

# Cox and Richardson Given Oaths in Contrasting Rites

## Small Group From the Kennedy Years Join Watergate Prosecutor While 200 Gather for New Attorney General

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WASHINGTON, May 25 — Archibald Cox took the oath of office as special prosecutor in the Watergate case today in a setting that seemed far removed from the men and policies of the Nixon Administration.

With some of his old friends from the Kennedy Administration looking on, Mr. Cox was sworn in by Charles Fahy, Senior Judge of the United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. The ceremony was held in the Solicitor General's office in the Justice Department.

Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, the widow of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, sat on a couch, beaming. Her brother-in-law, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, came in late and stood with the crowd of departments officials, Congressional aides and friends of Mr. Cox.

Elliot L. Richardson, sworn in as the new Attorney General only a few hours before, said that the new special prosecutor should not only have "actual independence" but he also "must be perceived to have that independence." The oath was administered at the White House by Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger with President Nixon looking on.

### Former Solicitor Chosen

Mr. Cox chose Judge Fahy to administer his oath. The judge was Solicitor General under President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mr. Cox came to Washington in 1941 to work in his office. Mr. Cox was appointed Solicitor General himself by President Kennedy.

Mr. Cox said he had asked that the ceremonies be held in the Solicitor General's office because it meant "a great deal" to both him and Judge Fahy.

The new prosecutor spoke of the "traditions of candor, honor, human sensitivity, dedication to justice and unswerving rectitude without a taint, I hope, of self-righteousness" in the Solicitor General's office.

Mr. Cox said those qualities needed to be restored to all parts of government.

He stated, "I have been given all the powers, all the independence a man could wish."

He promised to go to work quickly, introduced his wife, Phyllis, and after a few questions from the press, shook hands warmly with the two dozen guests. He was wearing a borrowed necktie.

### 200 at Richardson Rites

The ceremony was in sharp contrast to Mr. Richardson's swearing-in at the White House. It was the fourth for Mr. Richardson, who has served President Nixon as Under Secretary of State, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Richardson, his wife, Anne, and President Nixon stood on a small stage in the East Aoom before 200 guests—members of Congress, the legal profession and Government officials.

Mr. Richardson said the institutions of American government were now under stress, but he said it was flaws in men and not in the system that had brought the stress.

"The task is not one redesign, but one of renewal and reaffirmation," he said.

"The first concern of the administration of justice is the individual," the 69th Attorney General stated. "The second is the truth."

"The first of these demands fairness. The second demands fearlessness. I will endeavor to be faithful to both."

### Experience Cited

Mr. Nixon said that Mr. Richardson "will be one of the ablest men ever to hold the office of Attorney General" because of his wide experience in government both at the Federal level and in the State of Massachusetts.

Such large ceremonies are unusual. Most Cabinet members receive the oath of office with only a handful of friends and relatives present.

It seemed clear by the size of the ceremonies at the White House that the President sought to underscore his faith in Mr. Richardson as the stain of the Watergate scandals continued to spread.

Mr. Richardson succeeds Richard G. Kleindienst, whose tenure as Attorney General began in a storm of controversy over the investigation of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation by Congress and ended when he resigned because his friends and associates were implicated in the Watergate scandal.

### Prosecutors Continue Work

Mr. Kleindienst's predecessor was John N. Mitchell, the President's longtime friend and political associate, now under indictment in New York for perjury and obstruction of justice.

Mr. Nixon said that Mr. Richardson, because of his "great expertise and experience" would become a member of the Na-

tional Security Council. Mr. Richardson was formerly with the council as Under Secretary of State.

While the swearing-in ceremonies at the White House and the Justice Department were going on, the prosecutors in the Watergate case continued to work.

Mr. Richardson, though he may appoint a new staff from top to bottom, had told them to go ahead and not sacrifice the "momentum" of the case.

Today the Federal prosecutors met with Herbert W. Kalmbach, the President's personal lawyer, for six hours. Mr. Kalmbach is said to have told the prosecutors that he raised at least \$210,000 for payment to the men indicted for the Watergate break-in and their lawyers.

Watergate was on many minds today, and the President offered a mild joke about it.

He said after Mr. Richardson had been sworn in that the new Attorney General and Mrs. Richardson would be pleased to meet guests over coffee—those guests, he said, "who don't have any matters pending before the courts at the moment."



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President Nixon speaking to Elliot L. Richardson after he was sworn in as Attorney General at the White House.