

JAN 3 1974

Pat's Upset Over That Job Mistake

SF Chronicle

San Clemente

Pat Nixon was described as upset yesterday about a White House staff snafu that led to the now-retracted announcement that President Nixon had appointed her to the National Voluntary Service Advisory Council.

According to sources, Mrs. Nixon was disturbed about what impact the foul up might have on the work of the council, established to help coordinate the government's volunteer programs.

On Sunday, the President's press office announced Mrs. Nixon's appointment as member and temporary chairman of the 25-member council. In response to questions, a spokesman said she would be eligible for the standard \$138.48 government consultant fee for each day spent on council duties.

On Tuesday, the press office issued another statement saying the Sunday announcement "was made before all legal and other checks were made. Under law, Mrs. Nixon cannot hold a position appointed by the President."

Yesterday, deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said, "The error is completely mine."

Warren said discussions had been held with Mrs. Nixon about her becoming a voluntary, unofficial, unpaid adviser to the council. This idea was placed into the "staff system," he said. "And when it came out on my end, she was to become acting temporary chairman."

Mrs. Nixon "never discussed becoming a member" of the council, Warren said, and the President was unaware of the announcement until after it was made. "He had never signed anything . . . nothing had come across his desk on it," Warren said. "The matter never came before him.

"It was never his intent or her intent" that Mrs. Nixon become a council member, Warren said.

Associated Press