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CALIFORNIA JUDGE NAMED ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF TRUST TERRITORY OF PACIFIC ISLANDS

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today announced the appointment of Judge Joseph W. Goss of Oxnard, Calif., as Associate Justice of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Judge Goss will succeed Judge Paul F. Kinnare, who has submitted his resignation to become effective upon completing his current tour of duty in the Trust Territory. Judge Goss is en route to his new assignment.

Secretary Udall said Judge Goss brings to his new position a wealth of background and experience in the legal and judicial fields. Since 1961 he has been Municipal Court Judge of the Oxnard-Port Hueneme Judicial District in California. Prior to 1961 he was Chief Legal and Administrative Adviser in the Office of the Comptroller for the State of California. From 1953 to 1959, Judge Goss was City Attorney for the City of Oxnard. He previously was a civilian attorney with the United States Army in France. Judge Goss received his bachelor of science degree from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1946, and his bachelor of laws degree from Stanford University Law School in 1949. In 1950 he was admitted to practice in California.

Judge Goss is a native of Terre Haute, Ind. He is married to the former Patricia Mann. They have two children, two and five years old.

The area to be served by Judge Goss embraces three major groups of islands--the Marshalls, the Marianas and the Carolines--which extend over 3,000,000 square miles of the Pacific Ocean. The islands have an estimated Micronesian population of 88,000. The Trust Territory is administered by the United States under provisions of a trusteeship agreement with the United Nations.

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