ning of Haig Fits Nixon Pattern

President Nixon's choice Washington Post Staff Writer By Carroll Kilpatrick

at the White House is a typiman's duties as chief of staff Jr. to take over H. R. Haldeof Gen. Alexander M. Haig cal Nixon appointment.

with whom he is congenial and has had a long associatroubles turns to someone President in It shows again how the resident in his time of

to be acting counsel to the eral and Leonard Garment to be the new attorney genpicked Elliot L. Richardson him for more than four have worked closely ment for a decade. known Richardson for at least two decades and President, Earlier this week, Mr. Nixon Both Garwith has

Asia to assess the situation dozen trips to first term, and the President for him at first-hand. sent him on more than a singer during Mr. Nixon's cil staff under Henry A. Kisthe National Security Coun-Haig played a key role in Southeast

the President. apparently did not bother in a sensitive political role general who is now placed In several conversations The fact that Haig is a

sons to be his No. 1 assistant When Adams left, President at the White House. Eisenhower appointed Maj. Gen. Wilton B. (Jerry) Perams departure from the Eiweek, the President has referred to the Sherman Adintimates in the last

One important difference is that Haig is vice chief of of Alabama, was on the rebrother was once Governor duty while Persons, whose staff of the army on active

as an aide to Gen. George C. Persons had won his spurs

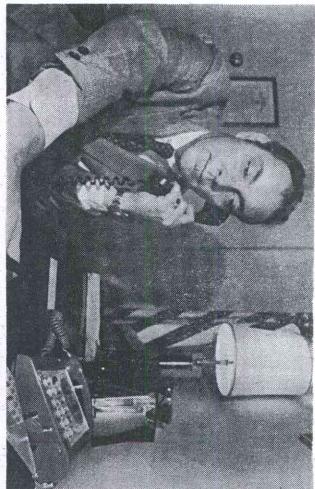
> some White House aides beas chief domestic adviser,

However, there have been

man rather than

by

John D. Ehrlichman's office one will be named to fill necessarily mean that someto Haldeman's post does not



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Marshall and as the Penta-gon's chief liaison officer Gen. Alexander Haig played key role in White House foreign policy decision. L rumors that the President

of gifts from Bernard Goldand an Ehrlichman, got into who in a sense had the power of both a Haldeman with Congress. He was Adfine, a wealthy Boston mantrouble over the acceptance deputy when Adams, dential aide Bryce N. Harsylvania and former presiliam W. Health, inberger, such men as Caspar W. Wehas considered for the post Welfare; former Gov. Scranton of Penn-Education Secretary

Wil-

the vacancy in Ehrlichman's that funneled everything to domestic affairs apparatus ber of times in recent days and Gamble, has been seen tially unchanged except for Ehrlichman will be essen believe that the elaborate know the President's mind at the White House a num-Those who think Harlow, now with Procter they

restore the credibility of his

his determination to try to

FBI director all emphasize

Ruckelshaus as acting

presidency after the Water-

gate disclosures.

The appointment of Haig

pointments of Richardson,

aides, the ufacturer.

President's ap-

According to White House

Garment, Haig and William

some on the inside, is that were resolved by too many basic Nixon presidency in domestic affairs, The chief weakness of the according disputes Ehrlich-

> foreign policy. vote the bulk of his time to sions will go to the President, who has tried to debe a chance that more deci-President. Now there may

charges. sign or face impeachment and eventually forced to rewhelmed by the scandals that Mr.. Nixon may be oversome Washington quarters what has happened, never-President, while shaken by theless scoff at reports in The aides closest to the

save his own name. think he can do both. primary resolve now is to vinced that the President's all the facts, they are conadmittedly do not yet know Even though these aides presidency and to They

have always, credited the be persuasive to those who confidence existed may not he waited knowledge that a crisis of Their explanation of why so long to

> corruption had reached high nothing to the charges that wanted to believe claims by litical sense. Nevertheless. President with an acute poassistants that there was they contend that he has in discounted what the press and he

to the bottom of the scandal those occasions. spoken convincingly and to avoid a whitewash. Cabinet officers and others that he is determined to get They maintain that he dent has repeatedly told In recent days, the Presion

places.

Watergate speech April 30. cord, as he indicated in his be shown to have a clean reman and Ehrlichman, will mer principal aides, Haldeto believe that his two for-He reportedly continues

Mr. Nixon was near exgreatest anguish and relucsion to accept their resignaclose association, his decireached it only with the tions was In view of their long and traumatic

House aides concede that House an hour before he went on the air. White still revising it on the heli-copter ride to the White end at Camp David and was worked on it over the weekdelivered the speech. haustion from lack of sleep the reaction to it and from overwork when he 'mixed."

parts of the country. he is thinking of making a news conference soon and As for the future, the President expects to hold a few speeches in various

his presidency. the threat that remains to rest to prepare himself for what he knows are difficult that has been done and say, of the severe damage aware, his closest associates days ahead. He is fully But yesterday he sought