A THREAT FROM MARTHA—"GET OUT OF POLITICS"
Former Attorney General John Mitchell and his outspoken spouse
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'Quit Politics or I'll Go'--Martha to Mate

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Martha Mitchell says she is "sick and tired" of politics and has threatened to leave her husband unless he gets out of the political arena.

"I gave him an ultimatum," the wife of former attorney general John N. Mitchell told a UPI reporter in a phone conversation from Newport Beach, Calif., last night. 22 JUN

Mitchell took his wife's latest phone call in stride. . "She's great," he said. "That little sweetheart. I love her so much. She gets a little upset about politics, but she loves me and I love her and that's what counts."

Mrs. Mitchell's phone call, which she initiated, was ended abruptly when someone apparently g r a b b e d the phone from her hand. She was heard to say: "You just get away."

Attempts to regain the b r o k e n connection failed w h e n an operator said: "Mrs. Mitchell is indisposed and cannot talk."

Mitchell said their daughter Marty and a secretary were with her in Newport Beach and it was probably one of them who terminated the call.

Mitchell explained that his wife wants him to return to his highly successfully New York law practice.

"Martha has never been happy with me in politics," he said. "We have a compact. We have agreed we're going to get the hell out of

this gambit. We aren't going to be in Washington after Nov. 7. We're going to leave lock, stock and barrel. We h a v e that understanding. We're going to get out of this rat race. We have no interest."

Mitchell resigned as attorney general some months ago to head President Nixon's re-election campaign, the same post he held in 1968.

He said he has absolutely no interest in accepting another Washington job, including a rumored Supreme Court appointment.

Mitchell returned to Washington early this week after attending a plush party in California with his wife, first lady Pat Nixon and several pro-Republican celebrities.