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JOHN I. KROSS APPOINTED DIRECTOR

OF FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE'S SUGAR AND TROPICAL PRODUCTS DIVISION

The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced appointment of John I. Kross as the new Director, Sugar and Tropical Products Division, FAS. Mr. Kross has returned from Geneva, Switzerland, where he was Agricultural Attache at the U. S. Mission to the European Office of the United Nations and other international organizations during the past two-and-a-half years.

Mr. Kross, a native of Trenton, N. J., will be in charge of the FAS work on sugar, coffee, cocoa, tea, spices, fibers, and other tropical products.

Mr. Kross has extensive experience in the field of international agriculture. His attache service dates back to 1944-46, when he was Assistant Agricultural Attache in Ankara, Turkey, and in Rome, Italy. He then joined the University of Wisconsin faculty as associate professor of agricultural economics. In 1955, he was appointed Agricultural Attache to Belgium, and was there until 1958. Since 1958, he has been with the Foreign Agricultural Service in Washington, serving successively as an assistant to the Administrator, and as Director of the Program Development Division. During this period he also spent nine months at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, attending the Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy.

Mr. Kross received B.S. and M.S. degrees from Rutgers University in 1939 and 1947, respectively, and has done postgraduate work at American University, Washington, D. C., and the University of Wisconsin. In 1956, he received a D.Sc. degree in international economics from the University of Ghent, Belgium.

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