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MANGAN APPOINTED DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today announced his appointment of Martin P. Mangan as Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands--the Marshall, Marianas and Caroline Island chains administered by the United States as a United Nations strategic trusteeship.

Mangan, 46, is a career civil servant whose most recent assignment has been an assistant directorship of the Interior Department's Office of Territories, with special responsibility for American Samoa, the Trust Territory, and other insular possessions of the United States.

The Trust Territory consists of more than 2000 islands in the western Pacific, scattered over an ocean area roughly the size of the continental United States. More than 90,000 persons live on the three major island groups which include Saipan, Tinian, Peleliu, Kwajalein and others which were the scene of heavy World War II fighting. It also numbers such famous place-names as Bikini, Yap, Truk, Eniwetok, and Ulithi.

The deputy will share with High Commissioner William R. Norwood--former executive officer to Governor Burns in the State of Hawaii and chief executive of the Saipan-based territory since August 1966--the responsibility for a government as complex in its operations as it is vast in area. The Trust Territory Government operates or accommodates systems of schools, hospitals, public works, legislatures, taxation, immigration, tariffs, customs, airplanes, ocean freighters, radio broadcasting, fisheries, agricultural experimentation, cooperatives, development corporations, loan guarantee funds, stabilization boards, etc.

Mangan was born in Binghamton, N. Y., July 10, 1920, and attended public schools there. After holding jobs in the construction, photographic, and aviation industries, he won a State legislative scholarship in political science at the University of Wisconsin; but interrupted his studies to enlist in the Marine Corps shortly after Pearl Harbor. He served as a machine-gunner with the First Marine Division from Guadalcanal to postwar Peking, China.

Returning to Wisconsin University, he completed his undergraduate work with high honors and then took two years of advanced study at Harvard University's Graduate School of International and Regional Studies, with a major in Russian and American comparative government and political economy.

Mangan entered Federal Government service with the old War Claims Commission in 1949 as a researcher and writer on the international law of war damages, and later as a legislative draftsman. In 1951 he transferred to the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs as an economic development analyst; was promoted to chief of program planning work; and in 1961 was made assistant commissioner of BIA for legislation--the position vacated by H. Rex Lee (who accepted appointment as Governor of American Samoa). In 1962 Mangan received the Bureau's outstanding performance award after the 87th Congress had enacted sixty-one public laws for the benefit of Indians--almost 10 percent of the legislation passed for the entire nation.

In February 1963, Mangan was appointed legislative adviser for the Office of Territories, and assistant director the following year. He has spent extensive periods in the territories as President of the American Samoan Development Corporation, as legislative counsel to the territorial legislatures, and as a principal contributor to the charters for more self-government and greater administrative autonomy for the local governments, as well as performing the ministerial functions for the territories' Federal relationships.

Mangan is married to the former Dorothy Tamura of Honokaa, Pearl City and Waipahu, Hawaii. The deputy high commissioner receives \$25,700 per year.

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