

Notes on People

Kissinger Fills In for His Wife

Nancy Kissinger missed a White House ceremony yesterday—her mother, Mrs. Albert B. Maginnes, had suffered a broken hip—but her husband substituted for her in a group picture of four other "international women of the year" taken with President Ford.

The American Newspaper Women's Club had designated the Secretary of State's wife along with Helvi Sipilä, Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations in charge of International Women's Year; Elizabeth Duncan Koontz, former Women's Bureau director in the Department of Labor; Mrs. Felix Schnyder, wife of the Swiss Ambassador, and Zeldia Fichandler of Washington's Arena Stage.

As the picture taking began, the President saw Secretary Kissinger walk into the room and said, "Can we get a picture of Henry as a stand-in for Nancy?" The Secretary obliged.

Henrietta Hill Swope, whose father was the late Gerard Swope, president of the General Electric Company, graduated from Barnard College in 1925 and later taught astronomy there and at Columbia. By 1936, while she was working with Dr. Harlow Shapley in studying the Milky Way, she discovered a variable star unlike any then known and in World War II helped develop Loran, the long-range navigation system.

On Saturday, at the age of 72, Miss Swope was one of 40 out of her class of 121 to return for its 50th anniversary. Now retired from the staff of the Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories in California but still working almost daily as a research fellow there, Miss Swope was awarded the Barnard Distinguished Alumna Award for 1975.

Three alumni of the Columbia University School of Journalism have received its annual alumni awards. They are Joan Konner, class of 1961, producer-writer of documentaries for NBC News; James Aronson, class of '37, a founder and for 20 years an editor of The National Guardian (now published as The Guardian), and John Tebbe!, also class of '37, author of more than 70 books—many of them on American journalism—and journalism

professor at New York University for 25 years.

Political and military developments in Laos, along with anti-American demonstrations, have made Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Dean of Park Avenue and East Hampton, L. I., "pretty discouraged" about the status of their missing son, Charles. The 24-year-old University of North Carolina graduate, who was on a round-the-world trip, was last seen being transported by pro-Communist Pathet Lao soldiers Dec. 14, along with Neil Sharman, 22, an Australian companion.

The senior Mr. Dean, a stockbroker, went to Laos in December and his wife, Andree, in late January to confer with Prince Souvanna Phouma, the neutralist Premier, and Prince Souphanouvong, the Pathet Lao leader, and others. "If the picture keeps changing, we can't really tell whom we're dealing with," Mr. Dean said here yesterday by telephone.

He will confer again Friday with State Department officials — including his Yale classmate Ambassador Charles S. Whitehouse, recently transferred from Laos to Thailand—who he said, have been doing a good job, but we haven't got the boy back."

Harold Lawrence, manager of the New York Philharmonic, has been named president and general manager of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra succeeding Howard A. Bradley, who resigned. Mr. Lawrence, 51, was the first American manager of the London Symphony, under André Previn, from 1968 until he came here in 1973. . . . George London, who made his Metropolitan Opera and La Scala debuts in the 1951-52 season and in 1960 was the first non-Russian to sing the role of Boris Godunov at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow, moved up from executive director to general director of the Opera Society of Washington.

Washington officials said it was the first transatlantic telephone call between deaf persons. It was a typewritten conversation, placed by Jack Ashley, a Member of Parliament, to Boyce R. Williams, director of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's office of deafness and communicative disorders. Elliot L. Richardson, the Ambassador to Britain, and Sir Peter Ramsbotham, British Ambassador in Washington,

managed to get into the conversation long enough to exchange a few fishing tips on the best streams in their respective countries.

The Salvation Army's first New York-born national commander, Commissioner William E. Chamberlain, was made an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Syracuse University's commencement Saturday. The 64-year-old commissioner, a Bronx native who did not quite finish Haaren High School in Manhattan, has his headquarters here. He was Salvation Army director in Syracuse for seven years and three of his four daughters are Syracuse graduates.

A \$350,000 suit for plagiarism and literary piracy filed by Fred Ferretti, a reporter for The New York Times, against Jimmy Breslin and New York magazine was settled out of court yesterday. The demand for damages was dropped, and the magazine agreed to publish an acknowledgment that Mr. Ferretti did the research and the originally accepted version of a story on a Queens community school district that appeared under Mr. Breslin's byline on Feb. 8, 1971.

Frank Wills, the security guard who discovered the Watergate break-in nearly three years ago, was playing himself last night when shooting began in Washington on the movie "All the President's Men," based on the book by Robert Woodward and Carl Bernstein. Mr. Wills has had more downs than ups in his hopes of capitalizing on his historic moment. Dorsey Evans, his lawyer, wouldn't say how much his 27-year-old client would be paid for his film role but called it "more than peanuts" and said, "We're very pleased."

Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, flew home to London, by way of Anchorage, after a six-day visit to Japan that brought out the largest crowds ever attracted by a foreign visitor there. NHK, the semipublic national television network, was still getting complaints for fading out the Queen's voice and substituting Japanese during her many toasts and speeches. One irate caller said, according to the network, "How dare you deprive us of our one chance to hear the Queen's English?"

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