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**Says Panel Will Coordinate
Federal Programs—Puts
V.A. Chief in Charge**
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KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla., March 31—President Nixon announced in a 12-minute radio broadcast today that he was creating a committee to coordinate Federal programs designed to aid veterans.

It was Mr. Nixon's second address in three days in which he underscored the first anniversary of the departure of the last American combat soldier from South Vietnam.

Last Friday, the President spoke at the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington.

Today, Mr. Nixon noted that the Veterans Administration was the second largest agency in the Government and had the third largest budget.

"There are additional veterans programs in 17 other departments," he said.

"To insure that we have policies that pull together the activities of the entire Government, and more fully meet the needs of veterans, I am today creating a new Domestic Council Committee on Veterans Services."

The committee will be headed by Donald E. Johnson, Administrator of Veterans Affairs. The Secretaries of Labor, Defense,

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and Health, Education and Welfare, and the director of the Office of Management and Budget, will be members of the committee.

Mr. Nixon also said he had ordered a "hard look at services provided by V.A. across the board," and had told Mr. Johnson to thoroughly investigate veterans hospitals and report back within 60 days.

The President spent a quiet weekend at his house here on Biscayne Bay. He attended the Key Biscayne Community Church this morning with his younger daughter Mrs. David Eisenhower, and his friend, Charles G. Rebozo.

The Rev. J. A. Geychwind, the minister of the small Congregational church, said that he and Mr. Nixon often took walks along the beach at Key Biscayne during the nineteen-fifties and had known each other for some time.

The President posed for a photographer after the service, waved to a small group of people across the street and drove off, with Mr. Rebozo at the wheel.

Michigan Report Denied

Gerald L. Warren, deputy White House press secretary, denied published reports that Mr. Nixon was seeking an invitation to campaign in Michigan for a Republican candidate in a special Congressional election there.

"There has been no initiative on the White House's part to solicit an invitation," Mr. Warren said.

The Detroit Free Press reported in today's editions that Michigan Republicans viewed such a visit as potentially

damaging to the candidate, James Sparling, but that negotiations were under way with Dean Burch, counselor to the President.

The President announced late yesterday the appointment of Henry E. Catto Jr. of San Antonio, Tex., to be chief of protocol for the White House.

Mr. Catto, a former executive of The Houston Post Company, is married to the daughter of Oveta Culp Hobby, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under President Eisenhower.

Mr. Catto succeeds Marion M. Smoak, who resigned effective April 1 after serving for a month as chief of protocol. Mr. Smoak had also served 18 months as acting chief.