

U.S. diplomat to be director of Food Prize

■ Kenneth Quinn, a Dubuque native, arrives in January.

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Kenneth Quinn, a Dubuque native who has traveled the world as a U.S. diplomat, will return to Iowa to become executive director of the World Food Prize Foundation in January.

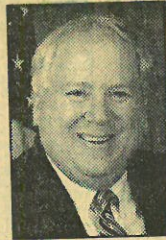
Quinn replaces Herman Kilpper, who will retire as executive director.

Quinn, 57, recently resigned as U.S. ambassador to Cambodia, a post he held since 1996.

In Cambodia, Quinn and his family survived rocket attacks on the U.S. embassy in 1997 during a civil war.

Quinn grew up in Dubuque, graduated from Wahlert High School and Loras College, and earned graduate degrees from Marquette University and the University of Maryland.

During his State Department career, he was deputy assistant secretary of state and worked in U.S. embassies in Asia and Europe, including five years as



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■ The 1999 World Food Prize will be announced in Washington, D.C., before events related to the award are held in Des Moines.

On Oct. 14 in Des Moines, the award ceremony will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. at Hoyt Sherman Place, 15th Street and Woodland Avenue. The event is open to the public. For tickets, call (800) 682-8976.

The World Food Prize Symposium will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Des Moines Marriott Hotel. Participation is by invitation only.

On Oct. 16 the World Food Prize Youth Institute will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation office building, 5400 University Ave. in West Des Moines. For information, call (515) 245-3783.

ranging from natural disasters to prison riots to a National Guard controversy.

He also coordinated Iowa's widely acclaimed refugee re-

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