

Nixon Assistants Tall, Dark and Handsome

Washington hostesses are not aware of it yet, but ensconced in the White House is the best looking group of young swingers ever put together by one administration.

The New Frontier which still has the reputation of being the most glamorous socially — derived from the looks, social bent and money of the Kennedys — brought to town no such large groups of glamorous young assistants as Nixon has.

They are all tall, dark and handsome and their average age is about 28. What's more, all of the married ones have good looking wives who are social assets.

They are not as is Henry Kissinger, in the top echelon of power, although the 46 year old foreign policy expert, single since 1964, may turn out to be the most socially-minded one of all.

The former Harvard professor shows signs of reacting to the sudden prominence of his White House job much the same way Kennedy historian Arthur Schlesinger did. Special attention to men who have the President's ear can be very heady indeed after the academic life.

KISSINGER was enjoying the greetings he received from one table after another at the fashionable Rive Gauche Restaurant the other night where he showed up with a very young and pretty companion.

Most influential of the T. D. & Handsome set are Ronald Ziegler, 29, Ed Morgan, 31, and Dwight Chapin, 28. As press secretary to the President, Ron is Nixon's public spokesman so his every word can count.

Both he and Chapin, Nixon's appointments secretary, came from J. Walter Thompson's office in Los Angeles, but if their smiling, easy charm is typical of what we are wont to call "Madison Avenue" — lead me to it.

Ron's wife is a petite blonde with a saucily pretty face. Chapin, whose keen sense of humor sometimes extends to a practical joke and whose influence can be measured by the fact that he sees the President more than anyone, is married to Susie, "an absolute doll — as cute as can be," according to his associates.

Morgan, or "Lightning Ed" as the group calls him because "he is a very fast moving fellow," is deputy to the influential Counsel to the President John Ehrlichman. This makes him definitely involved in substantive work.

The biggest one of the group and the No. 1



Dan Hofgren and his pretty brunet wife Alexandra in their Georgetown home.

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swinger. Morgan is a bachelor who loves to dance and play bridge and is looking forward to some of the Washington parties he has heard about. The fact that hostesses here have not caught on yet as to who's who in the Casa Blanca was apparent when Ed said he had been to one good party recently given by some of the foreign attaches.

ANOTHER BACHELOR who seems ready for a little action is Patrick Buchanan, 30, Georgetown University and Columbia School of Journalism graduate and former newspaperman.

A speech writer for Nixon, he has a big office in which to do research for Nixon speeches. The President almost never uses a text, he says. He gets the background from his speech writers, incorporates it with his own ideas on one of his famous yellow lined pads and then when he gets up to speak, without any notes, he has the whole outline of what he is going to say in his mind.

Already circulating among the social set are Dan Hofgren, 32, and his small brunet wife Alexandra, who have a house in Georgetown.

An assistant to the Assistant to the President Robert Ellsworth, Dan was in the private investment business in New York before joining Nixon forces. During his bachelor days he shared a Southampton, L.I., house with Adlai Stevenson's son Bordon; Clay Felker, now publisher of the successful New York magazine, and Peter Maas. The four bachelors were a social sensation in the chic summer resort.

Special Assistant to the President Harry Flemming, son of the former HEW Secretary Arthur Flemming, is only 28, but he handles what the press prefer to call patronage and what he calls "appointments and personnel."

THREE OF THE HANDSOMEST of Nixon's T D & H group are Bud Krogh, 29, Charles Stuart, 31, both assistants to Ehrlichman, and Kenneth Cole, 31, staff secretary at the White House.

Others are Jay Wilkinson, 27, staff assistant to Presidential Assistant Robert Haldeman and former all-American quarterback like his dad, Bud; and Hugh (Duke) Sloan, 28, assistant to Chapin, and another swinging bachelor.

The youngest one of the goodlooking, dark-haired men serving at the White House must be Alan Wood, 23, assistant to Ron Ziegler. He is a bachelor who is being deserted by the two bachelors with whom he has shared a beautiful old Alexandria house overlooking the Potomac. Unless he finds some likely replacements, he will have to give it up.

If all those men can ever quit working 12 hours a day long enough to cut a rug, Washington



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Tall, Dark, Handsome Set in Nixon's Administration includes (left to right) Bud Krough, Charles Stuart, Patrick Buchanan, Edward Morgan, Jay Wilkenson and Dwight Chapin.

will find out what Nixon has done for Capital society.

TED SORENSON, Presidential Assistant for JFK, came to town three weeks ago with his next bride-to-be. Gillian Martin, 28, who will become Ted's third wife by this summer, is a good looking, tall, thin, Spanishstyle brunet and the daughter of John Martin, former Republican National Committeeman from Michigan.

A programmer for Metromedia, Gillian met Sorenson last spring when she came down here from New York to work for Bobby Kennedy. She was also the gal who put together the Kennedy telethon for the benefit of Junior Village.

KING CONSTANTINE of Greece gave some college students and alumnae such a thrill the other afternoon that they haven't recovered yet. The self-exiled king who was staying at the embassy, was standing in the front hall when the feminine contingent discovered him.

Greek Ambassador and Mrs. Palamas were giving a reception for the Smith College Club of Washington and 10 foreign students, one of whom was Greek. Indian Ambassador Jung was also there because two of the foreign students were from his country. The women had been there for 45 minutes when somebody told them that the king, no less, was on the floor below, whereupon all 130 of them descended to surround him and his sister Princess Irene. Constantine was on his way out, but talked to them for 15 minutes.

How often does one unexpectedly find a live king under the same roof!

KEN KEATING, our next ambassador to India, took his favorite companion Gertie d'Amecourt down to Middleburg for a luncheon at

President and Mrs. Kennedy's former leased residence.

Glen Ora, Gladys Tartiere's estate which she let the Kennedys have for only two years because the changes Jackie wanted were absorbing all the profits, was the scene of the midday gathering for French visitors, Ambassador to Ethiopia and Mme. Jean Pierre Benard.

Ken, whose interest in Viscountess d'Amecourt has led to conjecture of a forthcoming marriage, will definitely not take a bride with him to New Delhi. Friends, however, are not ruling out the possibility for 1970.

After lunch guests toured the charming old house at Glen Ora and saw the strong bright rose and green floral print wallpaper that Jackie had on everything in her bedroom, dressing room and bathroom, including the walls. For history's sake the owner left it on the bathroom walls and under the glass of the dressing table, but did her bedroom over in soft blues.

The delicate pink wallpaper with a floral frieze in Caroline's room was so charming she left that up.

DR. WILLIAM CROCKER the man Roma Beauregard is marrying on Saturday, is a member of the rich San Francisco family by that name. The Smithsonian anthropologist and his future bride have both been divorced, so they will have a civil ceremony followed by a blessing at 3 p.m. in the newly dedicated Chapel of St. Jude at Christ Church in Georgetown, which was built by Bill's cousins, the de Limurs, in memory of the late Ethel Crocker de Limur. It is very beautiful and was just consecrated Feb. 22.

There will be a small reception in the house of his uncle, Andre de Limur.