

# Ruth to Succeed

Washington

Attorney General William Saxbe yesterday appointed Henry S. Ruth to succeed on Jaworski as the special Watergate prosecutor.

Ruth, who has been the deputy prosecutor since the special force was created in July, 1973, will take over the job Saturday.

Jaworski is resigning after a year as head of the special prosecutor force to return to private law practice in Texas.

Speaking to newsmen after announcement of his appointment, Ruth said, "I'm grateful to Mr. Jaworski for his recommendation. The operation will go on exactly the same."

Asked if he would contest the pardoning of former President Nixon, Ruth said he did not want to comment on that and added, "I have a lot of work to do."

Saxbe said he selected Ruth after discussing the appointment with President Ford, with Democratic and Republican leaders of the House and Senate, and the senior and ranking minority members of the Judiciary committees of both houses.

Mr. Ford and the congress-



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**NEW SPECIAL PROSECUTOR HENRY RUTH**  
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sional leaders approved the choice of Ruth, Saxbe said. Jaworski had recommended that his deputy be promoted.

"I agree with Mr. Jaworski's conclusion that Mr.

Ruth would be the best choice to complete the remaining work of the office," Saxbe said in a Justice Department statement. "He is a highly competent lawyer

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and most familiar with the matters still pending."

Justice Department sources have said that Ruth was the only individual seriously considered to succeed Jaworski.

The 43-year-old Philadelphia native joined the prosecution force when it was formed under the direction of the first prosecutor, Archibald Cox, who was fired at the order of Mr. Nixon for refusing to abandon a court action to obtain the Watergate tapes.

In the crisis which ensued, Jaworski won a greater guarantee of independence than Cox had enjoyed and continued the battle for access to the White House tapes which he eventually won in a Supreme Court decision.

"Mr. Ruth will, of course, have the same independence as his predecessor in carrying out his duties," Saxbe said.

The department also said Saxbe accepted Jaworski's resignation with a letter expressing "great appreciation for the magnificent service you have rendered to the country."

The attorney general told Jaworski, "Your dedication

and success in pursuing many difficult problems and your great personal sacrifices deserve the praise of all Americans."

Saxbe said the prosecution force, under the leadership of Jaworski and Cox, "has admirably performed the task of restoring public confidence in the integrity of the criminal justice system."

Ruth's appointment does not require Senate confirmation. Saxbe's consultation with bipartisan leaders of the House and Senate was in line with regulations imposed at the time of Jaworski's appointment which gave congressional leaders a stronger role in overseeing major changes in the prosecutor's office.

Ruth, a graduate of Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, practiced law in Philadelphia until joining the Justice Department in 1961.

He later served on various government crime commissions. From 1970 to 1973, he was director of New York Mayor John Lindsay's criminal justice coordinating council.

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