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# Nixon Vows Future Hill Consultation

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President Nixon promised congressional leaders of both parties yesterday that he would confer with them a number of times this year on both foreign and domestic issues.

At a White House breakfast designed to improve relations with the new Congress, already strained over Vietnam, the impounding of funds and executive privilege, the President said he hoped the administration and Congress could work together to the greatest extent possible, White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler reported.

Earlier in the week, the President met separately with House Speaker Carl Albert (D-Okla.) and Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.).

The leaders were invited to the White House for the ostensible purpose of discussing the economy and the future of the wage-price control program.

But at the end of the meeting, the President also spoke for about 10 minutes on Vietnam. However, he did not take any questions on Vietnam,

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which is the subject most congressmen want more information on as they begin their labors this year.

Invited to the breakfast were 13 Democrats and 18 Republicans. Because the meeting was billed as one to discuss the economy, leaders of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee were excluded.

House and Senate members have criticized the President for resuming the bombing of North Vietnam last month without consultations with any members of Congress.

Secretary of the Treasury George P. Shultz promised to give Congress the administration's recommendations later this month on legislation needed to continue the wage and price controls program.

The President has said he will ask Congress to extend his authority to impose such controls after April 30, but Shultz said decisions on the

precise nature of the legislation to be recommended had not been made.

Presidential assistant John D. Ehrlichman reported to the leaders on the President's plan to reorganize the government.

Mr. Nixon told the group that he recognized that the Democratic Congress and the Republican administration would differ on some matters, but that he hoped they could cooperate and find areas of agreement, Ziegler said in reporting on the meeting.

The President said his reorganization plans will in no way affect relations between the Cabinet and Congress or the jurisdiction of congressional committees, according to Ziegler.

"The President discussed generally the fact that in the coming months meetings with the leaders will be held on international matters, trade, Europe, developing relations with China and the anticipated summit meeting with Soviet leaders in 1973," Ziegler said.

He confirmed reports that Social Security Commissioner Robert M. Ball will not be retained in the second term. He refused to say that Ball was being fired, but Ball's office did not hide the fact that he was being dumped and had hoped to stay on at least to put the new Social Security laws into effect.

There was no explanation of why the President wanted to get rid of Ball, a veteran of the Social Security system, who is generally held in high regard in Congress.

Ziegler would say only that there will be "new direction" in the program. "It was the decision in accepting the resignation that there should be new direction," he said when questioned about the Ball dismissal.

It was also learned that U. Alexis Johnson, under secretary of state for political affairs, is being considered to succeed Gerard C. Smith as the chief U.S. negotiator at the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks in Geneva.

Smith's resignation as the chief negotiator and also as director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency was announced Thursday. Officials said it had not been decided whether Johnson would succeed Smith as head of the disarmament agency.

Ziegler said that the President had accepted with "deep regret" the resignation of Andrew Gibson as assistant secretary of commerce for mari-

time affairs and domestic and international business.

The President praised Gibson particularly for his work on last year's maritime agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union, Ziegler said.

Attending the White House meeting were Speaker Albert Mansfield, House Democratic Leader Thomas P. O'Neill (Mass.), Chairman Wright Patman (D-Tex.) of the House Banking and Currency Committee, Chairman Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark.) of the House Ways and Means Committee, Chairman Chet Holifield (D-Calif.) of the House Government Operations Committee, House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich.), Assistant Minority Leader Les Arends (R-Ill.), Chairman John B. Anderson (R-Ill.) of the House Republican Conference, Rep. Samuel L. Devine (R-Ohio), conference vice chairman, Rep. Jack Edwards (R-Ala.), conference secretary, Chairman John Rhodes (R-Ariz.) of the Republican Policy Committee, Chairman Barber B. Conable Jr. (R-N.Y.) of the Republican Research Committee, and Reps. William Widnall (R-N.J.), Herman T. Schneebeli (R-Pa.) and Frank Horton (R-N.Y.).

Also, Sen. Frank E. Moss (D-Utah), chairman of the Democratic caucus, Chairman John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.) of the Senate Banking Committee, Chairman Russell B. Long (D-La.) of the Senate Finance Committee, Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), Assistant Minority Leader Robert Griffin (R-Mich.); Sen. Norris Cotton (R-N.H.) chairman of the Republican Conference, and Sens. John Tower (R-Tex.), Wallace Bennett (R-Utah) and Charles Percy (R-Ill.).

Invited but unable to attend were Chairman Olin D. Teague (D-Tex.) of the House Democratic caucus, and Sens. Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.), Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.), Sam Ervin (D-N.C.) and William Proxmire (D-Wis.).