

Faces to Change Under Johnson

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Washington, D. C. — There is a new man in the White House, and with him will come new men. In time.

It may not begin for several weeks, but informed sources expect definite changes on the White House staff and in the Democratic national committee and probable changes in most of the cabinet.

"It is in the nature of things," one top source observed. "The president will want to keep

some Kennedy people. But he will also want his own people—the people he has known and trusted and with whom he has worked for many years."

Stamp of Johnson

The expectation is that before the Democratic nominating convention in Atlantic City next August, the administration in Washington will clearly bear the stamp of Lyndon Baines Johnson.

The big question at the moment is the role of the late president's brother, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, who was himself the source of immense power for almost three years.

Not all of that power vanished with the last breath of John F. Kennedy. Mr. Johnson knows this.

Loyalty to Kennedy

Spread throughout the federal government, for example, are men who were appointed by the late president on the recommendation of his brother. They have a high regard for Robert Kennedy and feel a certain loyalty to him.

It is impossible to measure, but Robert Kennedy is the heir of at least some of his brother's political power. His leverage is not completely gone.

But the fact remains that Mr. Johnson and the attorney general have never been close and that there was less than blind trust in their relationship.

Sources who know both men

well agree that their primary motivation will be to do what's best for the country.

Probably Will Stay

The expectation is that the president will ask Kennedy to stay on, and the request will be more than routine. Kennedy probably will remain, it is felt, at least for a few months. For one thing, he wants very much to see through to their completion some of the tasks begun by his brother.

It is perhaps the most deli-

cate matter confronting Mr. Johnson and Robert Kennedy must wrestle with the realization that there is a new master in the house. The choice, at least for a while, appears to rest with the attorney general.

Beginning probably early in 1964, there will be changes in the cabinet.

But among the top Kennedy administration officials, Mr. Johnson is said to look upon with special favor are Defense Secretary McNamara, Secretary of State Rusk and John McCone, director of Central Intelligence, and McGeorge Bundy, the late president's special assistant for national security affairs.

Changes Likely

Democratic national headquarters has become so much a Kennedy family property that Mr. Johnson probably will move fairly soon to make changes there.

Oscar Chapman, a Washington attorney, is considered a good prospect to succeed John Bailey of Connecticut as Democratic national chairman. Chapman was secretary of the interior in the Truman administration and was co-chairman of Johnson's campaign for the presidential nomination in 1960.