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MONTHLY REPORT

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GENERAL

Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, President Nixon's personal representative to the Micronesian future status negotiations, visited all districts of the Territory during the month on a familiarization tour. He met with government and community leaders as well as the High Commissioner's staff to discuss problems peculiar to each district and problems of the Territory as a whole. He also met informally with members of the Congress of Micronesia Joint Committee on Future Status.

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Territorial Affairs Royston C. Hughes toured the Territory visiting all six districts.

The High Commissioner signed into law 11 of the 15 acts passed by the Fourth Special Session, Congress of Micronesia, bringing those approved to a total of 12. Most significant of the acts signed were the Weapons Control Act and an act eliminating export taxes on copra and trochus.

Three of the Congressional acts were disapproved and returned to the Congress with veto messages: the Merit System Act; the Advice and Consent Act; and an act establishing the Office of the Public Defender.

EDUCATION

The first Micronesian Board of Education met on Saipan.

Preparations have been completed for the Teacher Orientation Program which is to take place on the Mizpah High School Site in the Truk District during the first two weeks of August.

A two week workshop for library and media personnel was concluded. The first week was devoted to library matters. The second week was used to discuss multi-media with all available Media Specialists joining library personnel from each of the Trust Territory Districts.

Glenn Gwynn departed Saipan to assume his new position as District Director of Education in Ponape.

A study is being made on Vocational Work-Study Programs for girls in the Trust Territory. Saipan will be used as an initial starting point with a Nurses Aide Program being considered. Programs in other districts, very possibly in the area of food services aides, housekeeping management aides, and child care aides, will be planned in the future.

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The State Plan for Vocational Education for 1972 was approved by the Manpower Advisory Council and signed off by the High Commissioner, Attorney General, Director of Education and the Chairman of the Council.

A Math Workshop took place during the week of July 19th. This involved a teacher educator and a district math specialist from each district. A better coordination of efforts between the two groups is expected in the future.

Several districts have been conducting summer training workshops for their elementary teachers in the use of the Micronesia adapted SCIS science instructional materials for grades one through three.

FINANCE

Procurement and Supply--The IBM study of the Procurement and Supply Division by David Townsend, IBM Representative, began.

Eight Micronesian Supply Specialists were rushed to Truk to assist the District Supply Officer in the processing of Typhoon AMY emergency relief supplies and materials unloaded from the ship, moving to Supply area, proper receiving and storage handling.

Two Micronesian Supply employees began Higher Management Intern Training in the Supply Operations Division.

The Chief of Procurement and Supply Division went to United States on Home Leave. Deputy Chief Pedro Igitol is serving as Acting Chief.

Miss Remedio Camacho, Headquarters Repair Parts Specialist, upon the request of the District Director of Public Works, was sent to Ponape to set up Spare Parts Stock Control Records and Inventory in the Ponape District Public Works Repair Parts Section.

HEALTH SERVICES

Budget matters continued to occupy most of the administration staff's efforts during the month. Drs. Peck and Kumangai attended the Trust Territory Health Planning Council meeting in Yap.

An Environmental Health Conference was attended by the Chief District Sanitarians, Area Sanitarians, Environmental Protection Agency representative, and University of Hawaii Department of Sanitary Engineering.

Chief of Environmental Health Nachsa Siren is attending the SPC Regional Symposium on conservation of nature, reefs, and lagoons, being held in Noumea.

Miss June Yip of the Communicable Disease Surveillance branch completed a tour to the States, visiting CDC headquarters in Georgia and the Leprosarium in Indiana.

Mrs. Beverly Chumbly, RN instructor of the School of Nursing, resigned to accompany her husband to Ponape.

Sister M. Francella has transferred from Truk Hospital to Nursing School.

School of Nursing classes were dismissed for summer vacation July 30 until August 17. New classes begin September 7 with a total enrollment of 91 students.

The Micronesian staff departed to attend MCH-Public Health Clinical Nurses Seminar in Ponape from July 31 to August 16.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mr. George Callison was appointed Chief of the Broadcast Division and Mr. Elias Thomas, formerly Broadcast Administrative Officer, was named Assistant Chief of the division.

