

CUSHMAN NAMED TO HEAD MARINES

Deputy Director of C.I.A. to
Replace Chapman

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 30— President Nixon selected Lieut. Gen. Robert E. Cushman Jr. today to be the next Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The nomination, announced by the White House, was a surprise to those at the Marine Corps who had expected Lieut. Gen. John Chaisson, the Marine Chief of Staff, to succeed Gen. Leonard F. Chapman Jr. when he retires Dec. 31.

General Cushman, who is 56 years old, has been Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency since Mr. Nixon appointed him in early 1969. He served four years as national security adviser to Mr. Nixon when Mr. Nixon was Vice President.

General Cushman's appointment comes at a time when the military has been hard-pressed to solve the problems of racial strife, disenchantment with a seemingly endless Indochina war and widespread frustration among servicemen over a variety of social ills that have plagued military as well as civilian life.

To combat these problems, the Departments of the Army, Air Force and Navy have relaxed many restrictive regulations governing recruits, such as those pertaining to length of hair, work hours and dress, and have adopted a "soft-sell" recruitment approach reminiscent of a travel agent's.

Tough Stand on Drugs

But the Marine Corps has stuck to its philosophy of toughness and strict discipline in its treatment of recruits.

For example, while most branches of the military have instituted amnesty programs for drug addicts who turn themselves in for treatment, the Marine Corps simply warns its recruits against the dangers and punishment associated with drug use. Marine recruits who are found to be frequent users or distributors of drugs are court-martialed or dishonorably discharged.

The corps, whose recruitment motto is "we only want a few good men," contends that its adherence to tough standards has not jeopardized its manpower needs. Marine officials maintain that they still easily meet recruitment needs.

A hard-bitten and intellectual troop commander, General Cushman combined theories of tactical mobility with an emphasis on pacification programs as commanding officer of 163,000 Army and Marine troops in South Vietnam from 1967 to 1969.

He once bristled when skeptical correspondents asked a number of questions about the progress of the war and declared, "When I say something, it is true."

Named to 4-Year Term

The President nominated General Cushman, a native of St. Paul, Minn., to a four-year term as Commandant.

Mr. Nixon also nominated two Administration officials for promotions requiring Senate approval. No opposition to the nomination is expected.

He named Richard E. Wiley, 37, to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission. Mr. Wiley, formerly a lawyer for the Bell & Howell Company in Chicago, has been general counsel to the commission since September, 1970.

The President nominated Shiro Kashiwa, 59, to be an associate judge of the United States Court of Claims. Mr. Kashiwa, who was the first Attorney General of Hawaii, has been Assistant Attorney General for Land and Natural Resources since May, 1969.

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