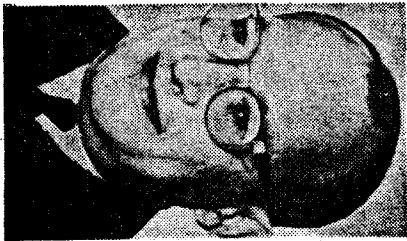


# Inter-Agency Harmony Is Kintner's Job



ROBERT E. KINTNER  
... duties of new Presidential aides defined



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On more than one occasion, President Johnson has sounded this warning to friends and White House aides: "I don't want an Ickes and Hopkins fighting out in public in my Administration. Is that what's going to happen in my Administration?"

The President's dread of bureaucratic infighting, expressed in a reminiscence of the epic New Deal quarrels, is the major reason Robert Edmunds Kintner was signed on as a White House special assistant.

Operating under the innocuous title of Cabinet Secretary, Kintner will have

a broad assignment to bring Great Society programs and their administrators into greater harmony.

When interdepartmental disputes arise, Kintner is supposed to settle them or bring them in manageable fashion before the President for his decision, White House sources said yesterday.

Since the job may call for some ungentle tactics, they said, the President wanted a tough, perhaps even ruthless executive who would make Presidential decisions stick among disgruntled Government administrators.

"So far we've been lucky," one official observed yesterday. "We've had some damned big internal feuds, but not many of them have

However, President Johnson has been openly concerned about coordination and administrative cooperation ever since the major new Great Society programs started going into action. Several overlap, either with each other or with older established programs. One major sore point has been urban welfare, where poverty, housing, transportation, and many other social programs come together, not always harmoniously.

The 56-year-old former chief of the National Broadcasting Co., Kintner was tested in an industry known for corporate infighting. Out of it he brought NBC to top ratings in news coverage, his special interest.

He is described by friends as a hard-driving, tough executive who spent ten or eleven hours a day at his New York office. There is a

story, frequently referred to, that he sent three dozen memorandums to an NBC executive in the course of getting one news decision across.

"Kintner is not what you'd call charming or personable," said one of his broad-casting industry friends.

"He can be awfully tough. He won't be devoutly loved, but he'll be respected by the people who work for him."

As chief coordinator of Great Society programs, Kintner will take over some of the duties performed until now by several White House assistants, particularly Joseph A. Califano Jr. Many of the Administration's reorganization plans, designed to gather similar programs under a single departmental roof, have been the work of Califano, former Defense Department management expert.

By Johnsonian preference, Kintner also will be given other assignments. The President expects him to work with Civil Service Commission Chairman John W. Macy Jr. in seeking other top executive talent for the Administration.

In his nominal job of Cabinet Secretary, Kintner will have little to do other than funnel papers to and from members of that body, which meets infrequently and is considered relatively unimportant in the Johnson Administration. The secretaryship has been vacant for six months since Horace Busby Jr., its last holder, left the White House.

## Johnson's 'Little State Dept.' Fades

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President Johnson has almost, but not quite, reorganized out of existence the "little State Department" which McGeorge Bundy, formerly special assistant to the President for national security affairs, built up in the White House.

Walt W. Rostow, head of the State Department's Policy Planning Council, was appointed Thursday as one of a dozen special assistants to the President.

Rostow will perform many of the duties Bundy did before he left March 1 to become president of the Ford Foundation, but Rostow will not have the title or the authority Bundy had.

And he will share his responsibilities with Bill D. Moyers, another special assistant to the President, who acts part time as press secretary.

Robert W. Komer, who late last year became deputy special assistant to the President for national security affairs, and who acted briefly as Bundy's successor, is no longer on the National Security Council Staff.

As the new White House coordinator of development

programs in Vietnam, Komer has become a special assistant and is divorced from the old Bundy staff operation. Francis Bator, who also was a deputy special assistant, retains the title. He is an expert on international economic problems and Europe.

In recent weeks, staff members, never quite certain who was in command, have addressed memos on foreign policy to Moyers, Komer, Bator, special assistant Jack J. Valenti, or Bromley Smith, executive secretary of NSC. That is the way the President apparently likes it.

On Thursday, before the President announced the appointment of Rostow, Moyers convened a meeting of the NSC staff and presided over it.

Although Moyers denied it, many felt that he wanted to succeed Bundy, but that the President would not have it. The President, denying that Rostow would succeed Bundy, made it clear he wants to keep as much flexibility and informality in the staff operation as possible. He does not want anyone to have Bundy's prominence or power.

The President believes he

should operate directly, to the extent possible, with the established departments and not through a "little State Department" in the White House the way his predecessor did.

With the exception of George E. Reedy, Moyers has been with Mr. Johnson longer than any other staff member, since 1954 when he was 19. Moyers will continue to function at times as press secretary although he is turning over more and more of these duties to Robert Fleming, his deputy.

Moyers will operate in the domestic as well as in the foreign field and will continue to be the White House staff's principal policy adviser to the President.

Moyers was scheduled to leave here last Monday for Vietnam with Komer and Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance. Vance left on schedule and Komer left Thursday. Moyers still hopes to be able to go in about a week or 10 days.

Chester L. Cooper, the expert on Vietnam and China on the Bundy staff, left this week to join the Institute for Defense Analyses. No one has been named to replace him. Some other NSC staff men are expected to leave later in the year.