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Inside the White House

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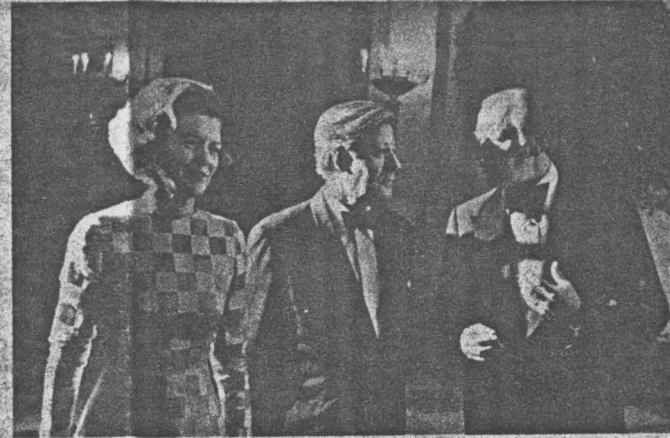
WOMEN'S WEAR DAILY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1974

"Gee, but it's gre-a-at to be back home," sang bouncy Joel Grey. And so it was all night at the White House state dinner in Washington for West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Some of the guests had trouble convincing themselves they were really back after the long Nixon drought years. The Washington Post's Kay Graham, who more than any single individual opened the Pandora's box that installed the host, President Gerald Ford, was seated almost nose-to-nose with the chief executive, along with Post executive editor Ben Bradlee, her escort. "I think it's very decent and terribly important to have this kind of openness," Kay said. "And to tell the truth, I really like being here." She wore a clingy, baby blue silk jersey Halston.

After long chats with good friend Henry Kissinger, Ms. Graham joined Francoise de la Renta, Sen. Charles Percy and Washington Redskin star running back Larry Brown at the President's table for dinner. Also at their table: Chancellor Schmidt and his wife, Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart and Betty Ford. Said Chuck Percy: "After all those years, I hardly believe I'm here sitting at the President's table."

Fashion and frivolity ran high as the RP



Betty Ford, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, President Gerald Ford



twinkled everywhere as the 120 guests dined happily on cold smoked salmon, supreme of duckling with glazed apples, wild rice and watercress and endive salad. Vanilla ice cream and strawberries flambe topped it all off. And with each course, a California wine: Robert Mondavi fume blanc 1970 and pinot noir 1971, followed by Mirassou au naturel champagne.

Flowered centerpieces were out. Instead, Ms. Ford broke tradition by using antique silver pieces on loan from the Smithsonian. They commemorate different events in American history.

But with all the relaxed gaiety, Grey confessed: "I didn't eat a thing." Nerves, maybe, but he also said his dinner partner, Gretchen Byrd, kept him very busy. Presidential assistant Don Rumsfeld sympathized with Grey, recommending the Chinese custom of enjoying the entertainment before dinner: "Then you could enjoy your food."

But no matter, Grey's style sent even the more staid administration types. "Everyone needs entertainment and laughter," said Grey. And he supplied it in abundance, tossing a fistful of phony dollar bills over the guests. Minutes later, Burns was seen bending over to scoop up a few extra bills from the floor. "President Ford and Bill Simon also

Outside La Caravelle ...



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Small-scale New York dining with Babe and Bill Paley (left) and Gloria and Loel Guinness (right) before taking off in the Paley's private plane for Acapulco.

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Making an entrance for the first time in several years, the Washington Post's Kay Graham with good friend and executive editor Ben Bradlee (left); entertaining Jo and Joel Grey (right) plus Washington politicians and out-of-towners all to honor West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. For more on the state dinner see Eye View, page 36.

Inside the White House...

A Glamor Party, but Time For Affairs of State, Too

By Judy Flander
Star-News Staff Writer

It was nearly midnight and the party at the White House last night in honor of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was still roaring along. The President and Mrs. Ford were chatting with after-dinner guests and the Marine Band's dance combo kept the dance floor jammed. Fires burned in every hearth and waiters came around with more drinks.

But two of the guests had slipped away. In a corner office, far from the warmth and small talk, Schmidt and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger were

engaged in earnest conversation; the chancellor's car, flying German and American flags, stood outside, motor running. Kissinger, noticing a photographer recording the meeting, got up and slowly but surely closed the drape.

