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NEW YORK, OCTOBER 16, 1963 - National Lead Company has named Kenneth C. Specht manager of paint and paint products sales and Henry J. Whitson manager of pigment and chemical sales. The appointments are effective November 1, upon the retirement of David A. Merson as sales manager, paints, pigments and chemicals.

In their new positions, Mr. Specht will direct the sales of paints and Mr. Whitson the sales of pigments and chemicals in National Lead branches throughout the country.

Mr. Specht joined the office staff of National Lead's Pacific Coast Branch at Los Angeles in 1935. He became a salesman for industrial finishes department in 1939 and department manager in 1944. He was appointed assistant manager of the Southern Division in 1947, and manager in 1948. Mr. Specht transferred to New York in 1950 and was named company trade sales manager in 1951. In February of this year he was appointed assistant manager for sales of paints, varnishes and related products. Mr. Specht is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles.

Mr. Whitson was first employed by the Atlantic Branch, National Lead Company in 1932 as a sales trainee at the Research Laboratories at Brooklyn. Later that year he became sales representative for lead pigments and oxides at New York City. In 1940 he was appointed assistant sales manager of dry pigments for Atlantic Branch, advancing to sales manager in 1942. He became assistant to the company's sales manager, paints, pigments and chemicals in 1948 and in February of this year he was appointed assistant manager for sales of pigments and chemicals. Mr. Whitson received his B.S. degree from Princeton University.