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White House counsel Charles Alan Wright, left, and Gerald R. Ford after briefing.

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Nixon Defers News Conference Because of Middle East Crisis

President Nixon yesterday postponed a televised news conference scheduled for 9 o'clock last night until sometime today because of the Middle East crisis.

Deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said the time of the rescheduled news conference would be announced today.

Mr. Nixon originally set a speech for Wednesday evening to defend his dismissal of Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox.

He canceled the speech, however, and said that he would hold a news confer-

ence yesterday evening instead. But after a post-midnight decision to put Ameri-

Forgetful Minister To Lose His Job

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SYDNEY, Oct. 25—The New South Wales health minister, Harry Jago, will lose his job and its \$40,000 salary because he forgot to put in his nomination for re-election today.

As a consequence Jago, who has held the safe Liberal Parliament seat since 1962, will not be able to contest it in the Nov. 17 state election and will not be in the next state Parliament.

can forces on a precautionary alert because of Middle East developments, last night's news conference also was postponed.

Yesterday Mr. Nixon met extensively with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger on Middle East developments, and the two of them briefed Democratic and Republican congressional leaders.

Late in the day, accompanied by Mrs. Nixon and their daughter Tricia Cox, the President left the White House for an overnight stay at Camp David.

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