Other activities of the Department of Public Affairs are included in the General section.

Community Development--Low-Cost Housing Conference Director Bill Jackson visited PATS to arrange agenda details. During a trip to San Francisco he also conferred with HUD officials in the regional office. High level HUD officials from both Washington and Regional Office are expected to attend conference.

Bill Jackson, Juan Lizama and Deputy Director of Public Affairs Strik Yoma attended Region IX Federal Council to report needs/views of the elderly in Micronesia in preparation for upcoming White House Conference on Aging in Washington, D.C. in November.

Office on Aging administrator Juan Lizama submitted his resignation effective August 20 to attend law school in the U.S.

Final preparations were made for first Women's Interests Officers Conference (August 2-6).

Effective July 26 the Territorial Economic Opportunity Office was officially transferred to the office of the Special Consultant. The Division of Community Development, therefore, no longer has cognizance over OEO funded programs in the Trust Territory.

PUBLIC WORKS

The closing Capital Improvement Report for Fiscal Year 1971 indicated work-in-progress of \$57,799,205, and unobligated funds carried forward into fiscal year 1972 of \$8,200,000.

Advance authorization was received by the Secretary under the Continuing Resolution, to proceed with the funding of certain selected ongoing projects. Several million dollars in water, sewer, and associated projects previously initiated in 1970 and 1971 were released for the continuation of the projects and to permit early award of contracts.

The Capital Improvement Program budget for fiscal year 1972 is in the magnitude of \$20,600,000. When the appropriations bill is passed, the construction program of the Territory will reach a new high of approximately \$78,000,000.

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Charles Graves, new Planning Officer for Truk, arrived and was orientated. Recruitment of the Planning Officer for the Marshalls District was completed, and recruitment initiated for both the Marianas and Yap.

A contract was awarded the Hawaii Architects and Engineers for harbor feasibilities and master planning at Rota, Satawan, Tol, and Wotje Islands.

The Koror package construction, started in 1969, was officially completed and accepted this month. This included schools and the Gihmel Dam on Babelthuap.

An agreement was reached with the OICC, Marianas, for the contract administration of the present Koror water, sewer, school and public safety contract, in the magnitude of \$2,500,000.

The channel blasting project in the Marshalls got underway under an agreement with Mr. Steve Aiken, demolition consultant.

Disaster Control Office--A shipload of some 4,000 long tons of materials for the 1,306 destroyed homes, the 600 partially damaged homes, and for restoration of public facilities, arrived at Truk on July 30. Working on a round-the-clock schedule, the District Public Works Department completed the discharging of the USNS ASTERION by August 2, a week ahead of schedule.

Work on the pre-cutting and assembly of materials is currently underway and the District has established a schedule of 20 houses per day complete, to be distributed to points on Moen as well as the Truk Lagoon Islands and the outer islands of the District.

Official word was received from the Office of Emergency Preparedness that the Typhoon Amy Project Application has been approved in the amount of \$4,400,000 as submitted, with minor modifications. A meeting is scheduled for the week of August 15 to start work on the planning and construction of the permanent new facilities, a program in the amount of \$1,200,000, to which will be added about \$500,000 in Trust Territory funds.

The High Commissioner approved the establishment of the Disaster Control Office as a new organizational entity under the direct supervision of the Deputy High Commissioner, and headed by the Disaster Control Officer.

Formal application has gone forward to the Office of Emergency Preparedness for a grant for assistance, as provided under Public Law 91-606, in the way of matching funds up to \$25,000 for a continuing program of upgrading the Territorial Disaster Plan and carrying out a program of education and orientation. Approval is expected in the near future.

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Director Wyman X. Zachary returned to Saipan after testifying before the U.S. Congress on the "Omnibus Bill" which includes an increase in the ceiling for the Economic Development Loan Fund (EDLF) to \$5 million.

