
A Fast Heave-Ho For the OEO Chief

Washington

Alvin J. Arnett, whose resignation as director of the war on poverty was demanded and accepted by the White House, was abruptly ordered to vacate his offices immediately because he had lost the President's confidence, his associates said yesterday.

After considerable pressure from the White House

to do so, Arnett resigned as director of the Office of Economic Opportunity effective July 31.

But he received a letter late yesterday from presidential political counselor Dean Burch notifying him that he no longer retained his position after the close of that business day.

Arnett tried hard to save

the agency which he had headed for less than a year, although he knew Mr. Nixon was determined to abolish it. It was partly due to Arnett's efforts that Congress voted to transfer some of the key assistance programs to the Health, Education and Welfare Department before terminating the OEO.

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