

# WILLIAM BUCKLEY QUITS U.S.I.A. POST

**Conservative Columnist Who  
Is Supporting Ashbrook  
Drops Role as Adviser**

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WASHINGTON, March 15—  
The sense of satisfaction at the White House over yesterday's favorable vote for President Nixon in the Florida primary was tempered somewhat today by another reminder that the Republican right wing was not yet prepared to give full support to the Nixon candidacy.

The reminder came in the form of a letter to President Nixon from William F. Buckley Jr., in which the conservative columnist announced that he could not—"taking all factors into account"—accept the President's invitation to fill a second three-year term as an unpaid adviser to the United States Information Agency.

Mr. Buckley's letter — to which the President sent a cordial "Dear Bill" reply thanking him for his service—mentioned no other reason for his decision than his feeling that he had already given the agency as much advice "as I have to give it."

However, officials here acknowledged that another major reason for his decision was his acute sense of the awkwardness of keeping a Presidential appointment while, at the same time, condemning the President for his China policies and supporting the Republican challenge of Representative John M. Ashbrook of Ohio.

**Close Relationships**

Mr. Buckley is said to have had close and long-standing relationships with several members of the administration and the agency.

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well-off Nixon organization continues to grow as Mr. Ashbrook's ambitions seem to shrink. As of today, there were 150 workers in the re-election headquarters on Pennsylvania Avenue—twice as many as last fall.

**Additions to Staff**

Among several prominent additions to the staff is Rita E. Hauser, a 37-year-old New York lawyer. Mrs. Hauser was co-chairman of New Yorkers for Nixon in 1968, and was later named to a high United Nations post. She is expected to work closely with John N. Mitchell, Mr. Nixon's campaign manager.

Another recent addition is Edward C. Nixon, 41, the President's youngest brother. Mr. Nixon, a quiet, unassuming man with a low-key sense of humor, worked in the 1968 campaign, has served since then with a West Coast oceanographic firm, and will help put together various business and professional groups to support his brother's candidacy.

In that task, he is expected to work under the general supervision of Frederick C. Malek, a White House aide who has been quietly operating in a liaison role between the White House and the re-election committee.