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Vicente Ximenes*

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President Johnson today announced his intention to nominate Vicente T. Ximenes of New Mexico for appointment to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He will succeed Richard A. Graham, whose term expired July 1, 1966.

Mr. Ximenes currently is Deputy Director of the United States Agency for International Development Mission in Panama.

Born in Floresville, Texas, in 1919, Mr. Ximenes attended the University of Texas and graduated in 1950 from the University of New Mexico with the B. A. degree. He also received the M. A. degree from the University of New Mexico in 1951.

In 1939-1940, Mr. Ximenes was a company clerk with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Floresville, Texas, and in 1941-1942, he was both a teacher and principal in a Floresville elementary school. He then served for five years in the Army Air Forces and was released in 1947 as a Major. During his service, he won the Distinguished Flying Cross.

From 1951-1961, Mr. Ximenes was a research economist and instructor at the University of New Mexico. Then he served from 1961-1964 as a program economist with the U. S. AID Mission in Ecuador. He then joined the staff of the Democratic National Committee and remained there until early 1965, when he accepted a position as Assistant to the Inspector General of the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D. C.

Next Mr. Ximenes joined the U. S. AID Mission in Panama as Assistant Director for Development Planning. In 1966, he was promoted to his present post of Deputy Director.

Mr. Ximenes founded the American G. I. Forum of New Mexico, and served as National Chairman of the Forum, a community service organization, from 1956-1958.

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