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NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Robert J. Gagnier, Olympia, has been named Executive Secretary of the Washington State Employees Association.

In his new position Gagnier will serve as manager of the 4,000 member Association, made up of employees of the State of Washington.

His selection was made over the weekend by the WSEA Board of Directors meeting in Olympia.

The Executive Secretary title replaces "General Manager" a title used formerly by the Association. Executive Secretary is the term used by the majority of comparable organizations in other states.

Gagnier, 32, has served for the past six months as Acting General Manager. Prior to that time, he was Public Relations Representative for the organization, a position he held since joining the staff in 1961.

The new Executive Secretary was born in Wapato, Washington, and attended schools in Tacoma. Following employment with radio stations in Eastern Washington and Alaska, Gagnier was with KGY, Olympia.

In addition to being Executive Secretary of the Olympia based
Association, Gagnier is also president of the Western Assembly of
Governmental Employees, and vice-president of the national Assembly of
Governmental Employees.

He and his wife Sandee have two children. They make their home on Cooper Point.