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

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

Tuncs 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 1925 to
1934 as director of rural reconstruction for the international committee of the
Y.M.C.A. He was engaged in research on agricultural economics for the Federal
Reserve Board in Washington, D.C., from 1933 to 1946, and was an associate pro-
fessor at Iowa State College, 1937-44.

Tuncs was graduated from Saskatchewan University in 1925 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 1945 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 economics branch of the Allied Land forces in Norway and
was member of the Norwegian mission for Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expedi
tionary 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
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Washington, Cornell and New York University. He is 46 and his home is Stock-
bridge, Mass.

Following the termination of his forthcoming work in Korea, Middie will
proceed to another assignment in Europe. Middled 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.

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