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# New Chief Named at U.S. Drug Agency

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WASHINGTON, May 30—Attorney General Edward H. Levi named today Henry S. Dogin, a Deputy Assistant Attorney General and a former assistant district attorney in Manhattan, as acting director of the Drug Enforcement Administration, which is responsible for the Federal campaign against the illicit drug traffic.

In a brief announcement late this afternoon, Mr. Levi appointed Mr. Dogin, 40 years old, a graduate of Columbia University Law School and Cornell University, to head an agency that has been severely criticized in recent months. The appointment came only a few hours after the forced resignation of

the previous administrator, John R. Bartels Jr., had become official.

Mr. Levi's statement said that Mr. Dogin would provide leadership for the agency until President Ford nominated a permanent director. Mr. Dogin was unavailable for comment, and it was unclear whether he might become the President's nominee. Even before the public announcement of the appointment, Mr. Dogin, accompanied by another Deputy Attorney General, Harold F. Tyler, met with key personnel at the drug agency.

Mr. Dogin's baptism of fire on Capitol Hill will come shortly. The Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee has scheduled public hearing on the drug agency for June 9 after

a six-month investigation of its operations.

Senator Henry M. Jackson, Democrat of Washington, declined today to comment on the dismissal of Mr. Bartels, but issued a statement reaffirming his decision to hold hearings.

"The issue of the effectiveness and operations of the Drug Enforcement Administration remains crucial," the statement said. "We expect these in-depth hearings to examine, for the first time, the total Federal narcotics law enforcement effort, and result in constructive recommendations to assist the Federal Government in combating what knowledgeable sources see as an upcoming narco-

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tics epidemic."

The information that Mr. Bartels had been asked to resign began circulating in Washington legal circles late yesterday. There was considerable confusion on whether the impetus to remove him came from the Attorney General or the White House.

But authoritative Administration sources said that Mr. Levi had decided to ask Mr. Bartels to resign after receiving a report of an internal investigation of the allegations concerning Mr. Bartels's leadership of the agency.

Mr. Levi, these sources said, informed the White House of his thinking and senior White House officials agreed with him. White House officials had been concerned for some time that Mr. Bartels was "paralyzed" by the constant stream of criticism.

Moreover, these sources said, a new chief of the drug agency would be far less on the "defensive" in the upcoming hearings before Mr. Jackson's subcommittee.

### First Administrator

Mr. Bartels was the first administrator of the agency, which was created by President Nixon in July, 1973, to coordinate the fight against illicit drugs.

Last year, there was an outbreak of internal dissension in



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Henry S. Dogin, new acting head of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

the agency when two senior officials were transferred to other Justice Department assignments after they charged that Mr. Bartels had restrained their efforts to follow up on charges of corruption within the agency.

Several cases of alleged bribery or personal misconduct by agents and officials were

reported in the press over the last six months and have been under investigation both in the Department of Justice and by Senate investigators.

Mr. Bartels was also criticized for being unwilling or unable to halt bickering between agents who had previously worked for the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and the Customs Service before being transferred to the drug agency.

### Smuggling Increased

On a broader level, the agency did not appear to be able to stem the traffic in illicit drugs. Though the agency had made inroads in "white heroin" traffic from poppies grown in Turkey and the Orient, it faced increasing smuggling of "brown heroin" from Mexico.

The agency had also not been completely successful in persuading some of the 41 countries where it stations agents to help the United States stop the drug traffic.

Mr. Dogin comes to his job with a substantial background in law enforcement. Before becoming a Deputy Assistant Attorney General he was deputy regional administrator of the New York office of the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. He served as an assistant district attorney in Manhattan before joining the Federal Government. He is a Navy veteran and makes his home in Bethesda, Md.