

FROEHLKE NAMED ARMY SECRETARY

Old Friend of Laird Will Be
Resor's Successor

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WASHINGTON, June 15 — President Nixon named Robert F. Froehlke today as Secretary of the Army to succeed Stanley R. Resor, who resigned recently to private life after six years in what has become one of the Government's most difficult and sensitive posts.

Mr. Froehlke, who is 48 years old, is now Assistant Secretary of Defense for Administration. He is a close friend of the Secretary, Melvin R. Laird.

Mr. Laird assigned Mr. Froehlke to the task of managing and organizing all intelligence activities within the defense establishment in August, 1969. His friendship with the Secretary is expected to give him considerable influence in his new assignment.

If confirmed by the Senate, Mr. Froehlke will confront at least three major unresolved issues: the problems involved in moving from an armed force that relies on conscription to Mr. Nixon's stated objective of a volunteer Army; the growing use of narcotics among servicemen, especially those in Vietnam; and the problem of maintaining combat effectiveness in the face of growing shortages in manpower and equipment.

Other Inheritances

Mr. Froehlke will also inherit what remains of some of the issues that made his predecessor's task demanding and exhausting: the criticisms of the Vietnam war arising out of the alleged Mylai killings, the scandals involving military service clubs, and the controversy over the Army's surveillance activities.

Mr. Resor resigned May 21, accompanied by accolades from Mr. Laird and the President, who accepted his decision to return to private life "with special regret." Mr. Resor was known to have wanted to resign before that date, but Mr. Laird persuaded him to stay on, first for a year and then through the presentation of the Army's portion of the budget for the fiscal year 1972.

Mr. Froehlke graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School and practiced law in Madison, Wis., for 11 years before returning to the university to join its law faculty in 1950. After nearly two decades in private business, he joined the Defense Department in January, 1969. His new switch will mean a pay increase from \$38,000 to \$42,500 annually.

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