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NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR MOUNT RAINTER

John A. Townsley has been appointed Superintendent of Mount Rainier National Park, Washington, it was announced today in San Francisco by Regional Director John A. Rutter of the National Park Service. Mr. Townsley replaces John Rutter, who was recently promoted to Regional Director of the Western Regional Office.

Townsley, who has been Superintendent of the New York City National Park Service Group with headquarters at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, New York, is a career employee of the National Park Service and was born in Yosemite National Park where his father served as Chief Ranger for some thirty years. He began his own career in Yosemite and spent 12 years there.

He also served on assignments in Glacier National Park, Montana; Hawaii Volcanoes National Park; and Oregon Caves National Monument. Before transferring to Sagamore Hill, Townsley served in the Washington Office for four years as a member of the MISSION 66 staff, assisting in the development of long range plans for the entire National Park System.

National Park Service Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., singled out for special praise Townsley's work in connection with the installation of the American Museum of Immigration at Statue of Liberty National Monument, the addition of Ellis Island to that monument, and the creation, in cooperation with New Jersey authorities, of the Job Corps Conservation Center on the New Jersey City waterfront.

Mr. Townsley studied at San Francisco City College and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Colorado A&M College. He is expected to arrive at Mount Rainier about the middle of February and will be accompanied by his wife, Elaine, their two sons and daughter.

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NEW SUPERINTENDENT AT COULEE DAM RECREATION AREA

David A. Richie has been assigned to the Superintendency of Coulee Dam National Recreation Area, Washington, it was announced today by National Park Service Regional Director John A. Rutter in San Francisco. He replaces Howard Chapman who was transferred to Grand Teton National Park.

For the past year Richie has served as Assistant Superintendent of Mount Rainier National Park. Immediately prior to that he served for 9 months under the fellowship in Congressional operations sponsored by the American Political. Sciences Association. He has worked for the National Park Service, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and the Bureau of Iand Management in Washington, D. C.

Richie, 35, earned his B. A. at Haverford College, Pennsylvania and his L. L. B. from George Washington University, Washington, D. C. From 1953 to 1957 he served as a Naval Cadet and later as a Marine Corps pilot on active duty at Cherry Point, North Carolina.

He expects to arrive at Coulee Dam late in October and will be accompanied by his wife Catherine, their 2 sons and daughter.