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# A New Lineup for President's Aides

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The new White House reorganization went into effect yesterday as President Nixon by executive order created the Domestic Council and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The Domestic Council, made up of most cabinet officers and White House aides, will assist the President in establishing domestic priorities and policy, while the OMB is designed to coordinate programs that cross agency lines and improve the efficiency of the government. The OMB incorporates the Bureau of the Budget.

Press secretary Ronald Ziegler said the Domestic Council will include all the cabinet members except the Secretaries of Defense and State.

MEMBERS

Other members will be John Ehrlichman, presidential assistant for domestic affairs who becomes executive director of the council; presidential counselors Robert H. Finch, Bryce N. Harlow and Daniel P. Moynihan; George P. Shultz, the new director of the OMB; Caspar Weinberger, deputy OMB director in charge of the federal budget; and Donald Rumsfeld, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Robert P. Mayo, former budget bureau director, was the only presidential counselor not named to the Domestic Council. Ziegler said Weinberger was selected because he now has responsibility for the budget, the equivalent of Mayo's old job.

Shultz, Weinberger, Finch, James Hodgson, named Secretary of Labor when Shultz was elevated to OMB director; and Arnold Weber, new associate director of the OMB, will be sworn in today at the western White House by Thurmond Clarke, chief judge of the central district of California.

\$.SUPERGRADE

The President, also by executive order, removed the job of general counsel of the office of special representative for trade negotiations from the supergrade executive salary schedule.

The job was created for Murray Chotiner in April, 1969, after he clashed with representative Rogers C. B. Morton over who would run the Republican national committee. Chotiner subsequent-

ly served in the \$36,000 counsel post from April 14, 1969, until Jan. 24, 1970, when he moved to the White House as a political adviser to the President.

Chotiner, a longtime associate of the President, shares a political role in the White House with Harry Dent.

Chotiner's old job with the trade representative has been vacant since January. As a result of the President's action yesterday it will return to the civil service commission and probably to its former GS-18 rating. When Chotiner took the job, it was at a \$27,055 a year rate. The GS-18 rating now pays \$33,495.

REACTION

Ziegler was asked about Mr. Nixon's reaction to the Congressional override of the President's veto of the Hill-Burton act Tuesday.

He said the President "regrets Congress has refused to respond to the fiscal warning he expressed in his veto message" and that Congress must accept the responsibility for the consequences of unwise spending. Ziegler added that Mr. Nixon is not opposed to health care, but that the structure of the bill included compulsory spending that Mr. Nixon judged as not in the best interests of the country.

The President also signed a bill increasing the debt ceiling to \$395 billion for fiscal 1971.

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