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William T. Coleman kissed his wife at White House ceremony in which he was sworn into the Ford cabinet

# Transportation Secretary

Washington

William T. Coleman, the second black ever to serve in the Cabinet, was sworn in as secretary of transportation yesterday by the nation's first black justice of the Supreme Court.

With President Ford looking on at a crowded ceremony in the White House East Room, Coleman was admin-

istered the oath by Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Standing behind them was Robert C. Weaver, the first black cabinet officer, who served as secretary of housing and urban development in the Johnson administration.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Ford at the outset referred to Coleman as secretary of commerce, then cor-

rected himself with an embarrassed laugh.

"I'm not switching jobs on you," he told the 54-year-old Philadelphia lawyer, "simply thinking of one we have to fill."

Mr. Ford is looking for a nominee to be secretary of commerce succeeding Frederick Dent, who has been nominated for the cabinet-

level post of special trade representative.

As secretary of transportation, Coleman succeeded Claude S. Brinegar, who resigned effective February 1. Since 1952 the Philadelphian had been a member of the prestigious law firm of Dilworth, Paxson, Kalish, Kohn and Dilks.

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