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10cc (from left): Eric, Graham, Kevin, Lol

Kevin, Lol in Gizmo project

LOL CREME and Kevin Godley have left 10cc to concentrate on developing and recording with the Gizmo, their recently invented musical instrument.

But Graham Gouldman and Eric Stewart are keeping 10cc flourishing with a single, 'The Things We Do For Love', released by Phonogram on December 3.

Lol and Kevin's decision to quit came after they had been working with the Gizmo at the group's Strawberry North Studios in Stockport. They found that their involvement with the Gizmo — an attachment for the guitar which allows a note to be sustained in-

definitely — was taking up more and more of their time and rather than try to combine their work with that of 10cc they felt it best to concentrate entirely on developing the possibilities of the Gizmo and leave 10cc free to continue as a recording and performing outfit.

The results of their work with the Gizmo will be released as a three-album set by Phonogram next year, called 'Consequences'.

Meanwhile, Eric and Graham, who together wrote the last three 10cc singles, have just started work on the next 10cc album which is being recorded at the new Strawberry Studios South in Guildford and will be released early next year by Phonogram. So far the

only named replacement in the group is drummer Paul Burgess but they will also be working with a number of other musicians.

Following the release of the new album and singles, 10cc are making plans for an extensive world tour next year which will include a British tour but the timing and venues of the tour have still to be finalised.

10cc manager Harvey Lisberg told SOUNDS this week that Lol and Kevin's decision to leave the group had not been an easy one but he felt that the new arrangements would give everyone a greater artistic freedom.

"I hope there will now be two supergroups instead of one," he added.