

HARLOW RETURNS TO NIXON'S STAFF

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Will Be Counselor in Broad
Area, Warren Asserts

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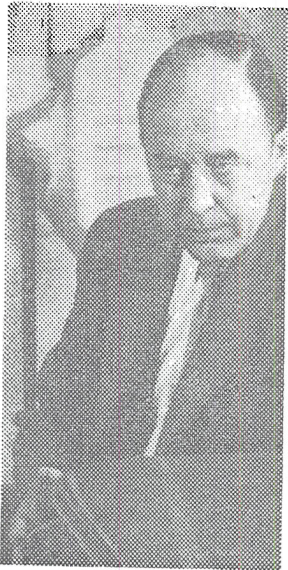
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WASHINGTON, June 14—President Nixon announced today that Bryce N. Harlow was returning to the White House staff, which was shattered by the Watergate disclosures.

Mr. Harlow, vice president of the Procter & Gamble Company, will return to his job as Counselor to the President, from which he resigned on December 9, 1970, after two years of duty.

The appointment was viewed as part of the President's efforts to heal his relations with Congress and broaden the political scope of his staff without going outside his circle of close associates.

Mr. Harlow, 56 years old, at one time headed the White House Congressional relations effort. He was a White House aide during the Eisenhower Ad-



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Bryce N. Harlow at the White House yesterday.

ministration and was later a lobbyist for Procter & Gamble.

Gerald L. Warren, the acting press secretary, said that Mr. Harlow would advise the President on a wide range of matters.

A Reluctant Return

When Mr. Harlow left the White House in 1970, he said that his leave of absence from Procter & Gamble had been extended several times and he felt compelled to return. Mr. Warren said his White House service this time would also be under leave from his company.

Like Melvin R. Laird, who was appointed last week as the President's chief adviser on domestic affairs, Mr. Harlow was reported to have returned reluctantly to Government service to help restore the White House operation.

His name had been proposed by Republicans in Congress and elsewhere who wanted to see more people on the White House staff with broad political experience and strong ties in Congress.

At the same time, the emerging new staff took on more of a military cast today with the appointment of former Maj.

Gen. John C. Bennett to be deputy assistant to the President. Mr. Bennett, who retired from the Army in 1972 and has been vice president of ERA Helicopters in Anchorage, will be deputy to Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., who succeeded H. R. Haldeman as chief of staff.

General Haig now has two military assistants, one of whom is leaving Aug. 1, when General Haig goes on inactive duty to continue in the civilian post.

The decision by General Haig last week to give up his military rank has not quelled Congressional criticism of a military man being picked for the high civilian post.

Law Violation Alleged

Representative Joh E. Moss, Democrat of California, in a long statement inserted in the Congressional Record Monday, charged that the appointment violates a Federal law saying that no active officer in the military "may hold a civil office by election or appointment."

Mr. Moss said that in the past the military people who have served on the White House staff were either military advisors or were inactive when appointed.

"What is really at issue is how much blurring of that long-established dividing line between the professional military and civilian authority, the nation, and Congress will allow," Mr. Moss said.

President Nixon also announced, through Mr. Warren, that his long-time personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, was being given the additional title of executive assistant to the President. The title, Mr. Warren said, is in recognition for duties she has been performing for some time.