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MARSHALL GREEN NAMED AS ENVOY

Asia Expert, One of 4 Picked,
Gets Australia Post

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 —

President Nixon today chose the State Department's leading expert on China and East Asia, Marshall Green, as the new Ambassador to Australia.

Mr. Green, who is 57 years old, has been serving as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs, one of the key jobs in the department. He will replace Walter L. Rice, who has resigned to return to private life.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, said that a successor to Mr. Green would be named quickly.

Some members of the diplomatic community interpreted Mr. Green's new assignment as something less than he might have expected. But others said he himself was pleased and that his selection signaled greater American reliance on Australia as a backer-up of American interests in the Pacific.

Mr. Green has been coordinating the Administration's plans for future economic assistance to Indochina. If he takes up his new post promptly, that work will have to be switched to another senior official.

Sullivan Is Mentioned

Earlier this month it was reported that Mr. Green would be sent to Canberra as a part of a general postwar realignment of ambassadors.

Among other changes foreseen at that time were the appointments of William H. Sullivan, a deputy to Mr. Green who played a key role in the Vietnam peace negotiations, as Ambassador to the Philippines, and to Graham A. Martin, currently Ambassador to Italy, as ambassador to South Vietnam.

Mr. Ziegler also announced the following appointments:

¶William B. Macomber Jr., 51 years old, the Deputy Under Secretary of State for Management, as Ambassador to Turkey, succeeding William J. Handley, a career officer who will be reassigned.

¶V. John Krehbiel, 67, a senior field underwriter for the Aetna Life and Casualty Company in South Laguna, Calif., as Ambassador to Finland, succeeding Val Peterson, who is returning to private life.

¶Dr. Ruth Lewis Farkas, a sociologist from New York City, as Ambassador to Luxembourg, succeeding Kingdom Gould Jr., who quit last October.

The selection of Dr. Farkas and Mr. Krehbiel followed the custom of rewarding major campaign contributors with ambassadorships.

Mr. Krehbiel has been a Nixon fund-raiser for at least a decade and contributed at least \$10,000 to the President's campaign last year, according to a preliminary

report by the General Accounting Office.

Together with her husband, George, who founded the Alexander's department store chain, Dr. Farkas contributed at least \$142,000 to the President's reelection effort, according to the Citizen's Research Foundation of Princeton, N.J.