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GENERAL

After receiving numerous letters and calls from various members of the Congress of Micronesia advising against the calling of a Special Session in October, the High Commissioner informed the Leadership of the Congress that he would not call such a session as requested by the Leadership. He said he believed that the matters proposed for consideration during a Special Session could be considered during the Second Regular Session of the Fourth Congress scheduled to meet in January.

The Congress of Micronesia's Joint Committee on Program and Budget Planning held hearings on the proposed Trust Territory budget for Fiscal Year 1973. The Committee took testimony from District Administrators and heads of various departments and divisions of the TT Administration.

Veterans of the 20th Air Force who were based on Guam, Saipan and Tinian at the end of World War II, paid a return visit to the islands, marking the second annual visit by members of the 20th Air Force Association.

LEGAL

Richard I. Miyamoto, Attorney General, attended a Concentrated Course in Government Contracts in Los Angeles, California, and visited Washington to discuss legal problems affecting the Trust Territory.

Steve G. Oberg, Assistant Attorney General, was appointed Legal Advisor of the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, vice Mamoru Nakamura, who was appointed Assistant Legislative Counsel, Congress of Micronesia.

A conference of the Chiefs of Police of all districts was held in Palau District. Items discussed were individual problems, Weapons Control Act and our new manual for Pretrial Procedures.

The U.S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs presented a course to 38 policemen from all districts of the Trust Territory.

EDUCATION

The Teacher Orientation Program was held in Mizpah High School, Truk, from August 2-16. Program Coordinator was Gregory Trifonovitch, East-West Center, with Kenji

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Mad and Robert McConnell as Co-Directors. Approximately forty new contract personnel and their families participated. Assisting in the orientation were various resource persons; Micronesians from each of the six districts, East-West Center staff members, and various T.T. personnel.

The Manpower Advisory Council held a meeting in Yap. Representatives from each district and from Headquarters were in attendance.

Two new members of Headquarters Education arrived to assume their duty post: William Brandner, Pre-Vocation Coordinator; and James Vincent, Social Studies Specialist.

A Picture Packet Project was entered into with the Public Information Division. By utilization of PID's large holdings of photographs, we are selecting the ten photos that best typify each district. The six packets will be reproduced in quantities sufficient to distribute to all schools in the Trust Territory.

A contract between the Trust Territory Department of Education and the Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) was signed to provide for three new programs. One, the VITCOM program which funds a research and development program which provides pre-professional preparation of students who desire to become vocational education teachers. Another is a contract for the support of twenty additional students; and the third is for the training of twelve students for a nine-month period. Vocational Teacher Training information and applications were sent to all districts and MOC.

HEALTH SERVICES

Mrs. Roberta Cummings and Miss Lou Huntley arrived to begin a comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services planning project to determine the need and feasibility of such services in the Trust Territory.

Miss Jean Kincaid, Nutritionist, has joined the Headquarters staff.

Staff orientation was given to Dr. Southerland and Dr. Monihan, who are assigned to Saipan and Palau, respectively.

The Head Start and School Dental Programs initiated during the summer in all districts are continuing.

The Nursing Division conducted a two-week Maternal and Child Health Seminar in Ponape. Topics were limited to areas of prenatal care, delivery, postnatal care, and infant care. Twenty-two participants from districts other than Ponape, and ten from Ponape, together with six staff members, attended this seminar.

An influenza outbreak spread throughout the Territory. Approximately 4,000 cases and 2 deaths have been reported.

Mr. Rokucho Billy spent three weeks in Fiji for training in Statistical Methods and Procedures.

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A survey of the outer islands in Truk is being conducted by Mr. Billy in an attempt to locate and register the estimated 700 births which have not been registered in the last two calendar years, and in addition, double checking all births during the last five years.

Nachsa Siren, Chief of the Division of Environmental Health, returned from a conference in Noumea, on the Conservation of Land, Reefs, and Lagoons.

The Division of Mental Health produced a curriculum for the training of police officers for consideration by the Attorney General.

Some 40 students arrived from the Districts to begin training at the School of Nursing on September 1.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Both the Director and Deputy Director traveled to Palau District to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation.

Additional Public Affairs Department activities included in the General section.

Community Development--No grants were processed pending completion of decentralization procedures.

Plans for Low-Cost Housing Conference at PATS were completed. Truk Housing Authority received its initial grant for \$83,333.

Office on Aging Administration Assistant, Juan Lizama, resigned to attend law school in the United States. Preparations continued for upcoming 1971 White House Conference on Aging in November.

Five Neighborhood Youth Corps trainees were placed in permanent jobs in the Trust Territory Government. Six trainees have gone to Hawaii Job Corps Center to attend 2 years vocational skills training and two trainees returned to full time school.

Twelve Micronesian youths departed for Hawaii Job Corps Center for two years' vocational skills training. Fifteen additional Job Corps slots were authorized for the Trust Territory.

PUBLIC WORKS

Advice was received of the passage of the 1972 Appropriations Bill and signature by the President on August 10, 1971. With the additional \$20,660,000 in new construction funds, the Capital Improvement Program for the Territory has been increased to total ongoing and scheduled work through this fiscal year of approximately \$77,000,000, an all-time high. Of this, about \$7,000,000 is completed or almost completed work will be closed out and capitalized.

The Planning Division assisted the Consultants in the initial phase of work involving three master plans and five harbor feasibility studies in the Truk, Marshalls, and Mariana Islands Districts.

