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Katharine Graham and Federal Judge John J. Sirica flanking Dr. Donald F. Hornig, the president of Brown University, at commencement ceremonies in Providence, R.I. Mrs. Graham and Judge Sirica were awarded honorary degrees.

Notes on People

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Tolbert to Receive Family of Man Award

The Society for the Family of Man Award presented by the Council of Churches of New York City will be awarded Oct. 31 to President William R. Tolbert Jr. of Liberia.

Presented by the 1,700 churches of the council and about 3,000 business and professional leaders who support it, the Family of Man Award has gone in past years to Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon, and last year's recipient was Secretary of State Kissinger. Mr. Tolbert was selected for being the leader of "Africa's most progressive republic" and for his "continuing commitment to the Christian religion in Africa and the world."

After catching three salmon that were bigger than those snagged by his fellow Governors on a fishing excursion off the coast of Washington State, Gov. Thomas Salmon of Vermont was perhaps understandably elated. "My name is validated, I'm vindicated," he said, adding that he hoped that now people will stop ribbing him about his name.

Some wags were calling yesterday's commencement exercises at Brown University "Watergate Day." They had reason. Recipients of honorary degrees included United States District Judge John J. Sirica, the most prominent jurist in the Watergate case, and Mrs. Katharine Graham, publisher of The Washington Post, which received a Pulitzer Prize for its Watergate disclosures. Among 1,030 Brown graduates was Judi-Ellen Dash, daughter of Samuel Dash,

chief counsel of the Senate Watergate committee. And, it was noted, two Brown graduates who have won attention because of Watergate are E. Howard Hunt, the convicted conspirator, and Charles W. Colson, the former Presidential counsel, who pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge in connection with the burglary of the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

Gen. George S. Brown of the Air Force was approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee yesterday to be the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, succeeding Adm. Thoms H. Moorer, who will retire next month. It also approved the nomina-

tion of Gen. David C. Jones to succeed General Brown as Air Force Chief of Staff. General Brown is 55 years old, General Jones, 52.

"We are discussing alternatives to a divorce," said Edith Irving, who was reunited here with her husband, Clifford Irving, over the weekend, after she had spent 14 months in a Swiss jail. Mrs. Irving had been saying for months that she intended to divorce Mr. Irving, whom she helped in the Howard R. Hughes autobiography hoax. She's now at the Chelsea Hotel becoming reacquainted with the couple's two sons, Nedsky, 6, and Barnaby, 4. Mr. Irving has been caring

for them since his release from a Federal prison in February.

Following 33 years of service with the National Broadcasting Company, Sydney H. Eiges has retired at the mandatory age of 65, but he is moving immediately into another fulltime job, chief of public relations and communications for the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. Mr. Eiges, who became an NBC vice president in 1947, was responsible for many years for promotional and press relations activities for the company.

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