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Hears 'New Mr. Colson'

RICHMOND, Jan. 15 (UPI)—Former Watergate coverup figure Charles Colson addressed a prayer breakfast here this morning, despite objections by a Northern Virginia legislator.

Colson, who says he has committed his life to Christ after he was convicted of obstructing justice, was picked to address the annual "commonwealth breakfast" by the Virginia Fellowship, the statewide religious group that sponsors the affair.

"This is a new Mr. Colson," said Samuel W. Jackson, cochairman of the breakfast. "He has something to say and we think people would like to hear it."

Colson, a special counsel to former President Nixon, served seven months of a one-to-three-year sentence.

His selection brought strong objections from Del. Mary Marshall (D-Arlington), who said a more honorable man should have been chosen.
