

# Love Resigns, Unhappy With Energy

Washington

John A. Love, who gave up the governorship of Colorado five months ago to be President Nixon's energy "czar," resigned yesterday because he had been bumped to one side in a shakeup of energy policy-making.

Love's refusal to remain part of the Nixon administration upset White House plans to announce the creation of a Federal Energy Administration headed by William E. Simon, the deputy secretary of the Treasury.

As White House tacticians reportedly had planned it,

Love was to have stayed "on the team" to avoid any show of ill-feeling as Simon assumed the Cabinet-rank role of counselor to the President and chief energy-policy adviser.

But at 11 a.m., when the announcement of the new agency was to have been

made, Love was in the Oval Office telling Mr. Nixon what he and his deputy, Charles J. DiBona, had told the energy policy office staff earlier in the morning — that they were resigning.

After several hours of suspense and confusion, during which it was rumored that

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Love was being asked to reconsider, the White House announced that Mr. Nixon "accepts with deep regret" Love's resignation both as energy policy director and as an assistant to the President.

"The President thinks that

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Governor Love has done an outstanding job under difficult circumstances in implementing the positive actions taken thus far by the administration to meet the energy crisis," a statement said.

"The President looks forward to drawing upon Governor Love's expert advice and counsel in the future."

Sources close to the White House said that although the

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new assignment for Simon clearly reflected dissatisfaction with Love's performance, the plan to have Love continue to hold his two titles was intended to save his face.

Indeed, according to one version, Love himself was to have announced creation of the Federal Energy Administration.

Love, however, evidently saw the underlying realities clearly. Eventually the energy policy office would be absorbed by the new agency and he would have a job of little substance.

The Denver Post quoted the former Colorado governor as saying he was resigning because he would not cling to a "superfluous job."

Love issued a brief fare-



**JOHN A. LOVE**  
Chief energy adviser



**CHARLES G. DiBONA**  
He was Love's deputy

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well statement calling the energy crisis "potentially more serious than any challenge that this nation has faced short of war."

"I fully agree that the time has come for creation of a new structure to deal with the energy crisis," Love said. "I certainly agree with the establishment of a new energy administration."

The White House later said the President will issue a statement today "outlining future administration plans."

These presumably are the expected announcement of

creation of the new Federal Energy Administration taking over programs now in the Interior Department and in Love's White House Energy Policy Office.

Simon said in an interview that speculation that the reorganization reflected a victory by Treasury Secretary George Shultz and his suggestion of a gasoline tax over Love, who thought rationing would be necessary, is "sheer nonsense."

But Simon says he was not told the reason for the shift when he first learned of it last Thursday afternoon.

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