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Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, June 8 - - - The Office of the High Commissioner has announced the appointment of Lazarus E. Salii of Palau to the position of Personnel Management Specialist in the Personnel Department of Trust Territory Headquarters effective July 3.

After a period of preliminary orientation in personnel practices in the Federal Government and the Government of the Trust Territory, Mr. Salii will be working primarily in the areas of employee relations and training.

In commenting on this appointment, Personnel Officer Richard F. Kanost said, "We are most pleased with Mr. Salii's appointment. We consider him a man of outstanding leadership potential."

Although Mr. Salii has not worked in personnel administration as such, he has had valuable experience as an employee representative in appeals of disciplinary actions and has shown an interest in the development of employee benefits. In addition, his experience in district administration and as a legislator equip him to contribute to the development of personnel programs of the Trust Territory. He served with distinction on the Task Force appointed by the High Commissioner to develop a Trust Territory Civil Service law.

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"The tasks we visualize for Mr. Salii in the near future are high priority items in our personnel program," Mr. Kanost said. "The development of an effective in-service training program designed to accelerate the training of qualified Micronesians in practically all categories of occupations is a project of the first order of importance. The area of employee relations includes the development of job protection rights, fair and equitable procedures for accomplishing disciplinary actions, promoting sound supervisory practices and developing employee benefits and services."

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