



Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger beats the drum for his friend U.S. Rep. William Broomfield. (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)

**Southfield soiree**

**Kissinger courts GOP cash**

By MICHAEL MATUSZEWSKI  
 It wasn't his usual role. Rather than streaking off to Jerusalem or Damascus, he came rolling in on a telegraph. Instead of the Kremlin, it was the Raleigh House. He wasn't engaged in shuttle diplomacy—he was stamping the campaign trail for U.S. Rep. William Broomfield of Birmingham and U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin.  
 Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger played professor, politician and preacher in his three-hour stop in Southfield for a \$50 a plate fundraiser for the GOP candidates.  
 The Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Harvard University professor and modern day Marco Polo who re-oriented China to the west was critical of President Carter's defense policy.  
 "WE, AS A country are going through a very crucial period, unprecedented in our national experience," said Kissinger the professor.  
 "We must be strong. Without a strong America, free people all over the world will lose faith," said Kissinger the preacher.  
 "Kissinger said at one time the situation was much different. "We had the advantages of great distances," he told his audience of 900 Republicans at the fundraiser. "We had resources infinitely superior to anyone in the world."  
 "Even into the late 1960s," he said, "the United States produced 53 per

cent of the gross product of the non-communist world.  
 All that has changed, Kissinger said. "It is now 35 per cent. And in the future it will drop 25 per cent," he predicted.  
 "We're still, by far, the most powerful nation in the world, but . . ."  
 THE CHANGING WORLD situation, he said, demands a strong, vigilant, committed America.  
 The man who earlier helped forge a shaky detente with the Soviet Union said, "The Soviet Union militarily is very strong. We must match them or more than match them."  
 Defense was the only topic on which Kissinger was openly hostile to the Carter Administration.  
 While he said he was supportive of some of Carter's diplomatic and foreign policy moves, he said Carter's defense policy has caused him "concern."  
 "I am very concerned when every new weapons development is scouted, deferred or made the subject of negotiations."  
 "Over the long period of time, that will never work," said Kissinger, the strategist.  
 THE POINT OF the lecture, said Kissinger the politician, lies in leadership. He said the Republican leadership in the foreign relations committees must be retained.  
 Broomfield, a longtime Kissinger

ally, is the ranking Republican on the House International Relations Committee. Broomfield's 19th district includes Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Novi and part of Rochester.  
 The other beneficiary of the Kissinger stop, Sen. Griffin, is the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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 "We know from experience that these families have a difficult time finding someone to sit with their son or daughter for even a few hours or an evening," said Sheri Falvey, an ORARC administrative assistant.  
 Once recruited, Mrs. Falvey said, the special sitters would go through an initial training program to familiarize them with the needs and characteristics of the mentally handicapped.  
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