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31st July, 1950

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

SIXTH SESSION

Retirement of Deputy Secretary-General -

Application of Mr. H.A. Verkuyl.

1. Reference paragraph 59 of the Proceedings of the Fifth Session.
2. The following application for the post of Deputy Secretary-General has been received from Mr. H.A. Verkuyl:

"Referring to paragraph 59 of the Proceedings of the Fifth Session of the South Pacific Commission at Suva, Fiji, in May, 1950 (Item XV B of the agenda), mentioning the vacancy of the post of Deputy Secretary-General after the Sixth Session, I confirm herewith my letter of the 11th May, 1950, with which I had the honour to present myself as a candidate for the post of Deputy Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission.

For your convenience I append a copy of my "curriculum vitae", the original of which I enclosed to my above-mentioned letter."

3. Following is Mr. Verkuyl's "curriculum vitae."

"Hugo Anton VERKUYL

Born at ALKMAAR (NETHERLANDS) on the 10th February, 1897.

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| 1916-1919 | Royal Military Academy. |
| 1919-1928 | Officer in the Royal Netherlands' Army. |
| 1928-1930 | Officer in the Royal-Netherlands-Indies' Army in Java and Timor. |
| 1930 | Resigned from the Army to take office in the Labour Department of the Netherlands-Indies' Civil Service. |
| 1935 | Adviser of the Netherlands' Delegation during the Session of the International Labour Office in Geneva. Six months leave in Europe. |
| 1936-1940 | Posts in different islands of the Netherlands-Indies Archipelago. |
| 1940 | Mobilized in the Army in Java. |
| 1942 March - | |
| 1945 August | War Service against Japan and prisoner of war. |

1945 August - 1946 April Mobilized in Java and acting with the Allied Forces during the Indonesian revolution.
1946 May - to date Acting Consul for the Netherlands at Noumea, New Caledonia.

In October 1948, invited by His Excellency the High Commissioner for France in the Pacific, a 2-weeks trip to the New Hebrides to examine in principle the possibility of introduction of Indonesian immigrants. In July and August, 1949, at the invitation of the Indonesian Government, a second 6-weeks tour of this Archipelago to study in that connection the labour problems, conditions and the standard of living in the different islands.

In 1948 nominated by the Netherlands' Government as a candidate-Member of the Research Council of the South Pacific Commission (Social Development). At the very last moment the Netherlands' Government withdrew his name from the list of candidates, as it was officially considered he was indispensable to the Consular Service at Noumea.

In 1949, a member of the Netherlands' Delegation for the Third and the Fourth Session of the South Pacific Commission in the capacity of adviser and Commissioner respectively. Between these two Sessions he also represented the Netherlands as a Member of the working Committee.

LANGUAGES.

Dutch Education. Also speaks French, English, German and Indonesian, and corresponds in these languages.

DECORATIONS

1918 Netherlands' Mobilization Cross.
1923 Netherlands' Olympic Medal for All-round Sportsmanship.
1926 do
1927 do
1934 Officer's Cross for Honorable Service
1940 Medal of Honour from the French Minister for Foreign Affairs for Services Rendered
1946 Netherlands-Indies' War Cross
1948 Medal of Honour from the President of the French Republic for Services Rendered. "

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SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

SIXTH SESSION

RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

APPLICATION OF MR. H. A. VERKUYL

The following cable has been received from the Senior
Commissioner for the Netherlands:

"NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT INSTRUCT ME
NOMINATE MR H A VERKUYL NOUMEA
NETERLANDS CANDIDATE FOR VACANCY
DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL"

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24th August, 1950.

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

SIXTH SESSION.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. Reference paragraph 59 of the Proceedings of the Fifth Session.
2. Staff Regulation No.14 of the Provisional Staff Regulations for the South Pacific Commission (Annex D Proceedings First Session), provides as follows:-

"With due regard to the maintenance of the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible and without prejudice to the inflow of fresh talent at the various levels, vacancies shall be filled by promotion of persons already in the service of the Commission in preference to appointments from outside. Such promotions shall be solely on the grounds of merit. Seniority in length of service with the Commission shall not count unless merit be equal."
3. It is felt that in any consideration which the Commission may give to names of candidates for the post of Deputy Secretary-General, the Commission should include members of its Staff who express a wish to be considered.
4. The Secretary-General has therefore invited such members of the Staff who wish to be considered as a candidate for the function of Deputy Secretary-General, to lodge appropriate statements. These statements will be circulated as part of the official documentation of the Sixth Session.

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SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

SIXTH SESSION.

RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL.

APPLICATION OF DR. A. LOOSJES.

