

Nixon Sees 'New Era,' Lauds Kelley



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Clarence M. Kelley, center, takes the oath of office as FBI director while President Nixon looks on.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 9 —President Nixon said today that America is entering "a new era" of peace at home as he presided at the swearing-in of Clarence M. Kelley, the new director of the FBI.

Stopping in Kansas City in the middle of the day on his way to Washington after 16 days in California, Mr. Nixon said that his administration

has made steady progress in achieving peace abroad and in the cities and on the campuses of this country.

A crowd of about 12,000 persons cheered the President as he spoke in the square in front of the Federal Building. Between 50 and 100 demonstrators at the back of the crowd carried "Impeach Nixon" and other such signs and shouted "Nixon must go."

When the President as-

serted that the incidence of crime is decreasing in this country, a demonstrator shouted in an obvious reference to Watergate: "What about White House Crime?"

But the crowd, small for such an occasion, was overwhelmingly friendly. It frequently interrupted the President's brief remarks with applause.

After taking the oath, Kelley promised to "serve only

justice and to avoid any other force or influence which hurts the cause of justice."

Pledging fair and equitable enforcement of the law, he also said that every citizen, regardless of his position "should be accorded the full rights guaranteed him, but more than that the dignities and courtesies owed free and proud people."

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Kelley said that too often "we have seen where law enforcement has been degraded by shoddy performance." He promised to always keep in mind that "we are the servants of the law and not its masters."

He pledged to use "discipline where needed and at the same time feed the fires of enthusiasm which have always been the hallmark of the FBI."

Among the signs carried by

the demonstrators were: "Impeach With Honor," "Good Luck Chief, Washington Needs an Honest Man," and "Mr. Kelley, Nixon's The One."

The President said that Kelley's 21 years in the FBI and 12 years as Kansas City police chief made him the ideal choice to succeed the late J. Edgar Hoover.

"The best law enforcement agency in the world . . . deserves the best law enforcement officer in the world as its director," Mr. Nixon said.

Calling Kelley "a man of enormous personal strength and character," the President said that "a man who has been good for Kansas City will be very good for America."

The President's main theme was that under his guidance America has made notable progress toward achieving peace at home and abroad.

The progress made abroad "sometime may obscure the progress we have made in trying to match that to the record of moving toward peace at home," Mr. Nixon said.

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"In the last year, for the first time in 15 years," he said, "we found crime in this country . . . instead of going up, went down, and that is some-

thing we want to continue in the years ahead.

"And we found that in this last year, while we have not completely conquered, and of course we never will, the problem of dangerous drugs, that we have made more progress in that area than has been made in the last 15 years."

Mr. Nixon, who returned to Washington late in the afternoon, drew loudest applause when he referred to his success in foreign affairs. He noted that no Americans are dying in Vietnam, that prisoners of war have been returned home from Hanoi and that no young Americans are now being drafted into the armed forces.

"We are now having negotiation with those who might be our potential opponents in the



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Among the crowd of about 1,200 who attended the Kansas City, Mo., swearing-in of Clarence M. Kelley as director of the FBI yesterday, a few demonstrators waved placards and shouted slogans during President Nixon's speech

years ahead," the President said. "That means that our children have a better chance for peace, a generation of peace and even longer, than any generation in this century, and for this we can be grateful."

A large delegation from Washington, headed by Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson, flew here for the ceremonies. Senior members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and senators and representatives from Kansas and Missouri accompanied the group.