

Chapin Joining UAL, Safire The Times

DWIGHT L. CHAPIN, who is resigning as appointments secretary to President Nixon, will join United Air Lines as director of market planning, the airline announced yesterday.

Chapin will be based in Chicago. He will "play a creative part in developing the dynamic market programs needed to give us the edge in today's highly competitive market," Rob Mangold, a UAL vice president, said.

The White House on Monday confirmed reports that Chapin was resigning to accept an important business post, but it denied reports that the 32-year-old assistant to the President was leaving because of any connection with political espionage activity during the campaign.

WILLIAM SAFIRE'S resignation has been accepted

"with deep personal regret," the White House announced. Safire was a member of Mr. Nixon's research and writing staff for the last four years.

Safire, 43, who has been one of the President's principal speech writers on domestic and economic matters, will leave in April to write a twice-a-week column for The New York Times.

VIRGINIA KNAUER, the President's adviser on consumer affairs, will continue in her position.

Her operation is being moved from the White House to the Department of Health, Education and Wel-

fare. However, she will continue to maintain an office in the Executive Office Building as well as direct consumer affairs in HEW, the announcement said.

EDWARD FINCH COX, son-in-law of the President, will join the Wall Street law firm of Cravath, Swaine and Moore after he completes three months of military training at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Cox and his wife, the former Tricia Nixon, drove to Georgia yesterday. He received his commission following ROTC training at Princeton University, where he graduated before attending Harvard Law School.

Cox was admitted to the New York bar Monday.

ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON replaced Melvin R. Laird as Defense Secretary in a five-minute ceremony on the green-dyed grass of the Pentagon parade ground.

Richardson appeared somewhat ill at ease as black cannon boomed a 19-gun salute before an array of the nation's top military men and an honor guard representing all the services. Laird, fulfilling a promise to his wife, was on a round of family reunions and did not attend.

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