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New York Clay T. Whitehead, Presi-dent Nixon's communica-tions director, who gained notoriety last year when he suggested that local stations refuse to run network news they considered unfair to the President, will soon resign, New York magazine report-ed Monday.

The magazine said sources close to the administration disclosed that Whitehead's resignation will end the White House's attempts "to frighten the (television) networks and independent sta-tions" into being friendlier to the administration.

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