

Nixon-Demos Helm Accepted By Robertson

New Orleans businessman Willard E. Robertson has accepted the chairmanship of Democrats for Nixon in Louisiana.

Robertson, a prominent Democrat, says he will remain in that party but will work for the Republican presidential nominee, Richard M. Nixon.

Charlton Lyons of Shreveport, state chairman of Nixon for President Committee, yesterday appointed Robertson to the post. Lyons said, "Mr. Nixon himself is pleased with this appointment of a highly respected business and political leader."

ROBERTSON SAID he thinks Nixon is "the man best suited by experience and ability to lead our country during these times of strife both at home and abroad."

Reportedly, Robertson was among a group of local Democrats who met with Nixon after the former vice president addressed the National American Legion convention here last month.

The new chairman for Nixon says he supports Democratic Rep. Hale Boggs for reelection over his GOP opponent, David C. Treen.

HE SAYS ALSO that a vote for George C. Wallace, third-party candidate for president, is "a negative vote."

Robertson said he thought the chaos at the Democratic convention in Chicago "could well be indicative of that (chaos) in Washington."

The new chairman has been a close political ally of Mayor Victor H. Schiro, who is active with forces attempting to elect Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey president.

ROBERTSON SAID HE thinks Nixon will stop the dwindling of U.S. gold reserves.

Major public activities of Robertson include his having been chairman of the Housing Authority of New Orleans, chairman of the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, member of the Mississippi River Bridge Authority, the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District and the New Orleans Citizens Advisory Council for Housing.

Besides the Nixon units of Lyons and Robertson, there is a Citizens for Nixon group headed by former Gov. Sam Jones.