

Aid Administrator Occupies Tricky Hot Seat

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Washington — (UPI) — Every-
body likes a Santa Claus, and
so it should follow that the
chief of U.S. foreign aid, one
of the biggest santas of them
all, should be a greatly ad-
mired man.

But, as with many other
analogs in Washington, this
one doesn't seem to work out.
The foreign aid administrator
occupies one of the capital's
most tricky hot seats. He suf-
fers scorn from Congress,
complaints of foreign govern-
ments and frequently the sharp
knives of partisan politics.

A few weeks ago these
knives ended the term of of-
fice of the Kennedy adminis-
tration's original aid chief,
Fowler Hamilton.
Bell Appointed
To succeed Hamilton, Presi-
dent Kennedy appointed his
budget director, David Bell,
43-year-old, a friendly and
astute former college profes-
sor. There is considerable talk
that Bell is just the "adminis-
tration doctor" who can cure
many of the troubles of the
Agency for International De-
velopment (AID).

With this change of com-
mand, it is time to take a
long look at the U.S. foreign

aid program, how it grew and
why many feel it is in need of
medical attention.
Many problems of the aid
program are explained by the
way in which it evolved. Dur-
ing World War II there was
lend lease. After the war, aid
became the Marshall Plan, de-
signed to restore Europe's in-
dustrial and agricultural pro-
duction.

New Military Aid
Then tensions in Southeast
Asia meant aid to that area,
too. The Korean war brought
new requirements for military
aid. In 1950 there was another
addition — the "Point 4" con-

cept of technical aid to un-
developed countries.
In the late 1950's came still
another concept: large scale
development loans to back-
ward areas of the world.
Thus, in a score of years,
foreign aid evolved from an
emergency wartime measure
into dimensions which have
led historian Arnold Toynbee
to write:
Asks Foreign Aid
"Our age will be well re-
membered not for its horrid
crimes or its astonishing
inventions but because it is
the first generation since the
dawn of history in which man-
kind dared to believe it prac-
tical to make the benefits of

civilization available to the
whole human race."
Last March President Ken-
nedy asked Congress for \$4.8
billion in foreign aid funds.
When the two whacks Con-
gress gets at the aid program—
authorization and appropri-
ation bills—were over in Oc-
tober, the amount was scaled
down to \$3.9 billion. This was
one of the deepest cuts in
years.

One of Bell's major tasks
will be to improve the pro-
gram's relations with Con-
gress. Among his other jobs
will be attention to a host of
personnel problems which
have plagued morale in the
aid agency.

When the Kennedy adminis-
tration came into office in
1961, it shifted much of the
emphasis of foreign aid from
technological help and grants
to loans for economic develop-
ment. This has meant the tech-
nological experts no longer
are so important in the agency
and the banking experts are
more so.

Because the agency pre-
viously had been dominated
largely by technicians, the
change to domination by bank-
ers, which is still going on, has
been — in the words of one
inside observer — "an agoniz-
ing one."

In addition, there have been
numerous organizational
"short circuits" at high levels.
The Kennedy administra-

tion gave new emphasis to
aid to Latin America, provid-
ing this once-neglected field
the title of "Alliance for
Progress" and installing Teo-
doro Moscoso as its program
chief. A battle developed
whether Moscoso should be
mainly a subordinate of Ham-
ilton or mainly independent.
"Moscoso and Hamilton
went to the mat at the White
House over this," says one ob-
server. "Hamilton nominally
won, and it was decreed that
the alliance came under the
aid program. But it never
went entirely smoothly."

Review Some Projects
There also has been con-
trovery over the degree of
White House involvement in
the day-to-day affairs of aid.
Under the recent system,
White House aide McGeorge
Bundy was entitled to re-
view all projects over \$2.5
million on grounds they af-
fected U.S. international gold
balances.

The aid agency also faces
some major policy decisions
in coming months. For ex-
ample, Chester Bowles, the
White House adviser on un-
derdeveloped countries, and
others have been advocating
a "tougher" policy of giving
aid to countries less on polit-
ical grounds and more on a
basis of their ability to use it.
All of which should make
a lively time for frontiersman
Bell.



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The Moose Lodge's annual
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fit the Jackson County Associ-
ation for Retarded Children.
Lodge officials have an-
nounced.

The event will be held the
afternoon of Jan. 1, 1963.
Trucks will tour the city pick-
ing up discarded trees which
have been placed on the front
porch or on the front lawn.
Persons wishing to donate to
the project may place the
money in an envelope and at-
tach it to the tree.

The trees will be taken to
an area next to the Elk Lum-
ber company on Highway 99
where they will be burned.
Participating in the tree lift
are Boy Scout Troops 7 and 9.

Projects Benefit
The past eight years five
different projects have bene-
fited from contributions to
the lodge's tree lift. They in-
clude March of Dimes, 1954
through 1957, \$3,938; Medford
playground equipment, 1958,
\$235; Junior Service League
Kindergarten for Hard of
Hearing children, 1959, \$267;
Sacred Heart hospital, 1960,
\$1,185; and Jackson park ball
park, 1961, \$850.

The highest amount con-
tributed any one year was in
1956 when the March of
Dimes received \$1,336.

Moose lodge officials stressed
that all of the money con-
tributed goes to the designated
charity and no expenses are
deducted.

Residents were reminded
that by having the lodge pick
up their discarded tree it will
eliminate the worry of a pos-
sible fire.

Grange News

Griffin Creek Grange

At the regular business
meeting of the Griffin Creek
Grange it was decided not to
have the annual Christmas
program. Instead of the Christ-
mas program all members,
their families and friends may
attend the Cub Scout Christ-
mas program Monday, Dec.
17, at 7:30 p.m. in Griffin
Creek Grange hall.

The Home Economics club
will meet at the home of Mrs.
George Mero Tuesday, Dec.
18, at 1 p.m. Gifts will be
exchanged.

Officers-elect will be install-
ed Sunday, Dec. 30, at 1:30
p.m. in Central Point Grange
hall.

McLoughlin Pupils Plan Holiday Event

Four hundred McLoughlin
Junior High school students
will give a Christmas concert
at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec.
18, in the junior high boys'
gymnasium.

A number of mass chorus
and select group numbers
will be given. The boys' oc-
cette, the MeloMacs, will
make their first appearance
this year. This is the first
time in four years a group
like this has been formed in
Medford. Directors Michael
Johnson and Virginia Peter-
son said.

A cantata, 20 minutes long,
also will be featured. It is en-
titled, "Christmas Is Coming,"
and is based on Old English
carols. Narrators will be
Carole Pesenti and Dick
Howley.

The McLoughlin Junior
High orchestra directed by
Elmer Ayres will present
"Christmas Carol Fantasy."
The public is invited and
no admission charge will be
made, school officials said.

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