

New CIA Chief Sworn In

--High Praise by Nixon

Washington

President Nixon watched the swearing-in of his new Central Intelligence Agency director yesterday and then made one request:

He wanted to learn what was "going to happen" from the CIA rather than reading about it in the newspapers.

"That is a very direct charge," replied William E. Colby, the man who once directed the American pacification program in Vietnam.

Mr. Nixon praised Colby, 53, as "a true professional" and a "distinguished public servant."

"... His appointment has met with, I would say, almost universal acclaim... and with a very overwhelming vote in the Senate," the President said.

"I would point out too, that his career of service in the CIA is not as well known as most because, as we all know, in that particular organization your successes usually must remain un-



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WILLIAM E. COLBY
'True professional'

known and your failures become known."

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The Minnesota-born Colby was known as "the professional's professional" within the CIA. He rose through the ranks after a World War II career with the Office of Strategic Services that in-

cluded parachute drops into occupied France and Norway.

The oath-taking ceremony in the President's oval office was witnessed by members of Colby's family, Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of State-designate Henry Kissinger and admiral Thomas H. Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The oath was administered by U.S. District Judge George L. Hart Jr.

In a brief response Colby pledged that the CIA would seek to serve "in protecting our national security and welfare."

"I take it as a major charge to fulfill both meanings of the word 'intelligence,'" Colby said. "The one is the official meaning of an intelligence organization... but the second meaning is the application of the human quality of intelligence to be able to analyze facts and come out with assessments and judgments about them."

Mr. Nixon recalled that he had first met Colby when he was directing the pacification program in Vietnam. The hard work of Colby and others, the President said, had succeeded "in building South Vietnam into a viable peace time country."

The President nominated Colby last May to succeed Schlesinger, who replaced Richard Helms, the CIA chief under President Johnson whom Mr. Nixon made ambassador to Iran.

The swearing-in ceremony was the first official business since Mr. Nixon returned early Saturday from a two-week trip to Key Biscayne and San Clemente.

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