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# U.S. Plans 5-Year Project to Aid Pacific Islands

## \$172-Million Requested for Land Administered Under Trusteeship for U.N.

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WASHINGTON, May 20—

The Department of the Interior said today that it had asked Congress to authorize a five-year, \$172-million development program for the scattered Pacific Ocean islands administered by the United States under a United Nations Trusteeship.

Harry Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, said the capital investment program was "urgently needed" if the United States was to carry out its obligations of promoting political, economic and social advancement for 90,000 Micronesians.

The trust territory comprises nearly 2,000 atolls and islands spread over three million square miles of the Pacific Ocean. These atolls and islands are in three major groupings, the Caroline Islands, the Marshall Islands and the Mariana Islands. Most of the population is on 97 islands.

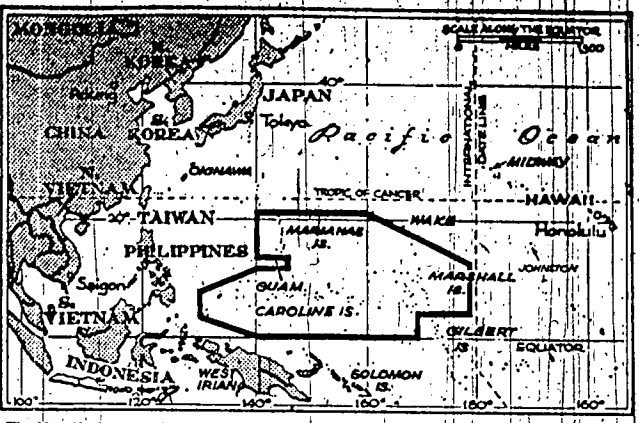
The islands were held by the Japanese and placed under United Nations trusteeship after World War II.

Among the islands are Saipan, Tinian, Peleliu, and Kwajalein, all of which were the scenes of heavy fighting in World War II.

### Many Services Proposed

Under the plan proposed by the Interior Department, the \$172-million would be used for health, education, water, power and sewage services; for modernization and extension of radio and telephone communications; for better transportation on air, ground and water; and for the construction of buildings for the territorial government.

The proposed legislation also calls for removal of the ceiling of \$17.5-million a year on civil government operations. This amount would be raised to \$22.6-million for 1967-68 and \$39.2-million for 1970-71. The budget for construction and capital investment would be raised from \$15-million to \$22.2-million for the fiscal year



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beginning July 1 and to \$37.9-million in 1970-71.

Mr. Anderson said that "we have, during the 20 years that we have administered the area, made progress toward the achievement of acceptable levels of development but we have very much farther to go."

"We need authority to expend much more Federal money in the trust territory than we have spent in the past," he said. "Our responsibilities to the Micronesians permit no alternative."

### High Commission Sworn

The expanded program was announced as William R. Norwood, former administrative director of Hawaii, was sworn in as High Commissioner of the trust territory, President Johnson, who visited the Interior Department this morning, witnessed the ceremony. The oath of office was administered by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall.

Mr. Norwood is a former Honolulu newspaper and public relations man. He succeeds M. W. Goding, who had been Commissioner since 1961.

Mr. Anderson said that all the planned improvements were inter-related. They are necessary, he said, if Micronesians are to rise above a low level of subsistence.

A "crash" program, he said, would cost much more than the proposed program and would fail to permit the training of islanders to take advantage of new employment opportunities. The plan includes \$76.9-million

for education, including the construction of 834 classrooms for elementary school children and 356 classrooms for secondary education. This amount does not include an educational television system, which is under study.

It also includes the recruiting and training of more teachers. The Interior Department said that 43 per cent of the teachers at present were not high school graduates and only 30 per cent had more than high school diplomas. More than half cannot instruct in English. One goal of the program would be to teach English as a second language to each child.

Population is growing at a rate of 4 per cent a year compared with 1.6 per cent in the United States and 2.3 per cent in India, Mr. Anderson said. Nearly half the adult population is less than 20 years of age.

The new program also would include the recruitment of 20 doctors and 36 registered nurses, supplemented by 22 public health nurses, and the training of Micronesian nurses and medical support personnel.

A health program billed at \$30.1-million would provide 515 hospital beds in three major hospitals, seven regional health centers and 75 dispensaries; nursing school facilities, four medical service vessels and 100 medical housing units.

The program also includes \$2.8-million for communications, \$19.8-million for transportation facilities, and \$32-million for utilities.

field work, will be Indians, Dr. Fliegel said. Additional staff will be borrowed as needed from the Institute for Community Development.

The project will have three phases: first, a broad study of 108 villages in three states, Orissa, Maharashtra and West Bengal, involving interviews with about 2,400 villagers and officials; second, a more intensive study of 18 to 20 villages in the three states; third, a field

dean of international programs at Michigan State University, said at East Lansing today that he was unaware of criticism of the India project.

"This is a very important research undertaking in India," he said. "It would be tragic if it were undermined."

**First Lady to Visit Nebraska**  
WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson will

# SUIT LINKS DEATH TO C.I.A. DRUGS

## \$800,000 Asked in Suit of Ex-Marine Colonel

NORFOLK, Va., May 20 (UPI)—The widow of a retired Marine colonel has sued the Central Intelligence Agency for \$800,000, alleging that he committed suicide as a result of drugs she said had been given to him during a C.I.A. employment interview.

Attorneys for Mrs. Edith W. Christensen, 48 years old, said she and her daughter filed three suits yesterday, as a result of the alleged incident.

Mrs. Christensen, of Virginia Beach, charged in a suit filed in the United States District Court that the C.I.A. "administered certain drugs" to James R. Christensen, 49, during a job interview in Washington on Jan. 18.

The interview was one of two sessions Mr. Christensen had with C.I.A. officials in an effort to gain employment after his retirement from the Marine Corps, the suit said.

Eight days after the second interview he killed himself with a pistol outside the home of Thomas N. Griffin, a retired Army major general, the suit said.

Mrs. Christensen charged that the C.I.A. administered "drugs or toxic substances" to her husband and was negligent in that it knew, or should have known, "they could and probably would affect him adversely."

### Drug Allergy Alleged

Attorneys for the woman and her daughter, Linda Anne, 17, said Mr. Christensen was allergic to the drugs.

In Washington, a C.I.A. spokesman said:

"There is no basis for the charges against the Central Intelligence Agency made by Mrs. Edith W. Christensen and Linda Anne, her daughter. Col. James R. Christensen was interviewed for employment by this agency in January, 1966, but he was never employed and was never on the agency rolls. No drugs or medicines were ever administered to him at any time during his contacts with agency officials."

The attorneys said Mrs. Christensen noticed "a definite change" in her husband following the January session with the C.I.A.

Mrs. Christensen reported her husband was in "a very upset state emotionally and thought people were trying to poison him."

The three suits asked \$500,000 for Mrs. Christensen as administratrix of her husband's estate, \$250,000 for Mrs. Christensen as widow and \$50,000 for the

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