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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate Edward E. Johnston of Honolulu to be the new High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.

Johnston, 51, was born and educated in Illinois, and has been a resident of Hawaii since 1946. He is a former Secretary of the Territory of Hawaii. Since 1966, he has been a vice president of the Hawaiian Insurance and Guaranty Company, Ltd.

Johnston is a native of Jacksonville, Illinois, and was graduated from Illinois College with a degree in psychology and economics. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

He joined the Air Force in 1942 during World War II as a private and served for six years, becoming an officer. He resigned his commission as a Major in 1952 after an additional two years' service during the Korean crisis.

Johnston entered the insurance business in Hawaii in 1948 and was affiliated successively with the First Insurance Company of Hawaii, the Von Hamm Young Insurance Department, as president and general manager of the 50th State Insurance Associates, and as vice president of the Hawaiian Insurance and Guaranty Company, Ltd. He is a former vice president of the Honolulu Board of Insurance Underwriters and president of the Hawaii Chapter of the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters.

Johnston was active in the transition of Hawaii from a territory to a state, served as Secretary of Hawaii (Lieutenant Governor) in 1958-59, and was Acting Governor when the Statehood bill was in its final stages of passage. He served for four years as chairman of the Hawaii State Board of Economic Development.

He is married to the former Clare Stacey, and they are the parents of two daughters.

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