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PETER T. COLEMAN APPOINTED DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, MARIANA ISLANDS

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SAIPAN, M.I. (August 18)... The appointment of Peter Tali Coleman, former District Administrator, Marshall Islands, to District Administrator, Mariana Islands, was announced today by High Commissioner M. W. Goding, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Mr. Coleman will replace Roy T. Gallemore, who is retiring.

Peter T. Coleman was born December 8, 1919, in Pago Pago, American Samoa. He received his B.S. degree in Economics in 1949 from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and his LL.B. degree in 1951 from Georgetown University Law School. His final year in law school was as a John Hay Whitney Fellowship scholar and he had the distinction of being the first recipient of this scholarship. After graduation, he served a year of interneship in the Office of Territories in 1951.

Upon returning to American Samoa in 1952, he served first as Public Defender, 1952-1955, and then as Attorney General, 1955-1956. From 1956-1960 he was Governor of American Samoa, being the first Samoan to serve in that capacity.

Since 1961 he has been District Administrator, Marshall Islands District. It is expected that Mr. Coleman will report to Saipan sometime in early September after his return from home leave.

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In July of this year, Mr. Coleman was advisor to the Trust Territory Delegation to the 6th South Pacific Commission Conference held in Lae, Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

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