

ZIEGLER CALLS NIXON**FIRM ON WAGE LIMIT**

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WASHINGTON, March 5 (Reuters)—President Nixon is determined to maintain his 5.5 per cent guideline on wage increases this year, the White House said today.

A Presidential spokesman said that John D. Ehrlichman, regarded as Mr. Nixon's senior domestic adviser, "misspoke" when he told the Detroit Economic Club last week the guideline was being quietly abandoned.

White House insistence that the guideline remains in effect also contradicted recent statements by George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, that the Government's wage policy would become more flexible.

Ronald Ziegler, the Presidential press secretary, emphasized today Mr. Nixon's wish to work in cooperation with Mr. Meany and other union leaders in the anti-inflation fight.

But Mr. Ziegler rejected suggestions that the Administration was soft-pedaling on its 5.5 per cent wage guideline as a concession to labor.