

Conlisk Sworn In as Head of City Police

Lauded for His Qualifications for Job

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Mayor Daley swore in James B. Conlisk as the city's new police superintendent yesterday and praised him as a man well qualified to fill the job.

"Chicago is fortunate in having a man with the qualifications, dedication, and energy to follow the fine work of O. W. Wilson," Daley said at a brief ceremony in the mayor's city hall office.

The gold badge which be-

longed to Wilson, the city's first police superintendent, was pinned on Conlisk by his wife, Colette. The four stars, symbols of rank, were pinned on his shoulder by their son, James B. III, 20.

Gives a Pledge

"You can be sure of my determination to conduct the police department in a manner to reflect credit on myself, my wife, my sons, and my father, who preceded me as a police officer," Conlisk said.

THE TRIBUNE learned that Capt. James Rochford, chief of patrol, would be promoted to deputy superintendent, Conlisk's old job, and Capt. John Kelly, deputy chief of patrol in area 1, would take over Rochford's job. Capt. George Sims, commander of the Fillmore district, may be named to succeed Kelly.

Conlisk announced at a luncheon in the Sheraton-Blackstone hotel that he will set up a new community service division to handle tasks now performed by the human relations, community relations, and community service sections of the police department.

Mayor Daley used the swearing-in ceremony as an occasion to criticize troublemakers who would foment racial tension and to praise the police department and other civic agencies for avoiding trouble.

Three Peaceful Nights

"In the last three nights we've had no violence affecting the fire department. This is a fine record. It is a tribute to people that they have cooperated in avoiding trouble," Daley said.

He said peace had been maintained here despite "agitators and troublemakers."

Daley also praised the press, labor, business leaders, and the clergy for their efforts in helping the city avoid trouble such as has plagued Detroit, Milwaukee, New York, and other cities thruout the nation.

Must Check Rumors

Conlisk said at the ceremony that law enforcement "is

based fundamentally on cooperation by the public.

"It is essential that the public be alert particularly in these days to check rumors and report them to the department so they can be run down for validity," he said.

The police department reportedly is prepared to move 2,000 men into any section of the city where violence might break out. The plan, it was re-

ported, calls for making such a trouble area an "instant ghost town" by closing off streets to traffic and getting people off the streets and into their homes.

Conlisk, who was deputy superintendent under Wilson, was acting superintendent of police last month, when Wilson, tho technically still the head of the department, was on furlough and out of the city.