Nixon Can't Give That Job to Pat

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President Nixon's office here said yesterday it made a mistake in announcing that he had appointed his wife, Pat, as temporary chairman of the new National Voluntary Service Advisory Council.

The office said it has been learned that under the law the President's wife cannot be appointed to a position by the President.

"Because of Mrs. Nixon's great interest in volunteerism and the new council, it was hoped that Mrs. Nixon would serve in this position," the announcement said. "Due to an administrative error, the announce-

ment was made before all legal and other checks were made."

Instead, Action Director Michael P. Balzano will ask the 25-member council to elect her honorary chairman at its first meeting.

Meantime, until the council meets to elect a permanent head, Mr. Nixon is designating Frank D. Stella of Detroit, president of F. D. Stella Products Co., to serve as temporary chairman.

Had Mrs. Nixon been allowed to serve as a temporary chairman, she apparently would have been eligible for a per diem payment of \$138.48 by the government.

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