The New Prosecutor, Probably

Washington

Henry S. Ruth, deputy special Watergate prosecutor, is expected to be named this week to succeed Leon Jaworski, whose resignation takes effect Friday, according to a well-placed administration official.

Other sources in and out of the government confirmed that Ruth, who has served as the special prosecution force's No. 2 man since June, 1973, has been the only candidate for the prosecutor's post given serious consideration since Jaworski tendered his resignation on October 12.

White House counsel, Philip W. Buchen reportedly spoke yesterday with Attorney General William B. Saxbe, whose responsibility it is to fill the special prosecutor's post, about the selection of a replacement for Jaworski.

One source said later that he expects a formal announcement of Ruth's appointment to be made tomorrow "unless a hitch develops."

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