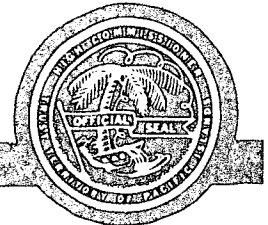


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"PONAPE-PER" SUSPENDS PUBLICATION MAKING ROOM FOR "SENYAVIN TIMES"

Saipan, Mariana Islands, **Trust** Territory of the Pacific Islands, Feb. 28 . . . Publication of the "Ponape-Per" **oldest** continuing publication in the Trust Territory was suspended with its February 17 issue to make room for the emerging privately-run newspaper, the "Senyavin Times", in the Ponape district. In announcing the outgoing of "Ponape-Per", a government-run paper, Ponape District Administrator Robert Halverson reminded the would-be readers of the "Senyavin Times" that it would be privately published and would not necessarily reflect the Trust Territory Government. "No news article, editorial, letter to the editor, or any other such item which may be published is approved by the Trust Territory Government unless it is noted or **stated.**"

He further commented that errors of facts and judgment have been made in the past and may occur in this newly founded newspaper. The staff of the "Senyavin Times", however, according to Mr. Halverson, have approached him with the **assurance** that a conscientious attempt will be made on their part to avoid committing such errors.

Like any other private newspapers, especially while at its embryonic stage, the "Senyavin Times" is in need of funds for its

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operation and maintenance. According to Mr. Ambilos Ieshi, who is one of the paper's prime founders, the "Senyavin Times" will be sold for a nickel a copy and a yearly subscription fee will be \$1.00.

Articles appearing in this paper will be in English and Ponapean ^{one} translation on corresponding column. Mr. Ieshi said that/of the main aims of the "Senyavin Times" is to encourage the people of Ponape to develop reading habits.

Submit news items to: Editor, "Senyavin Times", Ponape District, Eastern Caroline Islands.

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