SCHMIDT IS HERE to discuss oil and inflation and possibly acting as a go-between for Ford and French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

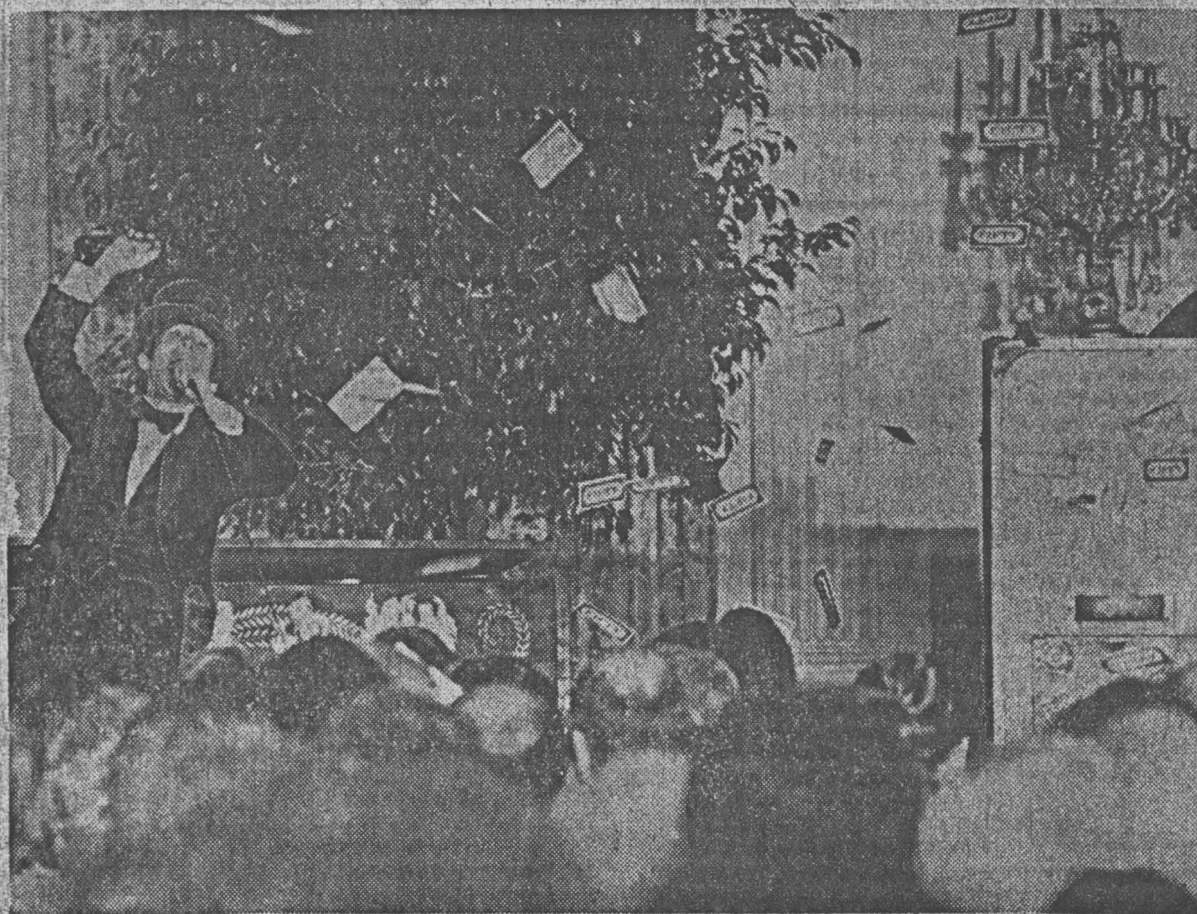
Schmidt's toast was noncommittal; he referred twice to the day's meetings as a "free exchange of analyses and plans." But afterward he told a reporter that he

and the President had "talked about" D'Estaing's role. Evidently with some result. Schmidt said he plans to see D'Estaing Monday "and the President will be going to Paris to see D'Estaing in about 10 days."

No multilateral conferences were planned, he said. "I don't believe in big conferences. We'll leave that for the United Nations."

CONSIDERING the seriousness of Schmidt's visit, the choice of guests was eclectic. In addition to the usual cabinet members and congressmen, there was a

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West German Chancellor Schmidt tapped his glass for attention, right, so he could respond to a toast by President Ford. After the toast, Joel Grey entertained, winding up with the 'Money' song from 'Cabaret.'

Dowling's View

So Butz Says To Gen. Brown

By Tom Dowling
Star-News Staff Writer

Wednesday night Jerry Ford gave a dinner party for Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. The idea was to promote candid private discussions, so naturally it was stag.

I mean, how else could you get anywhere with Ford, Trudeau, Earl Butz and Gen. George Brown at the same

Butz is Pope Paul VI's favorite comedian.

THE FOLLOWING is a full transcript of the Ford-Trudeau-Butz dinner-table talk, as recorded in the Blue Room by the last extra House Sony.

