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WASHINGTON AP - Chief Justice Earl Warren will administer the oath of office Jan. 20 to President-elect Richard M. Nixon at Nixon's request, Sen. Everett M. Dirksen announced Tuesday.

There had been speculation earlier whether past political differences between Warren and Nixon would prevent Warren from exercising the traditional job of chief justice.

Dirksen, chairman of the Joint Congressional Inaugural Committee, said the invitation was extended to Warren at Nixon's request and Warren replied he would be "delighted to administer the oath."

Dirksen himself will administer the oath of office to Vice President-elect Spiro T. Agnew, the Senate Republican leader said.

The political differences between Warren and Nixon, despite their common political affiliations, date back to their days as prominent GOP political figures in California.

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Warren to Keep Job Until June

NEW YORK — (AP) — President-elect Nixon announced today he will choose a successor to Chief Justice Earl Warren to take office after the Supreme Court completes its current term next June.

Nixon yesterday said he had asked Chief Justice Warren to remain on the bench through the term "in order to avoid serious disruption of the work of the court."

Ronald Ziegler, Nixon's spokesman, told newsmen that by Warren's choice his retirement from the court will be effective at the pleasure of the President.

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The President-elect and the Chief Justice — who have disagreed on court decisions regarding the rights of criminal suspects — talked for about 15 minutes by telephone yesterday.

Warren submitted his retirement to President Johnson some five months ago, effective when a successor was approved by the Senate.

But Johnson's choice of Justice Abe Fortas to succeed Warren touched off long and bitter Senate debate. Ultimately, the nomination was withdrawn at Fortas' request.

Ziegler said he had "no idea" whether Nixon would name one of the associate justices as chief justice or bring in an outsider for the post.

Warren will administer the oath of office to Nixon Jan. 20.