughout the six-course meal, making reporters privy to Kissinger's intimate table chat.

Kissinger said his former boss "barely governed" during the 18 months of the unfolding Watergate scandal which eventually forced him to resign.

On the plus side, Kissinger said, Nixon was "one of our better Presidents. You know, he was an odd man. He is an odd man. But he was very decisive in his own way. He went to the heart of the problem."

During the dinner, Kissinger was seated next to a Quebec member of Parliament from Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's governing Liberal Party, Albanie Morin. He was chatting with her and across the table to MacEachen who was seated next to Kissinger's wife, Nancy.

Kissinger had nice words for the Kennedy family, especially Jacqueline Onassis whom he said he likes and finds "sexy."

"Jackie is a hard woman who knows what she wants," Kissinger said.

Nixon, on the other hand,

"was a very artificial man.

"In the sense that when he met somebody, he thought it out very carefully, so nothing was spontaneous. He didn't enjoy meeting people and people sensed it. And that made them uncomfortable.

"What I have never understood is how he became a politician. He really dislikes

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people. He hated to meet new people."

Kissinger also said that Nixon could never win over the hearts of Americans because he came across so poorly on television.

"He was so nervous on television. It took such an effort for him to be on television," Kissinger said.

In his on-the-record toast Kissinger said Canada and the United States have set a model for the rest of the world on how two unequal partners can cooperate. Today Kissinger had breakfast with members of Parliament, lunch with Trudeau and flew back to Washington.