



Kleindienst's Public Good-bye

Washington

Richard G. Kleindienst strode to the floor of the Watergate courtroom yesterday and, in a speech he said was his public farewell as attorney general, asked America "not to despair . . . but to take great heart in the vitality and the strength of the rule of law."

Kleindienst, whose resignation was accepted by President Nixon Monday, declared that even though the scandal produced "a day of sorrow," it also represented a "time of triumph — because the law will prevail."

The outgoing attorney general spoke to some 30 persons gathered for Law Day ceremonies sponsored by the District of Columbia Bar Association.

Kleindienst threw away a



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RICHARD KLEINDIENST
'The law will prevail'

speech — written a week ago — that contained no reference to Watergate and spoke entirely off the cuff in offering his philosophical overview of the case.

"We are a country of law and not of men," he said. "And the law works its will."

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