

WASHINGTON DATELINE

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Henry Kissinger

Henry Alfred Kissinger--now sixth in line to succeed the Presidency, should that become necessary--took the oath of office as the 56th Secretary of State last Saturday. He was sworn in by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger during an elaborate ceremony in the East Room of the White House.

Dr. Kissinger's mother, Paula, held the Holy Bible--King James version--on which her son took the oath. A beaming President Nixon stood by on the gold-carpeted platform. Kissinger's father, Louis; son, David, 12; and daughter, Elizabeth, 14, sat nearby and smiled proudly. Kissinger's brother, Walter; his wife and their 4 children; Bill, John, Dana and Tom, were also present.

The audience of 300 notables included personal friends--Charles and Robert Evans of Paramount Pictures; Mrs. Danny Kaye; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brisson (Roz Russell); Gov. and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller; Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Peterson (of Lehman Bros.); Nancy Maginnes and Mrs. David Sinsburg.

Also, the leadership of pertinent Senate and House Committees; Cabinet officers and Administration officials; Joint Chiefs of Staff representatives; State Department officials; National Security Counsel Staff members; and White House staff members.

The ceremony was often interrupted by applause and long standing ovations for Dr. Kissinger.

At the reception following the swearing-in, Dr. Kissinger's parents said they were "humbly proud of Henry". His son David echoed their word, "proud". When asked why, he said because "my father worked a long time, and very hard to help this country...."

David stood in the dining room and shook hands with the children ---emulating his father---who was standing with President Nixon in a nearby receiving line.

As the receiving line disbursed, President Nixon said: "Dr. Kissinger is always articulate, but I thought one of the most moving moments I've witnessed during my public life and in the White House was his statement with regard to a man of his background standing up there with the President and that it could only happen in the U.S....When he said that, I looked out over the audience and it got them and it should...."

During his remarks, Dr. Kissinger had said: "There is no country in the world where it is conceivable that a man of my origin could be standing here next to the President of the U.S. And if my origin can contribute anything to the formulation of our policy, it is that at an early age I have seen what can happen to a society that is based on hatred and strength and distrust, and that I experienced then what America means to other people, its hope and its idealism, and therefore, in achieving a

structure of peace under President Nixon's leadership, we will strive not just for a pragmatic solution to this or that difficulty but to recognize that America has never been true to itself unless it meant something beyond itself. And as we work for a world of peace with justice, compassion and humanity, we know that America, in fulfilling deepest aspirations, fulfills what is best within it...."

In introducing Dr. Kissinger, President Nixon described him as a man who has the poise, the strength and the character to serve as Secretary of State.

"He can handle himself under considerable fire," Mr. Nixon said. "He assumes this office at a watershed time in American foreign policy, at a time when America is at peace for the first time in 12 years, at a time when we recognize that the only thing more difficult than getting peace is keeping it, at a time, therefore, when building the structure of peace is so important."

The President added that it will be Dr. Kissinger's "charge"--working together with Congress and other agencies--not to "miss that historic opportunity to build a lasting peace for America and the world....It is a charge he welcomes, and it is one for which he is superbly qualified."

LOS ANGELES: -- Two of Israel's most prominent scientist-educators, Prof. Joshua Jortner and Prof. Abel Schejter, will join with other scientists and scholars, many of them Nobel Prize winners, who will participate in the Tel Aviv University Decennial Assembly to be held in Los Angeles on Sunday, Oct. 14.

PARIS (WNS) -- Speaking at a ceremony to those deported during World War II at Nancy, Chief Rabbi of France Jacob Kaplan denounced racism and appealed for "human brotherhood."

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