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BURNETT APPOINTED ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Harold W. Burnett has been appointed Associate Justice of the Trust Territory. He will assume his new duties by July 1, and reside in the Ponape District.

Burnett, 45, has served as Attorney General of Guam since 1962.

Chief Justice Robert K. Shoecraft, who approached Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero in January regarding Burnett coming to the Trust Territory, expressed his pleasure over the appointment.

"We are extremely pleased to learn of Judge Burnett's appointment. He will bring to the Trust Territory a wealth of experience, and my colleagues join me in extending to this distinguished addition to the Judiciary, and his family, a hearty welcome to the Trust Territory," Chief Justice Shoecraft said.

The High Court of the Trust Territory consists of the Chief Justice and two Associate Justices. The Honorable D. Kelly Turner was appointed Associate Justice in 1967. Burnett will complete the staffing of the Judiciary.

He joined the Legal Department of the Government of Guam in 1952 and was appointed Deputy Attorney General in 1959. Three years later he became Attorney General.

Burnett will hear cases primarily in Ponape and Truk districts, while Palau-based Justice Turner will preside at sittings in Yap and Palau.

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Burnett received his law degree from the University of South Dakota in 1950.

He and his wife Krystyna have two children, Gurce, 12, and Karen, 8.

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