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Ben Wright has resigned as Director of Public Relations for American Airlines to accept an executive position with Field & Stream magazine January 1.

Wright came to American Airlines in 1946 from Michigan where he had been serving after the war as director of the Michigan Tourist Commission, a post in which he won recognition as an authority on conservation of natural resources. He served as Director of Public Relations for American Overseas Airlines until 1948 when he was named to the same position for both AOA and American's domestic operation.

During World War II, Wright was public relations officer, serving first in Headquarters of the Air Forces in Washington and later in the European Theater. As public relations officer for the Ninth Air Force, he operated press camps for war correspondents from Normandy to Germany.

Last summer as a special civilian consultant on public relations to Chief of Staff for Air General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Wright spent 30 days in Japan and Korea.

Widely known as a sportsman, Wright spent his vacations over the past five years in hunting and fishing over two continents.

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