

Notes on People

Mrs. Mitchell Sues for Alimony

Martha Mitchell is "without funds or friends," according to her suit for \$36,000 back alimony—unpaid since September—filed yesterday in Manhattan State Supreme Court. Mrs. Mitchell, ill with bone-marrow cancer, returned May 14 to her Fifth Avenue apartment with a nurse after a month in the Hospital for Special Surgery. She and John N. Mitchell, the former Attorney General, separated in 1973.

Mrs. Mitchell's suit contends that her husband received a \$50,000 advance for his Watergate book and is to get \$150,000 more when he finishes it. In an answering affidavit, Mr. Mitchell, who lives in the East 50's, said he could not pay the \$36,000 because he himself was living "on borrowed money," and that Mrs. Mitchell should sell their 14-room apartment. She has refused, according to her suit, out of fear that her husband will take the money and put her in a nursing home.

Next year's editor in chief of the Columbia Law Review will be a physician—a psychiatrist, in fact. Robert Lawrence, 38, years old, practiced in Brooklyn until he entered law school and still sees patients a few hours a week. A graduate of Great Neck High School with honors from Cornell University, Lawrence was president of the Downside Center. Mr. Lawrence has a Ph.D. in psychology from Cornell but is not a practicing psychiatrist.

gate to the United Nations. This time he succeeds Aquilino E. Boyd, Panama's new Foreign Minister.

In Portland, Ore., William O. Douglas made an infrequent public appearance, attending a courtroom memorial service for two local lawyers. The 77-year-old former Supreme Court Justice returned to a hospital there May 6 for pain-control therapy in connection with his partial paralysis. Old friends in the Northwest found him alert to conversations but having difficulty expressing himself.

Molly Ivins, co-editor of The Texas Observer, and Samuel Lubell, the pollster and public opinion analyst, have received the 1976 alumni awards of Columbia University's journalism school. Mr. Lubell, a 1933 graduate, was cited for "a lifetime explaining to Americans America ticks." The added, "While the his work is so approach to at its best 1966 as Te

painting five years ago. Previous exhibits at the West 67th St. cafe have included landscapes by Louis Nizer, the lawyer-author; portraits by Maria Cooper Janis, daughter of the late Gary Cooper and wife of Byron Janis, the pianist, and caricatures by Harold C. Schonberg, music critic of The New York Times.

Secretary of Commerce Elliot L. Richardson came to New York Monday for conferences on his soon published book and the fourth time for the special Cabinet portrait session with Raymond Pettibone.