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MONTHLY REPORT

JUNE 1971

GENERAL

High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston was in New York to represent the United States administration at the United Nations hearings. Senator Petrus Tun of Yap and Representative Sasauo Haruo of Truk were there on behalf of the Congress of Micronesia, and four petitioners representing groups in the Mariana Islands District were also present.

Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams began a six-district tour of the Trust Territory as part of a familiarization program. The Ambassador is President Nixon's personal representative for future status negotiations for the Trust Territory.

LEGAL

Raymond C. Coulter, Deputy Solicitor, Department of the Interior, visited the Trust Territory. He discussed mutual legal problems pertaining to Micronesia with the Attorney General.

The Attorney General traveled to the States to recruit District Attorneys for Yap and Ponape Districts, and on other Trust Territory matters.

Manuel T. Sablan, Deputy Superintendent of Public Safety, returned from four months advanced organization and management course in police administration at the International Police Academy, Washington, D. C.

EDUCATION

Correspondence Accreditation status for the Community College of Micronesia was announced. This prepares for Federal funding support in several vital areas.

Alfonso Oiterong departed Saipan to assume his new position as District Director of Education in Palau.

Dr. Eva S. Rainman, professor of Social Studies Psychology, under the auspice of Headquarters Education, conducted two one-week Communications Workshops for personnel in Ponape and the Marshalls.

The 12th grade Micronesian History text, MICRONESIA: A CHANGING SOCIETY was completed and is ready for publishing.

John Bunten, U.S. Office of Education Region IX Vocational Specialist, presented the USOE National merit award to Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) for its outstanding construction trades/MDTA Program.

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FINANCE

Procurement and Supply--Pedro JL Igitol, Deputy Chief, Procurement and Supply, returned to Saipan after attending a thirty day detailed orientation at General Services Administration in San Francisco, California on GSA and Federal Supply Service procedures.

HEALTH SERVICES

Clyde Winters, Medical Reference Librarian from the Regional Medical Program of Hawaii, was in Saipan for the purpose of organizing and systematizing our medical library.

Temporary duty for two weeks on Yap was performed by the Chief, Dental Health Services. Professional consultations were held in Guam on June 16, 17, and 18th, with various dental health organizations, by Dr. Helkena. An announcement has been made to all districts concerning the recruitment of students for the School of Dental Nurses at MOC in Palau.

At the Trust Territory School of Nursing, Mrs. Rita Browne, R.N., Nurse Instructor, terminated her employment to return to the U.S. with her family. Mrs. Becky Johnson, R.N., and Mrs. Claire McManus, R.N., PCV's, terminated Peace Corps contracts and returned to the States. Mrs. Irene B. Rowland, R.N., Superintendent of the School, interviewed students selected for admission to the fall term, in the Marshalls, Ponape, and Truk Districts. Mr. Ralph Chumbley has been instructing nurses on testing, evaluating, and methods of education, during this session, holding two classes each week.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Both the Director and Deputy Director of Public Affairs spent the early part of the month in New York attending the United Nations Trusteeship Council hearings on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Following the Trusteeship Council meetings, the Director of Public Affairs was a guest at the National Security Seminar--U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Civic Affairs--The Chief of Civic Affairs Division participated in a legislative workshop for the members of the Second Yap District Legislature. Topics presented during the workshop included; Levels of Government in the Trust Territory, Branches of Government, Future Political Status and Political Education, Budget Preparation and Budget Review, Legislative Processes, Review of Legislature Charters and its Authority and Review of Parliamentary Rules of Procedure.

Trukese, Yapese, Palauan, Kusaiean, Ponapean and Ulithian translations of the Political Status Delegation's Report are under final review and proofreading for printing.

Community Development--Grants were awarded to the five remaining district housing agencies, each receiving \$83,333. The Deputy Chief traveled to Majuro and Truk to assist in development of program procedures. Plans were underway for upcoming Housing Conference to be held at PATS the week of September 13, 1971.

