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DR. PAULA STERN TAKES OATH AS COMMISSIONER

Dr. Paula Stern was sworn in for a term of nine years as a United States International Trade Commissioner this afternoon at the U.S. Capitol. The oath of office was administered by Sen. Gaylord Nelson, Dem., of Wisconsin. Stern served as legislative assistant to Sen. Nelson from 1972 to 1974. She has been an international affairs fellow with the Council on Foreign Relations since December 1977.

Stern was born on March 31, 1945, in Chicago, but was raised in Memphis, Tenn. She is the daughter of Lloyd Stern of Brookline, Mass., and the late Fan Wener Stern.

A 1967 graduate of Goucher College (B.A.), Stern received an M.A. in regional studies from Harvard University (1969), an M.A. in international affairs (1970), an M.A.L.D. (1970), and Ph.D. (1976) from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

From 1975 to 1976, Stern was a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution, working on a manuscript to be published by Greenwood Press under the title, Water's Edge: Domestic Politics and the making of American Foreign Policy. In 1976 she was senior

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legislative assistant to Sen. Nelson, and also served as a policy analyst on matters related to the State Department for the Carter-Mondale Transition Team.

Stern is the author of numerous articles--on domestic affairs, international trade, foreign policy, including Middle East and Soviet issues, and on the women's movement--and she has written for publications including The New Republic Magazine, The Atlantic Monthly, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Washington Star-News, The Progressive Magazine, and The Middle East Journal. She is also the author of reprints appearing in 12 books. Among her trips abroad was special travel to Israel and to The Arab World, for two years of study and reporting (she reported for one year from the Middle East and North Africa during 1970-71 as the recipient of The Alicia Patterson Foundation Award).

Stern is married to Dr. Paul A. London, executive director of the policy research office of the Coalition of Northeast Governors (CONEG). They are parents of a son, Gabriel Stern London, age 17 months, and the family lives in Northwest Washington.

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theirs to protect the interests of the poor and the underprivileged, not only in this particular legislation but in other aspects.

Q. But no deals?

THE PRESIDENT. No.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:35 a.m. to reporters assembled in the Briefing Room at the White House. Following his remarks, Secretary of Energy James R. Schlesinger held a news conference on the natural gas legislation.

Discount Rate Increase

White House Statement on the Federal Reserve Board Action. August 18, 1978

The administration fully understands the reasons for this action. It is essential that we control inflation if we are to have a strong dollar and sustainable economic growth. As we have said, there will be a series of continuing actions over the next several weeks to deal with these problems.

NOTE: Earlier in the day, the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve System had raised the discount rate from 7¼ percent to 7¾ percent.

National POW-MIA Recognition Day

Statement on Signing H.J. Res. 963 Into Law. August 18, 1978

American soldiers have been captured or have become missing in action during each of our country's wars.

The agony of their families has been incalculable. The prisoners themselves have suffered deprivation, starvation, abuse, torture, and sometimes death at the hands of their captors.

Their heroism in the face of these afflictions has often been greater than the heroism of men in battle; the prisoner's battle to preserve life, dignity, and honor

can go on day after painful day, sometimes for years.

And the anguish suffered by the families of Americans missing in action is prolonged by lack of certainty over the fate of a husband or son or grandson or brother.

I am proud to sign a bill honoring these Americans who have given so much and endured so much. Many of them have won through to become some of America's finest citizens—like the former prisoner of war who is one of the sponsors of this bill, Senator Hathaway. I join all Americans in gratefully recognizing their sacrifices.

NOTE: As enacted, H.J. Res. 963 is Public Law 95-349, approved August 18. The resolution requests the President to issue a proclamation designating July 18, 1979, as "National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day."

United States International Trade Commission

Nomination of Paula Stern To Be a Member. August 18, 1978

The President today announced that he will nominate Paula Stern, of Washington, D.C., to be a member of the United States International Trade Commission. She would replace Daniel Minchew, whose term has expired.

Stern was born March 31, 1945, in Chicago. She received a B.A. from Goucher College in 1967, an M.A. in regional studies from Harvard University in 1969, and an M.A. in international affairs (1970), an M.A.L.D. (1964), and a Ph.D. (1976) from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

From 1972 to 1974, Stern was legislative assistant to Senator Gaylord Nelson. From 1975 to 1976, she was a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution, working on a manuscript on domestic

politics and foreign policy. In 1976 she was senior legislative assistant to Senator Nelson, and also served as a policy analyst on matters related to the State Department for the Carter-Mondale Transition Team. She is now with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

Nomination of Charles W. Benton To Be a Member. August 18, 1978

The President today announced that he will nominate Charles W. Benton, of Evanston, Ill., to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

Benton, 47, has been with Encyclopædia Britannica Films since 1953. He is presently chairman and chief executive officer of Films Inc., a subsidiary of Encyclopædia Britannica Films.

Executive Schedule

Executive Order 12076. August 18, 1978

LEVELS IV AND V OF THE EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE

By the authority vested in me as President by Section 5317 of Title 5 of the United States Code, in order to place in level IV of the Executive Schedule the positions of Senior Adviser to the Secretary of State and Special Assistant to the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, and in order to codify other positions presently placed in levels IV and V of the Executive Schedule, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1-1. Executive Schedule Positions.

1-101. The following positions are placed in level IV of the Executive Schedule:

- (a) Senior Adviser to the Secretary, Department of State.
- (b) Director, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury.
- (c) Assistant Secretary (Enforcement and Operations), Department of the Treasury.
- (d) Adviser to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense for NATO Affairs, Department of Defense.
- (e) Assistant to the Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense.
- (f) Assistant Attorney General, United States Attorneys and Trial Advocacy, Department of Justice.
- (g) Director of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture.
- (h) Director, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, Department of Agriculture.
- (i) Chief Economist, Department of Commerce.
- (j) Deputy Under Secretary for Regional Affairs, Department of Commerce.
- (k) Deputy Under Secretary for International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor.
- (l) Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.
- (m) Administrator, Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.
- (n) Administrator, Health Services Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.
- (o) Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation.
- (p) Associate Directors (4), Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.