



A triple swearing-in ceremony today ushered in three new members of the President's Cabinet. From left: Attorney General and Mrs. Richard Kleindienst,

Treasury Secretary and Mrs. George Shultz, President and Mrs. Nixon, and Director and Mrs. Caspar Weinberger of Office of Management and Budget.

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Nixon Sees Trio Take Oath

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Nixon presided today at a triple Cabinet member swearing-in ceremony starring Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, who he said he been through a "long ordeal" of Senate confirmation.

Nixon said the controversy over confirmation had in no way reduced his confidence in Kleindienst — "as a matter of fact it increased it."

Nixon told an applauding East Room audience of Cabinet members and congressmen and administration

staff that "a great ship is not tested by smooth sailing — only by rough seas" and that Kleindienst is a man of "total loyalty . . . strong in character and at his best when the going is rough."

"Close Friend"

He called Kleindienst his "very close friend," an able man in whom he had great confidence in his intellectual ability, honesty, integrity and devotion to the law.

The ceremony had the added formality of Chief Justice Warren E. Burger administering the oath.

One after the other, introduced by Nixon, Kleindienst became attorney general, George P. Shultz took the oath as secretary of the Treasury and Caspar W. Weinberger was sworn in as director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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Shultz is a native of New York City and a former dean of the University of Chicago graduate business school. Weinberger is a Californian.

Kleindienst was confirmed last week by a Senate roll call of 64-19 after what was

one of the most prolonged fights over a presidential Cabinet appointment.

Chief among the controversial issues raised about Kleindienst was his alleged role in the settlement of a 1971 antitrust case involving the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

It was alleged that the Nixon Administration had settled the ITT case on terms favorable to the company in exchange for a pledge of at least \$200,000 toward the cost of the 1972 Republican National Convention in San Diego.