

New Post Likely For Connally

Washington

President Nixon is expected to announce today that former Texas Governor John B. Connally will join the White House as a special consultant in both foreign and domestic affairs.

Connally, who last week switched from the Democratic to the Republican party, will not get a government salary but will spend full time in the new job, according to reliable sources.

In addition, Mr. Nixon is expected to announce at a cabinet meeting today a new secretary of Defense to replace Elliot L. Richardson, the attorney general-designate.

Neither of two publicly mentioned candidates for the Pentagon post, David Packard and Kenneth Rush, both of whom have served as deputy secretary of defense, will get the job, sources said. But the name of the new Pentagon chief was not disclosed.

Other staff and cabinet changes are also expected today in the continuing fallout from the Watergate affair and the resignations it precipitated.

Far more radical cabinet

shuffles were contemplated, it was learned, including naming Henry A. Kissinger to be Secretary of State and bringing the present secretary of state, William P. Rogers, into the White House on Mr. Nixon's staff. Rogers is a long-time friend of the President.

White House lobbyists have told Republican congressmen that in addition to the Kissinger and Rogers moves, the President considered calling Secretary of the Treasury George P. Shultz back to a White House staff post.

Kissinger may become uneasy in a White House that includes a Connally with a mandate for activism and with presidential ambitions.

Kissinger is understood to have had difficulty working with the Texan who, as Mr. Nixon's Treasury Secretary, made forays into international diplomacy via the world economic and monetary negotiations a year ago.

Connally's new job will ostensibly overlap Kissinger's if he has broad responsibility in both domestic and foreign policy fields. Kissinger is assistant to the President in international security affairs.

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