

Rosenfeld Heads Post U.S. Staff

Harry M. Rosenfeld has been appointed assistant managing editor for national affairs of The Washington Post, it was announced yesterday.

He succeeds Richard Harwood, who has been named editor of The Trenton Times in New Jersey.

Rosenfeld, 45, a graduate of Syracuse University, came to the Post in 1966 from the New York Herald Tribune. He has previously been the Post's foreign editor and, most recently, assistant managing editor for metropolitan affairs.

He is to be succeeded in that position by Leonard Downie Jr., currently deputy metropolitan editor. Downie, 32, came to the Post as a metropolitan reporter in 1965.

A graduate of Ohio State and a former Alicia Patterson fellow, he is the author of two books, "Justice Denied" and "Mortgage on America."

It was also announced yesterday that Peter Silberman, currently national editor, will become assistant managing editor for business and financial affairs, effective Dec. 1.

Siberman, 44, has been at The Post 14 years, previously as deputy national editor and in other editing positions. He holds degrees from Queens College and the University of Missouri.

In his new post he is to succeed Hobard Rowen, who will assume the new position of economics editor on the post's national reporting staff and also write a twice-weekly column syndicated by The Post's writers group.

Rowen, a graduate of the College of the City of New York, has been writing articles and books on business affairs from Washington for more than 25 years and holds numerous awards for financial reporting.