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Michael S. Harris of Connecticut was sworn in today as a Foreign Service Reserve officer. Mr. Harris will proceed to Paris at the beginning of 1964 to assume his duties as Deputy Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Mr. Harris' nomination to this post had previously been approved by the Council of the OECD.

The OECD, with a membership of 20 countries including the United States, is, with NATO, one of the two important Atlantic organizations. It serves principally as a consultative forum for senior policy making officials from member country capitals, who assemble periodically to exchange views on common economic problems with the view of developing coordinated policies to deal with these problems. The economic problems which are examined and discussed in the OECD are wide ranging and include economic and financial policy, development assistance, trade and payments, agriculture, industry, manpower, science and other matters.

Mr. Harris was born at Boston, Massachusetts, on July 15, 1916. He was employed as a District Director and member of the International Executive Board of the United Steel Workers of America from 1937 to 1948. He served with the Army from 1944 to 1946.

In 1948, Mr. Harris was appointed Chief, Labor and Manpower Division, with the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) in Paris. He subsequently served as Chief of Mission (ECA) at Stockholm from 1949 to 1951 and later in Bonn in the same capacity from 1951 to 1954.

Mr. Harris served as Ford Foundation Representative for Indonesia from 1955 to 1961. He has most recently been employed with the Ford Foundation in New York as a program associate.

Mr. Harris is married to the former Marjorie H. Kipp, and they have two daughters, Susan and Katharine.

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