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H. GARDNER ACKLEY SWORN IN AS
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H. Gardner Ackley, of Michigan, was sworn in today as United States Ambassador to Italy. He succeeds Ambassador G. Frederick Reinhardt, who relinquished his post in Rome on March 3, and has announced his intention to retire from the Foreign Service later this month.

Mr. Ackley began his Government service in 1940 as a Consultant with the National Resources Planning Board. He was an Economist with the Office of Price Administration (1941-43 and 1944-46), and then with the Office of Strategic Services (1943-44). During 1951-52, he was Economic Adviser and Assistant Director, Office of Price Stabilization; and in 1961, he served as Consultant with the Department of the Army. He became a member of the Council of Economic Advisers in 1962 and its Chairman in 1964 -- the position in which he served until nominated for his present appointment.

Mr. Ackley has also long been active in the academic field. Concentrating on economics, Mr. Ackley served as an Instructor at Ohio State University in 1939; during 1940-41, he was an Instructor at the University of Michigan. He continued serving there as an Assistant Professor (1946-47), Associate Professor (1947-52), Professor since 1952 (on leave since 1961) and Department Chairman (1954-61).

Born on June 30, 1915, at Indianapolis, Indiana, Mr. Ackley attended the public schools of Kalamazoo, Michigan. He received the A.B. degree from Western State Teachers College (1936); M.A. from the University of Michigan (1937); Ph.D. from the University of Michigan (1940); L.L.D. from Western Michigan University (1964) and L.L.D. from Kalamazoo College, Michigan (1967).

Among other professional activities, Mr. Ackley was a Member, Board of Editors, American Economic Review (1953-56); a Fulbright Research Scholar (in Italy, 1956-57); Director, (1959-62), Chairman of Committee on Social Science Personnel (1960-61) and Member of Executive Committee (1960-61) of the Social Science Research Council; Member of Committee on Honors and Awards (1959), Chairman of Committee on Research and Publications (1959-61) and Vice President (1963) of the American Economic Association; and Ford Foundation Faculty Research Fellow (in Italy, 1961-62). He has also been a consultant at various times to Ford Foundation, Brookings Institution, National Bureau of Economic Research, Michigan Department of Finance, and other groups.

Numbered among Mr. Ackley's professional and honorary affiliations are: the American Economic Association; Econometric Society; Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters; American Association of University Professors; Kappa Delta Phi; Tau Kappa Alpha; and Phi Kappa Phi. He is the author of "Macroeconomic Theory (1961); "An Economic Model of Italian Development in the Postwar Period" (1963), and numerous articles and reviews in various professional journals, and contributor to various books, Congressional compendia, etc.

Ambassador Ackley is married to the former Bonnie A. Lowry, and they have two sons: David A. and Donald G. Ackley.

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