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## KANOST IS TRUST TERRITORY'S NEW PERSONNEL OFFICER

SAIPAN, M. I. (SEPT 29) J. Having a long background of experience in Federal personnel management but new to Trust Territory employment is Personnel Officer Richard F. Kanost, who arrived at Saipan Headquarters recently. Kancst is presently busy familiarizing himself with the personnel policies and regulations of the Trust Territory, especially with respect to policies governing Micronesian government employees.

The new Personnel Officer, who has assumed the post vacated by former Personnel Officer Ray Uehara, who has transferred to the Department of Interior in Washington, is responsible for the proper personnel management of more than 3,350 Micronesian government employees and over 400 U.S. personnel dispersed throughout the six scattered districts of the Trust Territory.

Born and reared in Richmond, Indiana, Kanost attended the Richmond Senior High School and Earlham College in that city, majoring in Political Science. During World War II, he served in the Finance Department of the U.S. Army Air Force in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. From 1949 to 1950 he studied Political Science at the Chicago University Graduate School and from 1950 to 1951 at the University of Stockholm, Sweden. He first

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entered government service as a management trainee in the Personnel Division in Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, in 1952. After spending six years in the civilian personnel work with the Air Force, he was transferred to the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D.C., where he was responsible for writing position classification and qualification standards. In 1960 he transferred to the Smithsonian Institution as Chief of Position Classification, and in 1962 he was made Assistant Director of Personnel. He served in that capacity until his appointment as Personnel Officer for the Trust Territory Government.

Mr. Kanost was accompanied to Saipan by his wife Margaret, daughters Ruth, age 10, Rebecca, age 8, and son Andrew, age t.

Mrs. Kanost was born of missionary parents in the village of Ing-Tai in the South China coastal province of Fukien, near Foochow, where she spent seven years of her childhood. She attended the New Haven High School, New Haven, Connectiout, and Earlham College, majoring in sociology and psychology.

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