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## TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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### Marianas

#### TURNOVER OF PETROLEUM OPERATIONS TO MOBIL OIL COMPLETE

### Truk

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Nov. 14 . . . Receipt of a check in the amount of \$402,940.79 from Mobil Oil of Micronesia, Inc., was announced today by Mr. R. K. Shoecraft, Acting Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory Government. This amount is in payment for the inventory of all petroleum products of the Government purchased by Mobil at Saipan and in the other five districts of the Trust Territory in accordance with the agreement between Mobil and the Government.

### Ponape

### Marshalls

This is considered to be the largest known single purchase of its kind within the history of the Territory.

### Yap

The turn-over of all petroleum operations of the Government has now been completed, and negotiations have been progressing for some time in the leasing of both current sites and facilities as well as in the selection of permanent sites in some districts for the construction of new bulk plant facilities.

### Palau

The Headquarters for Mobil, under the direction of Mr. John Pilshaw, Manager, has now been formally established in Saipan. Branch offices have been established in each of the district centers.

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### PEDRO METAO RETURNS TO WORK

**Truk**

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, November 10 . . . Pedro Metao returned to work today, operating a tractor mower for the Marianas District Public Works Department.

**Ponape**

Mr. Metao's right leg was amputated below the knee in September 1964, following an accident which crushed him between his stalled jeep and an automobile. Dr. Jose L. Chong, Marianas District Director of Public Health; E. E. Blankenfeld, Headquarters Construction and Maintenance Superintendent; and Goro Yamanaka, Assistant District Public Works Officer, spearheaded a campaign that raised funds to send Mr. Metao to the Trust Territory Rehabilitation Center in Majuro, Marshall Islands, to be fitted with an artificial leg and to be trained to use it effectively.

**Marshalls**

**Yap**

All phases of the project have been successful. Mr. Metao is happy to be back on the job, and is deeply grateful to the warmhearted people who cared enough to make it possible for him again to support his eight young children.

**Palau**

The artificial leg will not be a handicap in his present job.

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TMAN PROMOTED TO PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

**Marianas**

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,

Nov. 10 . . . Luke M. Tman of Yap has been promoted to Public Information Officer effective November 8, upon the retirement of Chief

Public Information Officer Seth Thompson, according to Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs John E. de Young.

**Truk**

**Ponape**

Mr. Tman who was born in 1933 in Ngeremlengui, Palau, was raised in Yap and is a member of the Rak clan by adoption. He received his education at PICS and the College of Guam, working as a senior observer for the Weather Bureau while at PICS. He began his information career in 1961 as a part time employee of the former Reports Office while attending the College of Guam. In 1962 he became a full time editorial clerk and in 1962 was promoted to Editorial Assistant. He currently also serves as editor of the Micronesian Reporter.

**Marshalls**

**Yap**

Mr. Tman is a member of the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia from Yap and is Chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary and Government Relations. He was unopposed in the recent election for Congress of Micronesia.

**Palau**

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