

Picture Story No. 650: THE PRESIDENT'S GUEST HOUSE—Historic Blair-Lee House, the U.S. President's official guest house for visiting dignitaries, is emerging from an extensive restoration and redecoration program that began in July, 1963. The basic reconstruction involved shoring up old beams, installing central air conditioning, wiring for a complex telephone system, and a new modern stainless steel kitchen. The redecoration of the 35-room mansion is under the direction of the Blair House Fine Arts Committee, headed by Mrs. Angier Biddle Duke, wife of the U.S. Chief of Protocol, and features English, French and American antique furnishings, rare rugs, and gentle color schemes representative of the mansion's historic past.



2-9: The foyer of historic Blair-Lee House reflects the new look. The wallpaper mural is French Antique and is a gift of Mrs. John F. Kennedy whose renovation of the White House was the inspiration for redecorating the official guest house of the President. The chairs flanking the mahogany table will soon get new needlepoint seat covers. (64-1661)

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El vestíbulo de Blair-Lee House, residencia de los invitados oficiales del Presidente de los Estados Unidos, refleja el nuevo aspecto de la mansión después de su restauración. El mural de la izquierda es francés y ha sido regalado por la señora John F. Kennedy, a quien se debe la idea de decorar de nuevo esta residencia. Las sillas que están a los lados de la mesita de caoba pronto tuvieron nuevas fundas a punto de aguja.