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Westmoreland Named Army's Chief of Staff; Cohen Will Head H

Johnson Picks Shriver to Be **Envoy to Paris**

By Carroll Kilpatrick Washington Post Staff Writer

President Johnson announced last night that he would nominate Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of American forces in Vietnam, as Army Chief of Staff.

The surprise announcement, subject to Senate confirmation, will be effective July 2 when Gen. Harold K. Johnson ... to be Army Chief of Staff retires as Chief of Staff.

The President declined to say whether the move would involve strategic or tactical changes in Vietnam. He said that he did not know who Westmoreland's successor would be. Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, deputy commander, has been reported in line for the command.

The President also nounced at a news conference



GEN. WESTMORELAND



WILBUR J. COHEN ... to be HEW Secretary



SARGENT SHRIVER ... to be envoy to Paris

in his office that: • Wilbur J. Cohen, Acting Secretary of Health, Educa-tion and Welfare since John W. Gardner's resignation March 1; would be nominated as HEW Secretary. Cohen's successor as Under Secretary

was not named.

• Sargent Shriver, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, would be nominated as Ambassador to France. Shriver is a brother-in-law of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D. N.Y.), who is challenging Mr. Johrson for the Democratic presidential, homination. Bertrand M. Harding, Shriver's deputy, will be acting head of OEO until a permanent director is named, the President

• Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will serve an additional year beyond July 2 as head of the JCS. Congressional approval for the extended appointment of Wheeler, who is 60, will be required.

· Adm. U S. Grant Sharp Commander in Chief, Pacific, whose term expires May 1, will remain until July 2 so that all changes will be at the same time. No successor to Sharp was named.

Praising Westmoreland, who has been under heavy criticism, particularly since the See PRESIDENT, A10, Col. 1

Staff Post Going To Westmoreland

ommended for his new post by former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and by years and looked forward to a Secretary Clark M. Clifford.

Westmoreland, 53, has been the American commander in Vietnam since the summer of 1964, when he succeeded Gen. Paul D. Harkins. Westmoreland first went to Vietnam as Harkins' deputy in January, 1964.

President said that the Admin-pointment Thursday, the Presistration's recommendation on troop increases to Vietnam and its "A to Z" strategic review had not been complete. He said he did not know how many additional troops would final consent to the appointbe necessary.

Regarding a supplemental

mored to be from \$2 billion to were asked of Shriver or \$5 billion, Mr. Johnson said that no decision had been made. But he left the clear implication that a supplemental would be required to pay for the additional cost in Vietnam Praises Westmoreland in the said in Korne and i and in Korea.

There will be some stepups in filling inventory needs, he supplying said. extra troops to Vietnam. He change the conduct of the also mentioned the "extra war. commitment we are making to Korea."

When these are "costedout," the President said, Congress will be informed.

Shriver's Appointment

Tet offensive the President said only that some months said the general had been reclago Shriver told him he had been in Washington seven

Shriver recalled, the President said, that he had enjoyed his work with other countries when head of the Peace Corps and that he would be happy to be considered for a post over-

seas. The French government Troop Increases The French government in answer to questions, the gave its approval to the app ident said, and Secretary of State Dean Rusk talked to Shriver who is on vacation in Spain, yesterday to obtain his

defense appropriation, ru-whether any commitments mored to be from \$2 billion to were asked of Shrings

While the President called Westmoreland a "very tal-ented and able officer," it was additional debated last night whether he spare parts, ammunition and was being relieved because of help to allies who are sending an Administration desire to

A secret year-end report by Westmoreland, reportedly predicting new successes in 1968, added to the debate yea-terday. The release of portions of the report to the New York Firmes was said to be under When asked about the politi-investigation in the Defense cal implications of Shriver's Department to determine the appointment, the President source of the leak.