

INTERIOR OFFICIAL BALKS AT QUITTING

One of 6 Let Go Says He
Will Be at Work Today

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One of the six Interior Department officials asked by the White House to resign Friday after the dismissal Wednesday of Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel has not submitted a letter of resignation and plans to go to work tomorrow.

Another of those asked to resign is out of the country on Government business and has apparently done nothing about quitting.

One of the officials, Dr. Leslie L. Glasgow, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Parks and Marine Resources, said today that he would be at his desk tomorrow and had "no idea what is going to happen."

The other official, Dr. Donald D. Dunlop, a science adviser to the Secretary, has been in Caracas, Venezuela, representing the United States at a petroleum conference and is not expected back in Washington until tomorrow night. His wife said that she did not know whether he had been notified of his dismissal but that she was quite certain he had not offered his resignation.

Morton to Speak Out

Meanwhile, Representative Rogers C. B. Morton, Republican of Maryland, who is to be nominated to replace Mr. Hickel, was reported to be planning to speak out on the dismissals for the first time tomorrow.

One of Mr. Morton's aides said today that Mr. Morton, who is the Republican National Chairman, had not been consulted about the dismissals and did not find out about them until he returned last night from a trip to London.

The aide said that he mentioned the "firings" to Mr. Morton on his arrival and that Mr. Morton had said: "What firings?"

Mr. Morton was "purposely incommunicado today studying the situation," the aide said, and will "break silence tomorrow."

A White House official said today that, if Dr. Glasgow and Dr. Dunlop did not submit letters of resignation, they would be "replaced" anyway.

The four other Interior Department officials, who were told on Friday afternoon by Frederic V. Malek, a White House political aide, to be out of their offices by 5 P.M. that day, have offered their letters of resignation.

For What Is Right

Dr. Glasgow was somewhat bitter as he recalled his encounter with Mr. Malek. He said that Mr. Malek told him: "I hope this isn't embarrassing."

Dr. Glasgow said he replied: "It certainly is embarrassing. I've stood up for what is right and I'm not a political person."

Then, according to Dr. Glasgow, Mr. Malek said he hoped the dismissal would not work a hardship. Dr. Glasgow, who is 56 years old, said he replied: "It certainly will. I've got three boys, and I think they deserve some schooling."

Dr. Glasgow said he was especially eager to find out tomorrow how much pay and leave time he was due. His salary was \$38,000 a year.

Asked today what he would do if he was forced to submit a letter of resignation, Dr. Glasgow said: "I'll have something to say."

Dr. Glasgow said that he was a professional conservationist and that he resented being treated as a political functionary. Nevertheless, he has been involved in several political controversies within the department.

Advice Is Taken

Last summer, President Nixon asked the Interior Department to submit a list of the 10 per cent of its wilderness areas that had the lowest priority and could be transferred to the states or sold. Dr. Glasgow reportedly advised Mr. Hickel not to comply with the request, and the Interior Secretary took the advice.

Dr. Glasgow has also opposed the construction of a power line through a scenic area of Pennsylvania and the building of a nuclear power plant in Florida.

Dr. Glasgow said he was surprised at being discharged because he had been told only two days earlier by John Whitaker, the White House aide who usually handles matters involving the Interior Department, that his job was secure.

Although the position of Assistant Secretary is not covered by Civil Service regulations, Dr. Glasgow, the former director of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, was generally considered to be a professional, rather than a political, appointee.