

Ziegler Denies Connally Rift

Washington

White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler yesterday denied published reports of friction between himself and former Treasury Secretary John Connally.

The Los Angeles Times, quoting an unidentified associate of Connally, said the former Texas governor plans to resign soon as a special adviser to President Nixon because of disagreements with Ziegler.

The newspaper said Connally had urged Mr. Nixon to fire Ziegler because of the press secretary's handling of news concerning the Watergate scandal.

Ziegler said Connally never made such a proposal and their relations remain friendly.

Connally rejoined the Nixon administration last month as an unpaid adviser to the President. His precise duties never have been spelled out.

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