The Women's and Youth Programs Coordinator traveled to Ponape, Truk and Guam. The Ponape Legislature appropriated \$14,000 to support a new Family Living Center. Discussions were held in Guam with Girl Scout officials regarding exchange programs.

A total amount of \$40,630 grant has been provided to Community Development Division by the U.S. Department of Labor during this summer to conduct NYC Summer Program for unemployed youths on school vacation. More than 230 young boys and girls will participate in this 7-week program.

Hawaii Job Corps Director approved additional 15 Micronesian boys to attend vocational skill training in Hawaii.

Two more Micronesian boys completed their nine months training during the month at Hawaii Job Corps Center. They are Brian Boyer from the Marianas and Felix Yud from Yap. These youths completed their training in Automotive and Machinery Repair.

PUBLIC WORKS

Based upon the May 31 closing of the Capital Improvement Ledgers, a forecast of combined 1971 and 1971 Supplemental construction funds was set for approximately \$5,600,000 to be carried forward into fiscal year 1972. Of this, \$2,600,000 is required for contingencies as well as design, engineering, planning and construction supervision and inspection for the ongoing construction projects.

A review of the Department of Public Works organization was also carried out during the month for the purpose of updating the staffing here at Headquarters as well as in the field. Changes were reflected in the 1972 and 1973 budgets submitted to Program & Budget Office.

Disaster Control Office

The Typhoon Amy Restoration Program moved into its second phase of post recovery work as procurement for 1,306 destroyed homes and 600 partially damaged houses got underway with OICC, Marianas, arranging for ordering of materials and shipping via MSTS vessel from the West Coast of the States.

Approximately \$2,300,000 has tentatively been approved by OEP for this program, and work has started in the Truk District in the precasting of the concrete piers and the preparation of the assembly area for the cutting of materials prior to shipment to the house sites.

A team of three OICC inspectors were assigned to Truk to carry out a District-wide damage survey for the development of final estimates which will be included within the Project Application to OEP in July. Final costs to provide homes and public facilities is expected to rise above the \$4,000,000 mark exclusive of damage to private businesses, possessions, and crops.

The Trust Territory Disaster Plan, Recovery and Assistance to Private Individuals Suffering Loss as a Result of a Disaster, was returned to this office by OEP approved, with minor modifications. Work will start shortly on the final version to be issued in manual form.

Preliminary work was started on the possible transfer of the Disaster Control Office from the Department of Public Works to directly under the jurisdiction of the Deputy High Commissioner. Plans were also started for the application for Federal grant funds from OEP to assist in the preparation of the final plan and its implementation throughout the Territory.

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Deputy Director Eusebio Rechucher returned from Noumea, New Caledonia, where he attended the South Pacific Commission's three-year budget-work meeting.

The Director appointed Norman P. Knott, Chief, Land Resources Branch, Lands and Surveys, as TT coordinator of the EROS Program.

Labor--Action was taken on a complaint filed by a non-resident worker against Lietzman Brothers Marine Charter Service for non-payment of wages. A court order was issued for seizure of the vessel which was located in Ponape and presumably on its way out of the Trust Territory. Under authority of the court order, the Sheriff in Ponape accepted full payment of the claim and the vessel was released. This is the first instance of this kind.

Plans are being formulated for interviewing and hiring District Employment Officers for whom budgetary approval has been received.

Economic Development--Two leaflets, Travel Information and Handicraft Dealers in Micronesia were received from the printer and were distributed to 1,000 travel agents and 365 U.S. handicraft dealers.

The Ponape District Tourist Commission was established. All districts, except Truk, now have tourist commissions,

The Palau/Continental/Travelodge opened. The hotel has 56 rooms.

The South Pacific Commission Course in Cooperative and Business Methods being held in Truk concluded. All reports indicate the training was highly successful.

