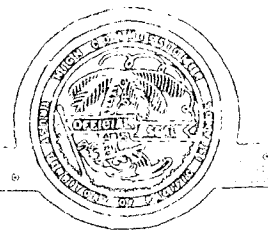


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### MANGAN APPOINTED DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER

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Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, December 6. . . From Washington D. C., today came the news that Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall had announced the appointment of Martin P. Mangan as Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. The Deputy High Commissioner post has been vacant since January 1966, when Mr. Richard F. Taitano of Guam resigned to take a position with the Government of Guam. Mr. Mangan is expected to take over his new duties shortly after the first of the year.

High Commissioner William R. Norwood expressed his pleasure at the announcement of the appointment and stated, "The appointment of Mr. Mangan as Deputy High Commissioner represents what I regard as a very appropriate choice for this important position. After considering a number of other possibilities, I decided some months ago that Mr. Mangan would make an excellent Deputy and strongly recommended his appointment to the Secretary of the Interior. I believe that he will bring to this position unusual background of applicable experience. This includes not only his staff work with the Interior Department in which capacity he has become well acquainted with Trust Territory matters, but he also

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has had considerable experience with Trust Territory legislation. I am confident that he will make a substantial contribution to our efforts to build an effective administrative team."

At 46 Mr. Mangan is a career civil servant whose most recent post has been Assistant Director of the Office of Territories, Department of the Interior, with special responsibility for American Samoa, the Trust Territory, and other insular possessions of the United States. Born in Binghamton, New York, in 1920, he graduated from the Binghamton Central High School in 1938. After holding various jobs in the construction, photographic, and aviation industries, he won a State Legislative Scholarship in Political Science at the University of Wisconsin, but shortly after the Pearl Harbor incident, he interrupted his studies to enlist in the Marine Corps. He served in a machine gun platoon of the 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, from Guadalcanal and throughout the Pacific campaign to postwar defense in Peking, China. Relieved of combat duty in early 1946, he was assigned as news editor, scriptwriter, and staff broadcaster for radio station XONE, in the American Embassy at Peking. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in March 1946.

Returning to Wisconsin University, Mangan completed his undergraduate work with high honors, and then took an additional two years of advanced study at Harvard University's Graduate School of International and Regional Studies, majoring in Russian and American Comparative Government and Political Economy. He first entered Federal Government service with the former War Claims

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Commission (now Foreign Claims Settlement Commission) in 1949 as a researcher and writer on the international law of war damage compensation, and later as a legislative draftsman. In 1951 he was transferred to Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs as an Economic Development Analyst, was made Program Officer on the Program Coordination Staff in 1953, and subsequently in 1957 was promoted to Chief of Program and Planning, Branch of Tribal Programs. In 1961 he was made Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Legislation, the position vacated by the Hon. Rex Lee who accepted the appointment as Governor of American Samoa. In 1962, Mangan received the Bureau's Outstanding Performance Award after the 87th Congress had enacted 61 Public Laws for the benefit of Indians--almost 10 percent of the legislation passed for the entire Nation. In February 1963 he was appointed Legislative Advisor for the Office of Territories, in which capacity he visited the Trust Territory in November of that year with Mr. George Milner to assist the former Council of Micronesia in drafting its recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior for the establishment of the Territorial legislature. The following year, Mangan became the Assistant Director of the Office of Territories.

Mangan is married to the former Dorothy Tamura of Honokaa, Pearl City and Waipahu, Hawaii.

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