

Noteworthy night at White House



There was wall-to-wall culture in the East Room of the White House last night when five deans of American musical entertainment were honored before receiving the first Kennedy Center awards for significant contributions through the performing arts. President Carter and his wife Rosalynn greeted pianist Artur Schnabel, 91, (above) and the other winners: contralto Marian Anderson, 76; dancer Fred Astaire, 79; choreographer George Balanchine, 75, and composer Richards Rodgers, 76. Said Carter: "I feel somewhat out of place here with these great people, but I'm not going to apologize." The five later received awards at a Kennedy Center ceremony.