

'Quiet End' of The Cold War

Washington

Charles Colson, one of President Nixon's closest political advisers, said last night the cold war between Communism and the West ended quietly while this nation was preoccupied with Vietnam.

"All the while we were ending the war in Vietnam, President Nixon was watching and playing the bigger game ending the post-World War II cold war, beginning a new era of negotiation, a new era of realism in the relations among nations," Colson said.

"Changes of much greater importance and significance to man's hope for peace have been going on elsewhere in the world while most public attention has been on that tiny land in Southeast Asia."

Colson said Mr. Nixon's trip to China and the stra-

tegic arms limitation agreements with the Soviet Union were far more significant than Vietnam. He said the Indo-China conflict "may even have been a helpful catalyst" to ease tension with China and the Soviet Union.

Colson addressed the Charles Evans Hughes lecture at Brown University.

He will leave his White House post as special counsel to the President March 1 to re-enter private law practice but remain a part-time presidential consultant.

"Interestingly enough, most of the political and foreign policy pundits expected the President to preserve, with very little change, our post-war hard-line foreign policy," Colson said. "They viewed him as the archetypal cold war warrior.

"In fact, President Nixon recognized that the cold war era had to end."

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