

U.S. Plans New Envoys for Key Asian Posts

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 16—The Nixon Administration has tentatively decided on a major shift of American ambassadors to key Asian posts in the wake of the Vietnam settlement, well-placed sources in the Administration and outside the Government said today.

They said that among the contemplated switches, Marshall Green, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs, would probably be named ambassador to Australia. Mr. Green, who is 57 years old, has previously served as ambassador to Indonesia, and has held his current job since May, 1969.

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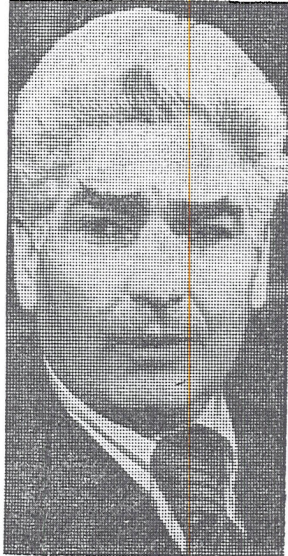
In recent weeks Mr. Green has been coordinating the Administration's plans for future economic assistance to Indochina, and probably would not change jobs until that work is finished, a Government source said.

William H. Sullivan, who has served as one of Mr. Green's deputies, and who has played a key role in the Vietnam negotiations, was reported to be in line as the next ambassador to the Philippines.

Mr. Sullivan, who is 50 years old, is not expected to take up his new duties until the Vietnam situation settles down. He will accompany Secretary of State William P. Rogers to Paris for the international con-



Marshall Green



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Graham A. Martin

ference on Vietnam that is scheduled to begin on Feb. 26.

Mr. Sullivan has been closely identified with Inochina affairs since the early nineteen-sixties and has served as ambassador to Laos.

Mr. Green will be replacing Walter L. Rice, a political appointee, who has served in Australia since August, 1969. State Department officials said that Canberra had long sought a "professional diplomat" and that with a new Labor Government now in power there, the Administration wanted an

experienced diplomat for sensitive negotiations ahead dealing with Australia's role in Pacific security.

Mr. Sullivan will be replacing Henry A. Byroade, who has served in Manila since August, 1969.

The unsettled situation in the Philippines since martial law was declared by President Ferdinand E. Marcos makes it necessary to have an experienced diplomat there, a State Department official said. Mr. Sullivan had earlier been rumored as ambassador to Thai-

land, but this report was rejected by a competent official.

Several sources also confirmed that Graham A. Martin, ambassador to Italy and a former ambassador to Thailand, was the leading candidate to replace Ellsworth Bunker as ambassador to South Vietnam. In addition, it was reported that Thomas O. Enders, currently the deputy chief of the mission in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, would be named as deputy ambassador to Saigon.