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Rockefeller dinners draw gilt-edged

VIPs

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The world's most prominent banker came to Washington Sunday, drew with him some of the top industrialists around the globe and tossed two big, glittering dinners in their honor.

David Rockefeller, chairman of the far-flung Chase Manhattan Bank and his wife Peggy gave an informal dinner Sunday night for 100 at the National Portrait Gallery that turned out to be reunion of the famed Trilateral Commission, and a black-tie dinner Monday night at Anderson House for over 200 that was impressively glamorous. Bob Strauss spoke at the latter, and managed to boost his candidate, Jimmy Carter, throughout.

Both parties were in honor of the bank's International Advisory Committee — the gilt-edged industrialists and bankers from foreign countries and from the U.S., whose chairman is Henry Kissinger.

Mingling with Washington's VIP figures were the two biggest tycoons

in their respective countries — Johnny Agnelli (the macho sportsman Italian industrialist who owns Fiat) and his super-chic wife Marella; and Jeh Tata — the legendary "Mr. India" who owns Air India, Tata Steel, Tata Railroads, you-name-it.

Two other motor moguls of the IAC who were present with their wives were Ford Motor Co. President Philip Caldwell, and Volvo's chief executive officer Pehr Gyllenhammar who came here from Sweden for the semi-annual meetings of the advisory committee and accompanying festivities.

Other big wheels at the meals, blue chips among the vips, were Holland's Gerry Wagner, chairman of Royal Dutch Petroleum, Germany's Hans Merkle, head of Robert Bosch Co., Ian Sinclair, chairman of Canadian Pacific Limited, and Switzerland's Pierre Liotard-Vogt, head of Nestle's Chocolate.

Douglas Dillon, a member of the IAC, the Tri-Lateral Commission, and, more importantly for Monday night, a member of the Society of the Cincinnati which owns Anderson House, was co-host with Rockefeller. He and his wife Phyllis received in the upstairs French drawing room with Rockefellers and the Kissingers, Nancy wear-

ing a striking gold-enscrolled black jacket.

From there guests poured into the long, narrow gallery that was elbow to elbow with bigwigs. There was Clare Luce suddenly face to face with CIA Director Stansfield Turner who abolished the president's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board on which Clare had served previous presidents.

They greeted each other coolly. The next time they found themselves standing together, Luce quoted an earlier president as saying, "No man ever left the White House with the reputation he brought into it. A man is very fortunate to enter government without a great reputation, so to speak, because he has no place to go but up. Your reputation has been constantly rising." Turner looked pleased.

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