Mr. Zachary testified that the EDLF since 1963 amount to \$1.3 million and has generated more than \$3.4 million in loans. He said that in the next five years, if additional funds become available to increased the EDLF up to a \$5 million ceiling, it could generate an additional \$5.8 million in direct and \$7 million in guaranteed loans.

TT Copra Stabilization Board Chairman Eusebio Rechucher (Deputy Director, R&D) announced that effective August 1, a \$10 per ton price on copra has been approved by the Board. The price hike is the result of the passage of PL 4C-4 which eliminates the export tax on copra. The elimination of the tax enables the Board to pass the savings on to the producers in the form of higher prices.

Palau Land Commissioner Ichiro Dingilius was awarded a U.S. Department of Agriculture "Smokey Bear Citation" for his outstanding service to the cause of fire prevention in Palau District. It was the first such award to be given outside the borders of the U.S. mainland and Hawaii.

The TT Government turned over to private owners the operation of the Kaselehlia Inn in Ponape. The Inn was built 10 years ago by the government. The new owner is Lee Mendiola.

Some 31,891 tourists visited the TT during FY 1971, an increase of 38 percent over the previous year. The Marianas had a smaller percentage of the total. The most significant increases came in the eastern districts of Ponape and Truk where entries almost tripled between 1970 and 1971.

The Executive Director and two other members of the Pacific Area Travel Association Board of Directors visited Saipan. They paid a courtesy call on the High Commissioner and were honored at a luncheon and reception hosted by local groups.

The Asia Magazine (circulation 700,000) published a cover story on Saipan, including several pages of color photographs and story. The team from Asia Magazine was escorted during their visit by the R&D Information Specialist.

Agriculture--Preliminary information was completed and summarized in regard to agricultural product deficits throughout the six district centers and Guam. The statistics will enable the Agriculture Departments of the various districts to more efficiently and effectively plan their production programs of those commodities in greatest deficit and demand. Each district has been asked to submit their program and plans as to how they propose to meet the local agricultural products demand as well as the export demand, where applicable.

Robert Owen, Chief Entomologist and Acting Chief of Conservation, and Bermin Weilbacher, Chief of Plant Industry, departed for Noumea to attend the symposium on conservation sponsored by the SPC. Mr. Weilbacher will continue on to Canberra to attend the 12th Pacific Science Congress sessions.

This Division made its annual \$1000 contribution to SPC Rhinoceros Beetle Control Project being carried on in Apia, Western Samoa.

Entomology--The Coconut Beetle Program crew continued working in Chol Hamlet, Ngaraard Municipality in Babelthuap Island. Some 1,500 coconut beetle breeding logs and stumps were removed during the month.

The Assistant Entomologist gave a course on the flora and botanical ecology of Palau to thirteen Palau teachers. This was a general course describing the principal floral groups and important individual species of plants of Palau and the ecological relationships of the plants with each other and with the physical environment, animals and human beings.

Lands and Surveys--Kozo Yamada, Assistant Chief, Lands and Surveys, traveled to Okinawa to review and inventory Japanese land records for translation into the English language. This is in connection with an agreement with Asia Mapping, Inc., to provide the translations in such a manner that they will be useful in identifying land ownership boundaries, etc., and in providing evidences in legal disputes.

William A. McGrath, Chief, Land Administration Branch, returned to Saipan after being assigned for a month in Palau as Acting Senior Land Commissioner. Then he was assigned to research and prepare two working papers and statistical charts for the Joint Committee on Future Status.

Anastasio Brobesong was employed as a Resource Utilization Specialist. He is a native of Palau and holds a Masters Degree in fresh water biology. He will assist in all phases of the operations of the Land Resources Branch.

A brief resume of the environmental impact section of the Yap Airport Feasibility Study was submitted to the Environmental Early Warning Committee pointing out the inadequacies of the report. Public Works is planning corrective action.

Gabriel Dela Cruz completed an abstract of 20 separate reports dealing with minerals in Micronesia; his report is now in the Print Shop.

