WASHINGTON, Sept. 24—Appointment of Dr. Arthur C. Pence as chief of the Economic Cooperation Administration mission in Korea and Dr. E. A. J. Johnson, as director of the Korean Program division with headquarters here was announced today by ECA Administrator Paul G. Hoffman.

Eric H. Biddle, ECA Special Assistant for Overseas Administration, is returning to the Department of State for a new assignment in Korea as Special Assistant to the President's Special Representative to Korea, Ambassador MacArthur. Hoffman also announced.

Pence has been chief of the state department's economic mission in Korea, with the rank of minister, since 1946. He also served in Korea from 1938 to 1939 as director of rural reconstruction for the international commission of the Y.N.C.A. He was engaged in research on agricultural economics for the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C., from 1944 to 1946, and was an associate professor at Iowa State College, 1937-1944.

Pence was graduated from Saskatchewan University in 1926 and received a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of Wisconsin in 1937. A native of Manchester, England, he became an American citizen in 1941. He is 47.

Johnson was the civil administrator of the South Korean Interim Government from 1946 to 1947. Later, he became chief adviser to that government. For two years, previously, he was a lieutenant colonel in civil affairs activities in Europe. He headed the economic branch of the allied local forces in Norway and was member of the Norwegian mission for Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces in World War II.

He was graduated from the University of Illinois and received a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard. He has been a member of faculties at Harvard, George
Washington, Cornell and New York University. He is 60 and his home is Stock-
bridge, Mass.

Following the termination of his forthcoming work in Korea, Middle will
proceed to another assignment in Europe. Middle is succeeded by Alden W. Boyd,
46, of Princeton, N.J. Boyd has been executive director of the office of the
foreign liquidation commissioner in the Department of State since March, 1947.