

President Names Cole New Domestic Adviser

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President Nixon yesterday made Kenneth R. Cole Jr., the 36-year-old director of the Domestic Council, his chief adviser on domestic affairs.

Cole thus succeeds to the position formerly held by John D. Ehrlichman, who resigned last April 30 as a result of the Watergate scandal.

Cole will continue as executive director of the Domestic Council, a post Ehrlichman held in Mr. Nixon's first term, but he will be given the new title of assistant to the President for domestic affairs.

The promotion, which has been expected since Melvin R. Laird announced last month that he would leave the White House Feb. 1, means that Cole will be the President's principal domestic adviser and also responsible for seeing that the President's policies are carried out, Deputy Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren said.

The announcement said that the President directed Cole, with whom he conferred yesterday, "to work closely with the Vice President, who serves as vice chairman of the Domestic Council," as well as with other officials and members of Congress.

A native of New York City, Cole is a graduate of Bucknell University. He was an executive of the J. Walter Thompson Co. before joining the President's campaign staff in 1968. After Mr. Nixon took office, Cole was Ehrlichman's principal assistant. Laird strongly recommended him for the promotion.

The President also announced that he would nominate William J. Jorden, a member of the National Security Council staff under Presidents Johnson and Nixon, to be Ambassador to Panama.

Jorden is a former New York Times correspondent who served in Japan, Korea, the Soviet Union and as a



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member of the Washington bureau.

In another announcement, the president said he would nominate David L. Osborn, now consul general in Hong Kong, to be ambassador to Burma. A native of Indiana, Osborn, 53, is a career foreign service officer with extensive experience in Asia.

Panama's Leader Talks With Peron

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 16 (UPI)—Panamanian strongman Omar Torrijos met President Juan D. Peron today for a first round of talks in his five-day visit to Argentina.

Diplomatic sources said Torrijos, commander of the Panamanian national guard and chief executive of the country, was attempting to get Argentine support for Panama's position in current negotiations with the United States over the canal.

Last night, 30,000 youths demonstrated in support of Torrijos, massing at his hotel and shouting "liberation for Latin America." They burned a U.S. flag.