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GORDON W. CHAPMAN IS SWORN IN AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE AND COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS

Gordon W. Chapman was sworn in today as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State and Coordinator for International Labor Affairs. The Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Mr. U. Alexis Johnson, attended the ceremony and welcomed Mr. Chapman to the Department. Mr. Chapman was born in Tomah, Wisconsin on September 5, 1907, and attended the School of Commerce at the University of Wisconsin where he was graduated in 1931.

Mr. Chapman brings to his position a wide experience in the field of both domestic and international labor. Since 1937 he has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO. During the second World War, he also served as Executive Assistant to International President Arnold S. Zander.

During the years he has held office in this union, it has grown from approximately 10,000 members to more than 200,000 members. Its international Headquarters is in the Public Employee Union Building, 815 Mt. Vernon Place, N.W., Washington 1, D. C. Before his election as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, he worked in the meat packing, advertising and accounting fields.

His public activities have included membership in the Madison, Wisconsin Zoning Commission, the National Labor Advisory Council, the American Arbitration Association and the AFL-CIO Committee on Social Security. He served as a U.S. trade union representative on the delegation of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to the Far East in 1950 and to Okinawa in 1956.

Mr. Chapman is married to the former Ferne Everhardt. They have three children, Bruce G., Terry R., and Cheryl J. They reside at 6908 Marbury Road, Bethesda, Maryland.

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