1. Reference paragraph 59 of the Proceedings of the Fifth Session and document SPC.6/Sec.2 (B).
2. The following application has been received from Dr. A. Loosjes, General Administrative Assistant:-

"Referring to paragraph 59 of the Proceedings of the Fifth Session and document SPC.6/Sec.2(B), I hereby submit my application for the appointment of Deputy Secretary-General.

As regards my qualifications for the position, I refer to the attached biography. I draw particular attention to:-

- my experience as Government Official of the Netherlands East Indies Government - Economic and Financial Division - Head of Budget Division - Office of the Governor General of Netherlands East Indies (General Secretariat).
 - my knowledge of the Dutch, English, French and German languages.
 - my connection with the South Pacific Commission since November 1947,- delegate Preparatory Conference, Member Netherlands delegation First and Second Sessions, Netherlands representative Third Meeting Working Committee (visit to Suva and Noumea), and member of the Staff of the South Pacific Commission 8 November 1948 - 15 December 1948, 5 January 1949 to date.
 - as General Administrative Assistant I am especially familiar with all administrative work and in addition with that of the Deputy Secretary-General.
 - during the recent absence of the Deputy Secretary-General for a period of five weeks, my duties as General Administrative Assistant were temporarily extended to cover the direction and supervision of the general administrative work at Commission Headquarters, the supervision of the reconstruction of the Pentagon buildings, and the reconditioning of the grounds; the general supervision of the activities of the Accounts Branch; travel and staff arrangements; supervision and direction of the work of the Establishments Assistant; responsibility for the care of Headquarters buildings and grounds, and all Commission property.
 - Regulation No.14 of the Provisional Staff Regulations of the South Pacific Commission.
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DR. ADRIAAN LOOSJES.

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| Born | - | Ameland (Netherlands) 22nd February, 1913. |
| 1931 | - | High School Certificate. |
| 1931-1937 | - | Law studies University of Utrecht. (Netherlands). |
| January 1938 | - | Government Official Netherlands East Indies Office of the Governor General. |
| 1942-1945 | - | Japanese occupation civil internoo. |
| 1945-1948 | - | Office of the Governor General Netherlands East Indies, High Commissioner in Indonesia. |
| November 1947 | - | Delegate Preparatory Conference South Pacific Commission, Sydney. |
| May 1948 | - | Member Netherlands Delegation First Session South Pacific Commission. |
| August 1948 | - | Netherlands representative Third Working Committee Meeting (visit to Suva and Noumea). |
| October/November 1948 | - | Member Netherlands delegation Second Session South Pacific Commission. |
| November 1948/to date | - | Secretariat South Pacific Commission. |

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22nd October, 1950.

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SIXTH SESSION.

RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL.

APPLICATION OF LT.COL. F.W. VOELCKER.

1. Reference paragraph 59 of the Proceedings of the Fifth Session.
2. The following application has been received from Lt.Col. F.W. Voelcker:-

"TO: Secretary-General, South Pacific Commission, Noumea.

FROM: Lt. Col. F.W. Voelcker.

Sir,

I beg to submit this my application for the post of Deputy Secretary-General to the South Pacific Commission.

I understand that this position becomes vacant in 1950, and request that my application be considered at the forthcoming Sixth Session of the Commission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

October 13th, 1950.

(Sgd) F.W. Voelcker."

3. The following is Lt.Col. Voelcker's "curriculum vitae":-

"CURRICULUM VITAE

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| Name: | - Francis William Voelcker. |
| Born: 1896. | - Single. |
| Educated | - Shrewsbury School, England. Royal Military College, Sandhurst. |
| Military Service | - British Regular Army 1914 - 1928. New Zealand and Fiji Forces 1939 - 1945. |
| Civilian Service | - Administrator Western Samoa 1946 - 1948. N.Z. Delegate South Seas Conference, Canberra 1947. High Commissioner Western Samoa 1948 - 1949. New Zealand Commissioner, South Pacific Commission 1949 - 1950 (present position) |
| Island Experience | - Fiji - 1940-45. Commander 3rd Bn. Fiji Infantry. Solomon Islands 1944. Western Samoa Administrator and High Commissioner 1946-1949. |

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Eastern Samoa)
Tahiti)
Cook Islands) Officially visited while
Tokalau Islands) High Commissioner in
Tonga) Western Samoa

New Caledonia 1949-50 while holding
present position with
the South Pacific
Commission.

Orders & Decorations

Commander of the Order
of the British Empire.
Distinguished Service Order.
Military Cross.
United States Bronze Star.

Very fair working knowledge of French language."