BUTZ: Now here comes the line. So they're at the Vatican out on the balcony comes Gork

Let me get this line me the Dingo

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT MAY BE FORMING ONE OF THE CLOSEST GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIPS SINCE THE TIME OF THE LATE SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES AND CHANCELLOR CONRAD ADENAUER.

FORD AND SCHMIDT WIND UP TWO DAYS OF TALKS TODAY.

THEY STRETCHED THEIR FIRST MEETING THURSDAY IN THE PRESIDENT'S OVAL OFFICE FROM AN EXPECTED HOUR INTO TWO HOURS, DISCUSSING COOPERATION BY THE WEST'S TWO RICHEST NATIONS ON ECONOMIC, ENERGY AND PEACE PROBLEMS FACING THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

THEN FORD CUT THROUGH PROTOCOL IN A RARE PRESIDENTIAL SHOW OF RESPECT AND INTEREST AND MARCHED ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE DURING RUSH HOUR TO JOIN HIS GUEST IN BLAIR HOUSE FOR AN UNSCHEDULED DISCUSSION OF ECONOMICS. WEST GERMANY'S FINANCIAL LEADERS ALSO TOOK PART.

FORD THURSDAY NIGHT GAVE A BANQUET FOR SCHMIDT IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

RESPONDING TO A TOAST BY FORD AT THE DINNER, SCHMIDT SAID, "IF THE ECONOMIC FUTURE BECOMES BLEAK AND UNCERTAIN, ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY AND ECONOMIC FAILURE CAN LEAD TO ECONOMIC UNREST NOT ONLY HERE, BUT ALSO SOCIAL AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL UNREST IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES NOT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE IN THE UNITED STATES, NOT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE IN OUR COUNTRY, BUT WE MIGHT BE AFFECTED IN THE COURSE OF TIME."

PRESIDENT FORD INVITED A LARGE NUMBER OF GUESTS TO THE DINNER FOR SCHMIDT.

GUESTS INCLUDED MRS. PHILLIP GRAHAM, PUBLISHER OF THE WASHINGTON POST AND EDITOR IN CHIEF BENJAMIN BRADLEE.

PROPOSING THE TOAST IN HONOR OF THE SCHMIDT, FORD SAID THAT FOR 25 YEARS WEST GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES "HAVE WORKED TOGETHER FOR A FREER BETTER WORLD IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP AND GREAT MUTUAL RESPECT."

SCHMIDT MAKES HIS FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB TODAY WHERE HE IS EXPECTED TO DELIVER A MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT ON ENERGY AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

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A White House Evening: Making the Best of It

By Donnie Radcliffe
and Jeannette Smyth

It was an evening in which to make the best of things.

President Ford and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt — both legatees of leaders who resigned in the wake of political scandals — met for a state dinner at the White House after winding up a day of talks about the precarious state of the world economy.

Schmidt, like Ford a world leader who came to power between elections, is described as a tough pragmatist whom West Germans have nicknamed "Schmidt schnauze," meaning Schmidt the lip.

But when he descended the grand staircase with President and Mrs. Ford last night none of the toughness showed through, only the charm which reportedly has given him appeal among many West German constituents.

Schmidt carried a small black leather pouch in his left hand as he and the Fords paused for photographs before entering the East Room where 120 dinner guests had gathered to meet the two leaders. The pouch turned out to contain three pipes, sufficient tobacco to fill them and a pipe cleaner.

Guests included Secretary of State and Mrs. Henry Kissinger, West German Ambassador and Mrs. von Staden, Supreme Court Justice and Mrs. Potter Stewart, Treasury Secretary and Mrs. William Simon, Defense Secretary and Mrs. James Schlesinger, a number of senators and congressmen and other VIPs from the world of publishing, sports, fashion and industry.

Another new face in the crowd was Academy Award winner Joel Grey, who was invited to dinner and provided the evenings' entertainment afterward. He planned to sing numbers from "George M," the musical about the life of patriotic American songwriter George

M. Cohan, and two selections from the hit musical "Cabaret," in which he starred.

"Cabaret" is about decadent Berlin during the pre-World War II rise of the Nazi Party. German reporters in the chancellor's entourage last night questioned the appropriateness of "Cabaret" at an official function honoring the West German leader.

The reporters, however, doubted that Schmidt would consider the choice of selections from "Cabaret" any kind of affront.

"It surely must have been coordinated between the

White House and the Chancellor's staff," said one reporter. That Schmidt's staff may not have been consulted became apparent when, in returning President Ford's toast following dinner, Schmidt called the President "especially generous" in recalling 25 years of good relations between the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany.

"You were very gracious not to mention periods of history before that. I will not dig into that," said Schmidt, possibly unaware

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By Harry Naltchayan—The Washington Post

Actor Joel Grey with President Ford at last night's White House dinner.