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Herb Klein Officially Resigns

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Herbert G. Klein resigned as White House director of communications yesterday to become vice president of corporate relations for Metromedia, with headquarters on the

West Coast.
President Nixon accepted the resignation "with deepest personal regret."

Deputy Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren, who announced the resignation, said Klein would be consulting with the President and the press and communications areas" to the White House.

Klein had traveled to all 50 states to keep editors and broadcasters advised of the administration's approach to problems and had 'ably represented me and our government in 26 foreign countries."

Klein, who has known Mr.
Nixon for 27 years, will
leave officially on July 1.
The former editor of the
San Diego Union said "pressure has been building for me to return to private enterprise."

Klein said later that his departure would probably mean that Ziegler would have "additional responsibil-Associated Press ities.