

**Sugar plant**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Efforts to continue operating Holly Sugar Co.'s plant in Delta have failed, officials of the sugar company and the Western Colorado Beet Growers Association announced jointly Tuesday.

John B. Bunker, Holly president, and Keith Bond, president of the beet growers group, said it was decided at a meeting here that it is "no longer economically feasible" to continue running the plant.

The meeting had been called by growers to discuss alternatives for keeping the plant open. Holly indicated several months ago that it planned to close the facility because of economic considerations, including the

lack of legislation needed to protect the domestic sugar industry from low-cost imported raw cane sugar.

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tion of legal authority, Bergland said.

Agriculture Department lawyers are looking into possible alternatives, Bergland said. One might be to set price supports on domestically produced sugar and then establish a reduced quota to help carry out the program.

But Bergland said the Carter

administration is still discussing what its policy toward the sugar industry should be.

The Sugar Act, which for 40 years set domestic and foreign sugar quotas in the U.S. market based on anticipated need, expired in 1974. Bergland said the absence of the law has created difficulties for domestic producers.