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**AID SETS UP INDEPENDENT
FOOD FOR PEACE OFFICE**

An independent Office of Food for Peace aimed at strengthening the use of U. S. food resources in foreign assistance programs is being established by the Agency for International Development.

The new Office will be headed by a coordinator who will be directly responsible to AID Administrator John A. Hannah. Irwin R. Hedges, who has served as Deputy Assistant Administrator for War on Hunger, will assume the new post. Food for Peace programs were among the functions of the Office of the War on Hunger. Other War on Hunger activities have been assumed by a new Bureau for Technical Assistance.

Dr. Hannah, in announcing the reorganization today, said, "The new Office will provide leadership within AID in the use of resources in combatting hunger and malnutrition and in furthering the economic development of recipient countries. The Office will enable AID to use food supplied under Public Law 480 for stronger support to economic development, family planning, private enterprise, food production and the growth of democratic institutions. It will seek to assure creative and imaginative uses of food resources in development efforts. The Food for Peace Office will maintain liaison between AID and other governmental agencies on PL 480 matters, and will analyze and recommend food assistance programs and projects to other AID bureaus and offices."

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