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SFChronicle How Ziegler Met Queries on Ford

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White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler yesterday commented on remarks by Vice President Gerald L. Ford on his future plans should President Nixon resign or be compelled to leave office.

Speaking of Mr. Nixon, Ziegler said: "He is going to be here until 1977."

Ziegler made the statement to a TV interviewer as he left the Key Biscayne Community Church where Mr. Nixon and his family attended Easter worship services.

This was the first public comment by a White House official on Ford's conversation with John Osborne of the New Republic magazine.

In the article, Ford dis-

cussed a possible future cabinet should he assume the presidency before Mr. Nixon's second term is sched-uled to end. Ford said Ziegler definitely would not be asked to remain as press secretary.

Asked about Ford's remarks to Osborne, Ziegler said grimly: "I don't think that's an appropriate thing to talk about on Easter Sunday. It's not appropriate. He is going to be around here until 1977."

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