

Burch to Become Nixon Counselor

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Dean Burch, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and former campaign aide to Senator Barry M. Goldwater (Rep.-Ariz.), will become a White House counselor and "general advisor" to President Nixon, it was announced yesterday.

The politically conservative Burch, 46, will have cabinet rank when he joins the White House staff within the next month, White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said.

An announcement of Burch's successor on the seven-member FCC is expected in about a week.

Ziegler said Burch will not be a replacement for Melvin R. Laird, the former defense secretary who quit earlier this month as a presidential counselor specializing in domestic affairs.

Ziegler said Burch "is not replacing anyone."

Burch, a native of Tucson, Ariz., was an administrative assistant to Goldwater in the late 1950s, his deputy campaign manager during Goldwater's unsuccessful bid for the presidency in 1964, and was Republican national chairman in 1964-65. He has been FCC chairman since November, 1969, at a salary of \$40,000.

His FCC term would not have expired until mid-1976.

In his new \$42,500-a-year White House post, Burch will "serve as a general adviser to the presi-



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dent and will be involved in special projects the President wants him to undertake" in domestic affairs, Ziegler said.