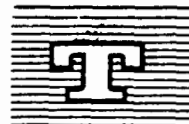


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PETITION FROM KANAGAWA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR DEFENCE FOR
PEACE CONSTITUTION, JAPAN, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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12 October 1987

Respectable members of the United Nations Trusteeship Council,

In Belau, placed by the United Nations under the trusteeship of the United States of America, the United States Government is urging the people to ratify the Compact of Free Association, in order to finish up the trusteeship.

The Compact shall allow the United States, in return for \$300 million aid in 50 years, the construction of two new military bases, as unlimited use of land as it needs, and nuclearization of Belau. Because of the strong opposition of the Belau people who think that the Compact deviates from their Constitution, the Compact has not been supported in the general poll which took place five times in four years.

However, as we came to know, President Lazarus Salii of Belau has taken drastic means to lay off two thirds of the government employees and cut off 20 per cent of payment of the rest. He says that pro-constitutionists are responsible for it, as they are delaying the ratification of the Compact. His words and deeds are continuously backing up free-associationists.

These issues have encouraged threats and violence upon constitutionists, such as arson or intimidation phone calls, to such a degree that they are not able to go out even for shopping. Finally, on 7 September, some inhabitants were attacked and shot to death. Confronting the danger to their life, the plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the legitimacy of the 4 August poll to shelve the anti-nuclear item of the Constitution were obliged to withdraw their complaint.

Can such outrages be allowed to take place in Belau under the trusteeship? Fair jurisdiction is the last fortress of democracy and wisdom of mankind we must defend. We are deeply concerned about the offence against jurisdiction.

We request the United Nations Trusteeship Council to take immediate action to restore the situation in Belau so that the will of the people is not distorted by violence and is reflected justly upon their judicial or political issues.

Yours sincerely,

Kanagawa Women's Association
for Defence for Peace Constitution
