

Key Aides Are Named By Ford

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Vice President Gerald R. Ford has named Robert T. Hartmann, 56, a long-time legislative aide in the House and formerly House Republican sergeant-at-arms, as his chief of staff for the office of Vice President.

Hartmann, a former Washington bureau chief for the Los Angeles Times, will be the overall boss of Ford's staff.

Hartmann was one of seven major appointments announced by Ford yesterday.

Also named to top posts on the Vice President's staff were:

- Kenneth L. Belieu, 59, a former under secretary of both the Army and the Navy and White House liaison man to the Senate in 1969 to 1971, as consultant for legislative affairs.

- Walter L. Mote, one-time GOP staff aide on the Senate Rules Committee and chief legislative assistant to Vice President Agnew, as Ford's legislative chief for the Senate.

- William E. Casselman II, 32, who is resigning as general counsel of the General Services Administration, as legal counsel to the Vice President.

- Maj. Gen. John M. Dunn, 47, a one-time aide to Vice President Agnew, as senior military aide and assistant for administration.

- Mildred Leonard, Ford's executive assistant for 22 years, as personal assistant to the Vice President.

- Paul A. Miltich, 54, 20-year veteran editor and reporter for the Booth Newspapers and Ford's House press secretary since 1966, as press secretary to the Vice President.

In addition to the senior appointments, Ford also named W. Dewey Clower, 38, a staff aide to the President who helped with White House liaison during the Ford nomination period, as deputy assist-

ant for administration; Navy Cdr. Howard J. Kerr and Marine Lt. Col. Americo A. Sardo as military aides; Dorothy Hessler, a Ford House aide since 1967, as personal secretary to the Vice President; and Mrs. James W. Howe as assistant to Mrs. Ford.

As Vice President, Ford will have five different offices: a suite in the Executive Office Building; a small service office in the House; a staff office in the new Senate Office Building; the "formal room" within the Senate lobby; and a staff office just off the Senate lobby.

Senate Appropriations Committee records show that in fiscal 1974 the Vice President will receive \$675,000 for employee salaries and expenses in connection with his office in the Executive Office Building, with up to 30 positions allowed to be filled from this fund. In addition, he will receive \$430,200 for employee salaries and expenses for his Capitol Hill offices, plus \$62,500 salary for himself, \$10,000 expenses for himself and a small added amount for travel. The combined budget for the vice presidential offices is close to \$1.2 million.