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Career Officers

Job Shifts at State Dept.

Washington

President Nixon announced the appointments yesterday of three ambassadors and six high State Department officials. All are career Foreign Service officers.

Nominated as ambassador to the Soviet Union was Walter J. Stoessel Jr., 53, succeeding Jacob D. Beam, who retired last January. Stoessel is currently assistant secretary of state for European affairs.

David D. Newsom, 55, was nominated as ambassador to Indonesia, succeeding Francis J. Galbraith, who is retiring.

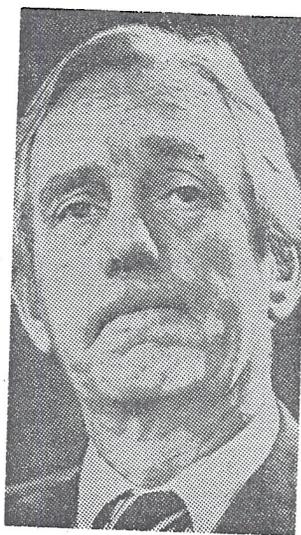
Newsom will be succeeded in the African bureau by Donald B. Easum, 50, currently the ambassador to Upper Volta.

David H. Popper, 61, was nominated as ambassador to Chile, succeeding Nathaniel David, who is now director general of the Foreign Service. Popper has been assistant secretary for international organization affairs. His successor in that post, the White House said, will be William B. Buffum, 52, who is ambassador to Lebanon.

Succeeding Stoessel as head of the European affairs bureau will be Arthur A. Hartman, 47, a specialist in the European community who has been deputy chief of the United States mission to the Common Market in Brussels.

Mr. Nixon also named Robert J. McCloskey, as ambassador at large with responsibility over the bureaus of public affairs and press and congressional relations. McCloskey, 51, is ambassador to Cyprus. He handled most of Henry Kissinger's press briefings immediately after Kissinger became secretary of state.

The President named Helmut Sonnenfeldt, 47, to fill the vacant post of counselor of the State Department, moving from his present station as senior staff member of the National Security



ROBERT McCLOSKEY
Ambassador at large

Council in the White House.

At a news conference Kissinger said of Sonnenfeldt that he had "managed to persuade him to accept this position," and that he would concentrate on problems involving the strategic arms limitations talks with the Soviet Union, the 18-country negotiations on mutual reduction of East-West forces in central Europe, as well as U. S. relations with West Europe.

Mr. Nixon also nominated Thomas O. Enders, 42, as assistant secretary for economic and business affairs, succeeding Willis C. Armstrong, who is retiring. Enders is now deputy chief of mission in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Finally, the president announced that William J. Casey, 60, would be nominated as president of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, succeeding Henry Kearns, who is retiring. Casey has been undersecretary for economic affairs since February.

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