

# Kleindienst, 2 Others Are Sworn

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Richard G. Kleindienst was sworn in as Attorney General yesterday after President Nixon expressed new confidence in him for the way he conducted himself during the "long ordeal" of Senate confirmation.

Predicting that Kleindienst would make a "great" Attorney General, the President said at a White House swearing-in ceremony that "only when a man has been through adversity do you find out how really strong he is."

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger administered the oath to Kleindienst and also to George P. Shultz as Secretary of the Treasury and Caspar W. Weinberger as director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his selection of Kleindienst to succeed John N. Mitchell as the 68th Attorney General on Feb. 15. Kleindienst confirmed by a 64 to 19 vote last week following a lengthy debate over charges that he was involved in an out-of-court settlement of antitrust charges

against International Telephone & Telegraph Co.

The fight against Kleindienst "in no way" reduced his confidence in him, Mr. Nixon said.

"As a matter of fact, it increased it," he added, "because, as many of you have heard me say on occasion, a great ship is not tested by smooth sailing, only by rough seas."

Mr. Nixon praised Kleindienst as a man of "honesty" and "integrity" and for his "devotion to the law of this land."

Shultz, who will succeed John B. Connally as the 62nd Secretary of the Treasury, is "a fiscal expert," "very respected economist" and expert in international economics Mr. Nixon said.

When Connally first discussed his own resignation "we both reached the conclusion, unanimously," the President said, that Shultz was "the man best qualified" for the post.

He is a former Secretary of Labor and most recently director of OMB. Weinberger, Californian and long-time friend of the President, was OMB deputy director under Shultz. Previously, Weinberger had been chairman of the Federal Trade Commission.