

## s Best Gift to LBJ

paying for landscaping around Mrs. Parker's home, and other friends are furnishing her house. All will be finished before Christmas day.

### Assistant President

Robert Finch, the new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, will be more than an ordinary Cabinet member in the Nixon Administration. He is expected to function more as a deputy President in charge of domestic affairs.

A former administrative assistant to Richard Nixon, Finch was Nixon's first choice as a running mate but lacked the political credentials to win the nomination. He couldn't get the backing necessary to stand up against the other Republican luminaries who sought the nomination.

President-elect Nixon, however, wanted his former aide at his side and offered him any post in the Cabinet.

Nixon, of course, will have a veto on domestic decisions, but Finch will have power over domestic matters second only to the President's.

The only question that remained was what official position Finch should take. He couldn't make up his mind at first between Attorney General and Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. In the end, he selected the latter because it put him in a better position to deal with the black

community and to push welfare programs.

### Inaugural Trouble

Washington will have an extremely touchy job during the forthcoming Inaugural to prevent demonstrations and disruptions by militants. Extraordinary precautions are already under way. The city is flooded with undercover men, not only from the police and the Secret Service but from the CIA and the FBI. Crowd control aid has been sought from Philadelphia and Baltimore police for Inaugural duty.

Chief worry is over the dissident underground. Information indicates that they're eyeing as excellent bonfire material the lumber piles with which the Inaugural stands are being built. The idea now is that the grandstands might be burned down the night before the parade.

There's also some talk of the dissidents requesting officially that a section of the parade be set aside for marchers who object to Nixon's Inaugural. This might be done as a part of the regular parade in exchange for a pledge not to riot.

The entire Inauguration is in the extremely capable hands of Willard Marriott, head of the Hot Shoppes and Marriott Motels. He knows the Capital like a book, but is also aware that he has plenty of headaches.