

Mitchell Quits, to Aid Nixon

WASHINGTON—(AP)

—Attorney General John Mitchell resigned his Cabinet post today to head up President Nixon's re-election campaign.

Nixon immediately named Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindienst to succeed him.

Mitchell's resignation, effective March 1, had long been expected. He directed Nixon's 1968 campaign effort and the President's political advisers had been anxious for him to take over the same post for the 1972 re-election effort.

Nixon's nomination of Kleindienst, a conservative identified with the law-and-order issue, is expected to draw strong opposition from liberal and civil rights forces.

But White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler replied, "Yes, indeed" when asked whether the administration was confident the Senate would act favorably on elevation of Mitchell's chief assistant to the Cabinet.