Two loans were approved for additional amounts to enable borrowers to complete projects; Palau \$20,000 to complete theater; Marianas \$18,000 to complete the last 5 houses,

The Board also renewed a \$100,000 line of credit for Reimers Enterprises in the Marshalls,

Lands and Surveys--Paul D. Dennis, Chief, Lands and Surveys, and Ronald G. Perry, Chief, Surveying and Mapping Branch, went to Rota to assist in coordinating activities of the Land Commission and the survey crews.

Anastasio Brobesong, a native of Palau who is completing his masters degree in Biology, was recruited to fill the C-2 Resource Utilization Specialist position in the Land Resources Branch.

An informational booklet was printed and distributed to serve as background for a coconut crab management program.

Agriculture--The Acting Chief of Agriculture visited Ponape and Truk to review agricultural operations and formulate plans for increased crop production to meet selective local demand and export. Ponape plans to concentrate on a few reliable farmers to provide the bulk of produce demand for local consumption. To meet the Guam banana orders, Ponape will need to plant about 20 additional acres. The additional acreage will be planted to Lacatan and William Hybrid.

Truk will meet the local produce demand by a number of farmers on Fefan and Udot. Fefan farmers have approximately 40 acres in crops and Udot farmers about 10 acres,

The Chief of Animal Health Services completed his tour of duty and returned to the mainland. His replacement, another U.S. Air Force Captain on detached duty to the Trust Territory, will arrive mid-August.

The Acting Chief of Agriculture and the Chief of Plant Industry attended the dedication of the first increment of Marianas Truck Garden Project in Marpo Valley, Tinian. This is a Marianas District irrigation scheme to provide water and marketing facilities for vegetable crops and livestock. Total approved expenditures for the entire system thus far is approximately \$255,000.

JUDICIARY

Chief Justice Harold W. Burnett held High Court on Saipan. Associate Justice D. Kelly Turner presided over a High Court sitting in the Truk District, while Associate Justice Arvin H. Brown, Jr., heard High Court cases in Palau. Justices Turner and Brown also sat with Judge Richard Benson of the Guam Island Court to hear arguments in Guam on a Trust Territory Criminal Appeal. The latter part of the month, the Chief Justice and both Associate Justices attended the U.S. Federal Courts Ninth Circuit Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Soukichi Fritz, Presiding Judge, Truk District Court, and Yoster Carl, Associate Judge, Ponape District Court, were sent by the Judiciary to attend the National College of Juvenile Court Judges in Reno, Nevada for the two week summer session.

MARIANAS

The District Administrator was in Tinian to participate in the dedication of the Tinian Irrigation Project at Marpo Valley.

Mr. C. Vaughn Taylor reported to work as District Programs and Budget Officer.

The Honorable Jose R. Cruz, Mayor of Tinian, submitted his resignation as Mayor of Tinian on June 21, effective July 31, 1971.

Manuel C. Sablan was hired as Public Information Officer.

The Community Development Office hosted the Boy Scouts of America from Tamuning, Guam, during their stay in Saipan.

Jesus Concepcion returned to the District Education Department as Assistant Director, following a year's study at Princeton University.

The Marianas High School graduated 104 seniors. Guest speaker for the occasion was Deputy High Commissioner Peter T. Coleman.

A special field trip to the Northern Islands was conducted by the Department of Agriculture. The District Agriculturist, Entomologist, and Extension Agents participated. The Department of Agriculture gave to the people of Pagan a John Deere 350 tractor.

MARSHALLS

Deputy High Commissioner Peter T. Coleman arrived in the District on June 10th, accompanied by his wife. Welcome reception and Honor Guard duties were held at the Majuro International Airport. The Deputy High Commissioner was here to give the keynote speech to the Marshall Islands High School graduating class of 1971.

The District Political Education Specialist went on the M/V Hafa-Adai to the Southern Islands to distribute copies of the translated status report and to discuss the context of the civic education program. The Northern, Eastern and Central Islands now remain to be visited to complete the five segments of the District.

Arrangement has been made with the Supervisor of elementary schools to incorporate a seminar format on the status question in the social studies curriculum starting next fall.

