

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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TERENCE A. TODMAN SWORN IN AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Terence A. Todman of the Virgin Islands was sworn in today as Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs. Mr. Todman was United States Ambassador to Costa Rica from March 1975 until his nomination by President Carter as Assistant Secretary in January of this year. He succeeds Harry W. Shlaudeman.

A career Foreign Service Officer, Mr. Todman has also served as Ambassador to Guinea (1972-1975) and as Ambassador to Chad (1969-1972). He received the Department's Superior Honor Award in 1966 and was decorated by the Government of Chad in 1972.

Mr. Todman entered the Foreign Service in 1957 after five years of service in the Department of State as an international relations officer. He served as political officer in New Delhi (1957-1960), and in Tunis, Tunisia (1961-1965), before becoming Deputy Chief of Mission and Counselor of Embassy in Lome, Togo, where he remained for three and a half years. He was Country Director for East African Affairs when he was named Ambassador to Chad in 1969.

During his early assignments in the Department, Mr. Todman was an advisor to the delegations to the United Nations General Assembly and the Trusteeship Council. He also served as a representative on the Petitions and Rural Economic Development Committees of the Trusteeship Council. Earlier he was desk officer for India-Ceylon-Nepal Affairs.

From 1945 to 1949 Mr. Todman served in the U.S. Army, in Puerto Rico and later as an officer in Japan. In 1951 he was assistant to the Personnel Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

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Born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, on March 13, 1926, Mr. Todman received a B.A. summa cum laude from the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico and an M.P.A. from Syracuse University. He has also done graduate work in political science at American University. He speaks Arabic, French and Spanish.

Mr. Todman is married to the former Doris Weston. Mr. and Mrs. Todman have four children -- Terence, Jr., Patricia, Kathryn and Michael.

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