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BROOKS HAYS IS SWORN IN AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

Brooks Hays was sworn in today as Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations. Secretary of State Dean Rusk attended the ceremony and welcomed Mr. Hays. The oath of office was administered by Angier Biddle Duke, Chief of Protocol.

Mr. Hays was born at London, Arkansas on August 9, 1898. He attended the University of Arkansas where he received his B. A. degree in 1919. Mr. Hays studied law at George Washington University and was awarded his LL.B. in 1922. He has been granted honorary degrees by several universities.

Following his graduation Mr. Hays was admitted to the Bar of the State of Arkansas and began the practice of law as a member of the Russellville, Arkansas law firm of Hays, Priddy & Hays. He continued in private practice until his appointment as Assistant Attorney General of Arkansas in 1925. Two years later he returned to private practice in Little Rock, Arkansas with the firm of Hays & Turner. He became a member of the Democratic National Committee in 1932 and retained the post until 1939.

In 1934, Mr. Hays was named Legal Advisor for Arkansas with the National Recovery Administration. In the following year he accepted a position with the Farm Security Administration. He resigned in 1942 to run for Congress. Elected as United States Representative from the Fifth District of Arkansas, he remained in the Congress until 1953. Mr. Hays served as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in the 82nd through the 85th Congresses. He was a member of the United States Delegation attending the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of the President of Costa Rica in 1953 and a Representative of the United States to the 10th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in 1955.

Mr. Hays was appointed a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1959. He retained that position until named to his present post.

In addition to his other activities Mr. Hays is also a member of a number of civic and fraternal organizations. Among these are the American Legion; Mr. Hays served briefly in the United States Army in 1918, the Lions Club, Phi Beta Kappa and the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a 33rd Degree Mason.

Mr. Hays is married to the former Marion Prather. They have two daughters.

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