

S. Pacific Talks Delegate Named

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WASHINGTON — The Interior Department announced yesterday that Stanley S. Carpenter, recently reappointed director of the Office of Territories, will head the U.S. delegation to the South Pacific Commission meeting in New Zealand next week.

Carpenter, named by Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton to another two-year term, will lead U.S. negotiators at the special meeting March 5 through 7 in Wellington in talks aimed at bringing U.S. territories in the Pacific into the commission.

The meeting, also to be attended by State Department officials and U.S. diplomats in the Fiji Islands, is a response to a resolution passed last September by the South Pacific Conference in Guam that called for a merger of the conference and the commission, at least in their annual meetings.

The commission includes the U.S. Western Samoa, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji and Nauru.

The conference includes the U.S. and its territories in the Pacific, Guam, American Samoa and Micronesia. Putting the two together would involve a review of the Canberra Agreement, the basic document of the commission, an organization from which the U.S. territories now are excluded.

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