Economic Development--The Trust Territory was represented at the PATA Board of Directors meeting on Guam by a staff member of the Tourism Office staff and two members of the Marianas Tourist Commission.

The Industrial Economist spent the month preparing economic base data for the Political Status Commission of the Congress of Micronesia. A 35-page graphic compilation of selected statistics was published.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Hideo Tell, of Palau and Robert Weilbacher of Kusaie were recruited to fill the positions of Marine Equipment Inspector and Aviation Operations Examiner, respectively.

Chief of Sea Transport Operations Branch Ywao Elanzo and Aviation Operations Assistant Gonzalo Pangelinan traveled to Guam twice to attend meetings with Naval Air Station officials, participate in pilot training and proficiency

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instruction and observe Air Traffic Control and Continental/Air Micronesia's passenger service and cargo operations.

Chief of Transportation Facilities Branch Thomas Tavares and Harbors and Warehouses Coordinator Pedro Temengil traveled to Majuro, Truk, Guam and Rota for the purpose of studying the harbors of Wotje, Satawan, Ulul, Tol and Rota.

Chief Equipment Inspection Branch Robert Laird and Inter-island Operations Examiner Fred Heine traveled to Majuro to survey the M/V Hafa Dai for drydock specifications and went on a southwest field trip with Mr. Thomas T. Lunde, of Thomas T. Lunde, Inc., Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. They checked various islands conditions for purposes of making fully suitable the developing design for the new class of inter-island ships.

The Acting Director, Transportation and Communications; Chief, Transportation Division; Chief, Transportation Facilities Branch; Acting Chief, Aviation Branch and Aviation Operations Assistant traveled to Guam to attend the Pacific Basin Regional Airport Conference. The conference was a joint effort by aviation system executives from Guam, Hawaii, California, American Samoa, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Viet Nam, Thailand, Indonesia and Australia.

Air Micronesia started the training of 12 administrative personnel in cooperation with the University of Guam.

JUDICIARY

Chief Justice Harold W. Burnett, Associate Justice D. K. Turner, and Associate Justice Arvin H. Brown, Jr., returned to the Trust Territory after attending the Ninth Circuit Judiciary Conference for Federal Judges held in Portland, Oregon.

The Honorable Carl A. Muecke, U.S. Federal Judge, was appointed as Temporary Judge of the Trust Territory High Court to sit on Trust Territory appeals during July.

Chief Justice Burnett sat with Judge Muecke on Guam District Court appeals in Guam. Judge Muecke then accompanied the Chief Justice to Palau where, with Associate Justice Brown, they formed the appellate panel to hear Trust Territory appeals in that district. Following the appeal sittings, the Chief Justice returned to Saipan, Associate Justice Brown heard high court cases in Palau and Associate Justice Turner held high court in Majuro, Marshall Islands.

MARSHALLS

Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams and the Deputy Assistant Secretary Royston Hughes were official visitors to the Marshalls District.

The Assistant District Political Officer visited Kwajalein Atoll where approximately 615 Micronesians are employed by Kwajalein Missile Range. He had made

arrangements with the radio station to broadcast some of the legislation enacted by the Congress of Micronesia as well as District Legislature (Nitijela). District Political Education Specialist Hemos Jack prepared several radio scripts as part of the political education program.

Community Development Engineer Josef Rotholz from Headquarters was here to confer with the Museum and Library Committee regarding construction of these facilities.

Business Advisor Haruo Esans from Headquarters Economic Development paid a visit to the Marshalls District in connection with Economic Development Loan Fund follow-up on delinquencies; assistance and advice on EDLF application analysis; and other business relative to Economic Development.

The Spicewind Fisheries president visited Majuro and indicated that his company will commence its fishing program in the Trust Territory in September 1971.

The Kwajalein Employment Credit Union reported 2,000 potential members and total assets of \$483,000, an increase of \$12,000 over the last report.

The Marshall Islands Import-Export Company reported copra purchased in outer islands totaled \$47,788.

The Agriculture Radio Net Activity was reorganized and a weekly program with all outlying agriculture extension agents is carried on every Tuesday morning.

