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WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, Appointment of Dr. Arthur C. Bunce 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 returning to the Department of State for a new assignment in Korea as Special Assistant to the President's Special Representative to Korea, Ambassador Muccio, Hoffman also announced.

Bunce 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 1928 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 1944 to 1946, and was an associate professor at Iowa State College, 1937-44.

Bunce 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 advisor 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 Norway 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 48 and his home is Stock-
bridge, Mass.

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