

A Column That Made Nixon Mad

Washington

President Nixon became "quite angry" when he read a column in a Chicago newspaper about a Vietnam veteran whose "face was shot off" being denied Veterans Administration treatment, a presidential spokesman disclosed yesterday.

Mr. Nixon promptly ordered VA Administrator Donald Johnson "to get this boy in a hospital."

Nixon aide Ken W. Clawson, told reporters the column about Leroy Bailey of Chicago, was a "damn good example of good Journalism." The Daily News columnist was Mike Royko.

Clawson said Bailey is being admitted to Hines Hospital in Chicago for treatment.

He said Royko's "blockbuster" column indicated that apparently there had been "a mistake on the part of the local VA office."

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