

'Do Justice'

## Saxbe Sworn In As Atty. General

Washington

William B. Saxbe was sworn in as attorney general yesterday, vowing "to bring credit on the law and the legal process in this country" as he took over a troubled Justice Department.

The former Ohio senator took the oath as his two predecessors and some 300 Ohio friends watched. Then he bowed in prayer as Senator Harold Hughes (Dem-Iowa), who is resigning in favor of church work, prayed for Saxbe's success.

Saxbe told the crowd, "I am well aware of the tremendous problems of not just the attorney general's office but of government generally."

He credited the legal system in this country and throughout the world with overcoming "the bestiality of man," but said the system is under universal attack.

"Unless this is defended, unless this is respected by people, there is no way you can keep a society from

drifting into anarchy," Saxbe said adding that he believes people have "lost a great deal of this respect for the law."

Then he quoted the biblical passage in which an Old Testament prophet commands men "to do justice and love mercy and walk humbly before thy God" and promised:

"This is a big order but one that I am determined to do to the best of my ability."

The Justice Department has seen three leaders leave within the past year.

Two of them, Elliot L. Richardson and Richard G. Kleindienst, stood with Saxbe on the small stage in the department's Great Hall as Judge Robert M. Duncan of the U.S. Military Court of Appeals administered the oath of office.

President Nixon chose Saxbe to succeed Richardson as head of the government's chief law office.

Richardson and his deputy, William Ruckelshaus, re-



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WILLIAM SAXBE AND WIFE, DOLLY  
A kiss for the new attorney general

signed on October 20 rather than obey an order from Mr. Nixon to fire former special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox. Robert H. Bork was then named acting attorney general.

Kleindienst resigned as attorney general earlier last year when several men he considered to be his close friends emerged as key fi-

gures in the Watergate scandal.

Mr. Nixon's first attorney general, John Mitchell, resigned in 1972 to run the President's re-election campaign, and has subsequently been indicted in connection with the Robert Vesco stock fraud case in New York

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