Three polio patients were sent to Shriners Hospital in Honolulu. Physical Therapist Ethel Coeling and Orthopedic Prosthetic Technician Joe deBrum went to Ponape to assist polio patients there.

A Senior Dental Laboratory Technician was temporarily assigned to Ebeye Field Hospital to assist the dentist assigned there.

PONAPE

High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston visited the District during the month.

Mrs. Remy Camacho Headquarters Parts Specialist from Repair Parts Branch, held on-the-job training for Ponape and Kusaie Parts personnel. The training program was well received by all personnel involved, and was the first of this type for the district.

PICS will increase its enrollment from 420 to 600 for the coming school year. A record freshman class of 231 will be enrolled. Because construction delays PICS will operate on a double session.

Area Sanitarian Carl Dannis went to Saipan to serve as acting Chief, Division of Environmental Health, while the Chief is attending the Pollution conference in Noumea.

A graduating program for the sanitary inspection of food establishment commenced this month. The result was that one establishment received an A rating, the rest received B and C ratings.

On July 16 District Administrator Boyd Mackenzie signed into Law Ponape Emergency Order No. 2-71 which regulates the sale of alcoholic beverages in Ponape District.

The District Administrator appointed Mr. Ioanis Amor associate Judge for the Municipality of Uh. This was recommended by the Chief Magistrate and the Councilmen of Uh.

TRUK

President Nixon's personal representative to the negotiation teams on the future political status of Micronesia, Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Territories Royston Hughes visited the district and met with the District Administrator, his staff and local leaders to familiarize themselves with the local situation. The Ambassador toured the island of Moen and visited the new hospital and other Government facilities. Mr. Hughes visited Foupo, a village in Tol Municipality, and toured the Katsubushi Plant there owned by Susumu Aizawa and the people of the nearby villages.

The 21st Regular Session of the Truk District Legislature adjourned on July 10 with an appropriation of about half-million dollars as total budget for Truk District. Most of the money goes into the Truk District Economic Development Loan Fund, Grant-in-Aid, Scholarships, and Construction Skill Programs. Typhoon restoration work continued and was augmented with the arrival of a Navy ship that brought in 3500 tons of typhoon materials.

High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston visited the district during the month and met with Udot and Tsis officials and other local leaders and discussed their problems relative to the Typhoon Amy program.

Employment Development Specialist Albert Diopulos from Headquarters Training Division conducted a one-week training program for first line supervisors. Seventeen participants representing all departments received certificates of completion.

The District Recreation Director is coordinating preparations for the Truk District Charter Day, August 23, organizing baseball, soft-ball, volleyball/ basketball teams for the celebration.

Public Health Officer Dr. Harunanga Sonis and Public Health Nurse Stem Salle attended a conference on Disease Control in U.S. mainland and Acting District Director of Health Services Dr. Kiosi Aniol attended the Trust Territory Health Planning Council in Yap. Two new medical doctors arrived in the district on a two-year contract.

The Agriculture Department concentrated on Namunwito Atolls in connection with typhoon restoration work. All requests from the outer islands are being fulfilled as planting materials and tools become available. The department is

working closely with Fefan farmers and other lagoon farmers in developing vegetable crops and in connection with typhoon replanting program. Visits to most of the lagoon islands reveal that more families are engaged in small farming work of sweet potato, cassava, and other vegetable crops. Efforts in raising subsistence food crops are increasing in the lagoon islands and much more so in the outer islands. Tools received have been distributed to the farmers in the lagoon as well as in the outer islands. A total of 15 extension agents are assigned to various islands in the lagoon and the outer islands.

The Political Affairs Officer and Civic Affairs Officer attended the Dublon Municipal Council meeting and discussed the future political status question and assisted them in up-dating their understanding in political development.

A magistrate election was conducted on Wonei.

The Civic Affairs Officer translated "Briefing Materials" to be used for the weekly political education program.

Discussions continued with municipal officials and elementary school teachers on the political status question.

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