

Notes on People

Coleman Confirmed for Cabinet

William T. Coleman Jr. was confirmed by the Senate yesterday as Secretary of Transportation, and will become the second black Cabinet member in history. He was preceded by Robert C. Weaver, who became Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in 1966. Mr. Coleman, a lawyer from Philadelphia, is a former president of the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and has a long history of government service as a consultant or part-time appointee.

In office and out, music has been the hobby of Edward Heath, former British Prime Minister, who is an accomplished organist. In what is said to be his first concert performance abroad, Mr. Heath will conduct the London Symphony Orchestra in Bonn's Beethovenhaus on April 12.

Flying in from the Bahamas, Ambassador Elliot L. Richardson and his wife, Anne, arrived in London to take over the American Embassy. Mrs. Richardson said their daughter and two sons would join them in June. The former Attorney General, who succeeds Walter H. Annenberg, a wealthy publisher, told journalists at the airport that money matters were giving him "some concern."

Besides his \$42,500 salary, he is entitled to about \$30,000 a year as "representation allowance"—basically for entertainment. Mr. Richardson said he had been assured the allowance would be increased but added, "If the money runs out, it runs out—that is a problem a lot of people are having and I feel that, like them, we will manage."

Asked if he would refuse a nomination as President if it

were offered, the new Ambassador said: "No, I doubt that I would. But on the other hand, I don't expect it to be offered."

Representative Barbara C. Jordan of Texas has been elected Democratic Woman of the Year by the Woman's National Democratic Club and will be honored at a dinner March 12 in Washington. The 2,000-member organization is giving the award for the first time in its 53-year history.

Miss Jordan was cited for her "exemplary conduct" during the Watergate hearings of the House Judiciary Committee and also for her "success in overcoming dual prejudices against women and blacks" in winning election to the Texas Senate in 1966—the first black since 1883—and to Congress in 1972. Miss Jordan is the only woman on the steering and policy committee of the House Democratic Caucus.

Oberlin College has chosen Emil Charles Danenberg, dean of the school's 500-student conservatory of music, to a five-year term as president of the 2,700-student college. Mr. Danenberg, 57, has been an Oberlin faculty member since 1944. As a concert pianist, he has appeared here several times.

When Mark Evans Austad goes to Finland on Friday as United States Ambassador, he plans to make a documentary film of the Finnish people as one of his diplomatic projects. Mr. Austad, 57, is vice president of Metromedia, Inc., and a former Washington radio-television performer, and was chairman of the Nixon inaugural ball in 1968 and vice chairman in 1972. He described film making,

his longtime hobby, as "a great way to meet a lot of people" said he hoped to show the film to Finnish communities in the United States.

Princess Ashraf Pahlavi of Iran, twin of the Shah, was chosen yesterday by a 23-member United Nations committee to preside over its two-week planning session for the International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City next summer. The Princess was the initiator last year of a declaration calling on heads of governments to pledge help in promoting the Women's Year. To date, the declaration has been signed by 8 kings, a queen—Juliana of the Netherlands—2 emirs, 42 Presidents and 21 Prime Ministers.

Her husband, Paul McCartney, ran a red light on Santa Monica Boulevard, the California highway patrolman said but it was Linda Eastman McCartney who was arrested—on a charge of suspicion of possessing marijuana. The former Beatle and his wife, who now are members of a pop group called Wings, were in their silver Lincoln Continental with their three children when officers stopped them and one started writing a traffic citation.

Noticing "a strong smell of burning marijuana" in the car, he ordered the McCartney's out. The officer said he found a plastic bag, containing 16 grams of marijuana, that Mrs. McCartney, 33, had carried in her purse. She was taken to a police station, released on \$500 bail and ordered to appear in Municipal Court March 10.

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