

White House in Shift on Mrs. Nixon

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LAGUNA BEACH, Calif., Jan. 2—Gerald L. Warren, White House deputy press secretary, spent a substantial portion of this morning's regular news briefing attempting to disentangle the White House from the problem of Mrs. Richard M. Nixon and the new 25-member National Voluntary Service Advisory Council.

On Sunday, the press office announced the appointment of Mrs. Nixon as a member and temporary chairman of the group, entitled to compensation of \$138.48 per day.

Yesterday, the press office said that it was illegal for the President to name his wife to any governmental position and that the announcement had been "an administrative error" resulting from failure to make "all legal and other checks."

Therefore, it was announced,

Mrs. Nixon's place would be taken by Henry J. Osinski, of Buffalo.

This morning, Mr. Warren said that that was wrong, too. In fact, he said, Michael P. Balzano, the director of Action, an umbrella group for Federal social services organizations, had never had Mrs. Nixon in

mind for anything other than the unpaid job of honorary chairman.

Unexplained was the question of why Mr. Osinski had to be added to the list of 25 names yesterday if there had never been any intention of including Mrs. Nixon on the original.