

New Resignation From the FCC

Washington

H. Rex Lee resigned from the Federal Communications Commission yesterday, giving President Nixon a chance to nominate his fifth appointee to the seven-member commission.

He will have named all three Democrats to the commission. The law requires that the party in power in the White House have no more than four members.

And if Republican chairman Dean Burch resigns by next summer, as he has indicated Mr. Nixon will have a sixth appointment to fill. That will leave Republican Robert E. Lee, as the only non-Nixon appointee.

H. Rex Lee, 63, whose sev-

en-year term was not due to expire until June 30, 1975, told the President there are several things he has wanted to do for some time and plans to leave December 31.

Lee's surprise announcement came just ten days after another Democrat, Nicholas Johnson, left the commission without waiting for his successor to be confirmed.

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