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HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Oct. 30 (AP)—Bos Johnson, president of the 1,000-member Radio-Television News Director's Association, said Tuesday that President Nixon was wrong to blame the mood of the nation on the TV networks.

He said in an interview that the communications media did not create the issues now facing the country—they reported them.

Mr. Johnson is the news director of Huntington's WSAZ-TV, an affiliate of the National Broadcasting Company.

Mr. Johnson, who was elected president of the R.T.N.D.A. at the group's recent convention in Seattle, took issue with the President's attacks on the electronic media. He said he was concerned that such statements "may serve to distract the people from the serious is-

sues in Washington right now."

He declared that network affiliates retained complete freedom of choice over network news shows.

"We are not dictated to by the networks in any fashion," he said. "When you see John Chancellor on our station it's because we elected to put him there, we thought it was important that he be there, and not because we have to put him there."