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APPOINTMENT OF E. R. GILMARTIN AS DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY

The Department of the Interior announced today the appointment by Secretary Fred A. Seaton of Eugene R. Gilmartin of Cranston, Rhode Island, as Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Mr. Gilmartin recently served as civilian aide to Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas. He held this post from November 1954, until early February 1957.

Mr. Gilmartin was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and attended La Salle Academy, Providence College and Georgetown University Law School. He was admitted to practice law in the State of Rhode Island in December 1927, and later admitted to the United States Federal Court in Rhode Island; United States Court of Appeals; United States District Court, Washington, D. C.; Supreme Court of the United States; and the United States Military Court of Appeals.

He entered the Navy in February 1942, and upon his release in 1946 practiced law before various Government agencies in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Gilmartin is married and has a daughter, Mrs. Chester Davis, of Cranston, Rhode Island, and a son, Eugene R. Jr., a student at George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

The Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory is a position of international significance. The United States administers the area, which consists of the former mandated Mariana, Marshall, and Caroline Islands, under a trusteeship agreement with the United Nations.