The licenses of reassignment of former 1440 KHZ and the authorization to increasing power from 1,000 to 10,000 watts were received by the District Radio Station.

The Radio Station maintained hourly programming of world, local and territorial news. Two additional news staff members were added after intensive training at the station.

Dr. Ezra Riklon, departed for the University of Hawaii to attend a one year training program in Public Health Administration.

Dr. Eva Raiman and Mrs. Marion Saunders of the College of Continuing Education, University of Hawaii, conducted a one-week workshop on Community Communication, sponsored by the Trust Territory Education Department. More than forty persons participated.

PALAU

Elections for all magistrates, except the Mayor of Koror, were conducted. Two representatives from the District Public Affairs Department went with the Southwest field trip where they met with the Municipal Councils of Tobi and Sonsorol Municipalities.

Morris Fox, Social Services Advisor Consultant, South Pacific Commission visited Palau. He spoke with many department heads and private citizens. Mr. Fox will compile information gained through his interviews and report to the High Commissioner on the needs of Palau in the social welfare services.

Louis Irving and Koichi Wong of Public Works, Headquarters Staff, visited the Community Development Office, offering their help in designing water systems. The Acting Community Development Officer consulted them on several systems which have been designed by the Community Development Staff.

The Land Registration Team is currently engaged in the Ngesechewas area of Ngarkabesang island working with the claimants and surveyors on the marking the boundaries of the lots involved.

Difficulty is being experienced in having the claimants of most of the Kerewel lots and tracts brush their lines in order that a survey of the boundaries can be taken. The Land Commission is adamant that claimants must brush all boundaries (the subject of a claim) without assistance from the Government surveyors. Only in unusual circumstances will there be a departure from this policy. The delay in brushing the boundaries of private land is causing concern.

It is difficult to obtain and accept Palauan version of the land laws, regulations, agreements, court judgements, etc., even though some documents are translated by a number of highly literate Palauans. Father Felix Yaoch, S.J. has been engaged on a WAE basis to arbitrate on these Palauan translations and draft a final version.

More than 314 students graduated from 8th-grade in the public elementary schools of the District and 115 seniors from Palau High School.

The District of Education Board reviewed the suspension of 12 Palau High School Seniors, and agreed by vote to award diplomas after a period of constructive work and completion of courses requirements, during the vacation period.

Dr. Kumangai, Deputy Director of Health Services, spent a week and half here handling eye surgery and refraction cases.

PONAPE

Bernard Helgenberger, a local businessman was nominated to the Trust Territory Board of Education. PICS held its annual graduation ceremony. Seventy-eight seniors participated. Mr. Daro Weital was the guest speaker, and Miss Neime Aloka, Valedictorian, also addressed the assembly.

Some 619 students completed the 8th grade at Public Elementary Schools.

Four of our students at University of Guam received B.A. degrees in Education, Sociology, Political Science, Business and Accounting. A.A. degrees earned, one in Education Administration and one in pre-nursing.

Dr. Tamrat Ezewede from Ethiopia, Africa, spent five weeks in Ponape observing health services and administration.

TRUK

Deputy High Commissioner and Mrs. Coleman visited the district center and a few lagoon islands. He met with a joint committee of the Truk District Legislature and discussed with them the economic needs in the district and the possibility of decentralizing the administration of the EDLF and Grant-in-Aid Funds which are presently handled by Headquarters.

In its 31 day session, the Truk District Legislature passed four of eleven bills introduced by the Administration.

Personnel Management Specialists Kasio Mida and Pedro Harris from the Headquarters Personnel Office visited the District, orienting supervisors to training opportunities for employees which will commence in July.

The clerical training program began with 44 participants, representing all departments. Headquarters Training Division of Personnel is conducting the training.

The six-week Cooperatives Training course sponsored jointly by the Trust Territory Government and the South Pacific Commission concluded with the presentation of certificates to 30 participants who came from all districts.