The Ulithi Master Plan has been completed and approved, and is ready for distribution.

Thomas Sheehan, who has been acting as Assistant Planning Officer at Headquarters, was promoted to the position of District Planning Officer, Mariana Islands. Mr. Fredrick Regetz has been appointed Planning Officer for the Marshalls, and will arrive in September.

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Wyman X. Zachary, Director of Resources and Development, visited Japan where he surveyed agricultural developments and attended the Educator's Social Action Workshop (ESAW) in Kyoto. He also inspected agricultural machinery, factories, experimental and regular farms, a seed company and a cannery.

Work started on the Japanese-funded \$30,000 World War II Peace Memorial and Park at Suicide Cliff on Saipan. Dedication is scheduled January 1972.

The Bank of Hawaii was granted a business permit to operate in the Marianas with an office in Saipan. This will be the first time that two commercial banks will be operating in a single district in the Trust Territory.

The Director announced the appointment of Kozo Yamada as Chief of the Division of Lands and Surveys. Mr. Yamada succeeds Paul D. Dennis who accepted a job with the Bureau of Land Management, Denver, Colorado.

Two Smithsonian Institution scientists conferred with the Deputy Director on the selection of a TT reef for a 10-year study of marine life. The \$100,000-a-year project is programmed to last 10 years.

Economic Development--Mauel A. Sablan, Business Advisor returned to the Trust Territory after completing six-months intensive training in development work at the United Nation Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning, in Bangkok, Thailand. The course offered annually to countries of Asia, Far East and the Pacific region involves professional-level participation of economists, businessmen, government officials and bankers who play a major role in development in their respective countries.

William Stewart, Industrial Economist, continued economic research. Activity included: (a) Collection of data to determine the plausibility of producing cement on Saipan. (b) Preparation of an outline and format for a possible technical advisory business bulletin to keep businessmen abreast of such matters as equipment procurement, marketing, production, and general management

information. (c) Research support to Dr. William V. Vitarelli in the marketing of herbs produced in Palau, and (d) Preparation of graphic presentation of "Acres of Land Available per Micronesian" for the Political Status Committee.

Two business permits were approved by the High Commissioner: The Town House, Inc. was given a permit to engage in wholesale and retail operations only in the Island of Saipan in the Marianas District; the Star of Yap, Inc. was given a permit to engage in fishing and processing fish products in Yap District.

A tourism survey of Micronesia was conducted by Prof. C. J. Metelka of the Travel Management School, University of Hawaii, on behalf of the U.N. Development Program as part of a regional tourism survey sponsored by the South Pacific Commission.

A system was established to gather tourist-related informational materials prepared by individual districts. These are to be distributed to tourist commission of other districts as a means of exchanging information.

Agriculture--The Chief of Agriculture Division Manuel E. Sproat returned from home leave and Leo Migvar Chief of Agriculture Extension, and Acting Chief, departed for two months home leave.

Capt. William B. Smith, D.V.M. of the U.S. Air Force, arrived at Headquarters for two years detached duty with the Trust Territory Government, replacing Capt. Raymond Sullivan, D.V.M. Captain Smith will be Chief of the Animal Health Services of this Division.

The Chief Conservationist position in the Agriculture Division, Department of Resources and Development, was authorized for establishment by the office for Territorial Affairs, Interior Department. Robert P. Owen will be assigned as Chief of this section with duty station in Palau.

A formal breeding and hatchery program for production of meat type poultry distribution in all districts of the Territory was initiated at Saipan with the arrival of 670 Welpline 650 breeder chicks from Iowa, U.S.A. Chicks requirements for all districts will be shipped via Air Micronesia on a monthly basis. All piecemeal and costly poultry hatching operations in the other districts will be phased out.

A bulletin titled Forestry in Micronesia authored by Burton R. Emmons, former Peace Corps forester, assigned to the Agriculture Division, was completed and distributed during this report period. Purpose of the bulletin is for use as a guide to the problems, progress and future forestry in Micronesia.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Transportation--Fourteen PATS students, who recently completed the Transportation Division's Summer Engineer Trainee Program, are being returned to PATS for their last year of schooling.

Elias Okamura, Deputy Chief, Transportation Division, travelled to Guam to meet with officials of Naval Magazine and discuss the deepening of channels in Palau, as well as to meet with a CPA firm in Guam and discuss government auditing of ships' accounts.

Wayne Thiessen, Chief, Transportation Division, travelled to Honolulu and the eastern districts to participate in discussions with the FAA concerning air taxi certification, to inspect surplus barges in Pearl Harbor for possible Trust Territory use, to establish regular operating schedules for Trust Territory vessels in the Marshall and Ponape Districts, and to discuss details of the inter-island ship preliminary design with Thomas Lunde of Thomas Lunde Inc., Naval Architects and Engineers.

Thomas Tavares, Chief, Roads, Airports and Harbors Branch, and Pedro Temengil, Marine Facilities Assistant, travelled to the Marshalls and Truk to conduct harbor feasibility studies on Wotje, Satawan, Ulul and Tol.

DISASTER CONTROL OFFICE

With the release of Manual of Administration chapter 117.1, the Disaster Control Office was officially established at the Headquarters level within the Office of the High Commissioner. L.K. Anderson is the Disaster Control Officer.

At Truk, a meeting was held with Ralph D. Burns, Regional Director, Region Seven of the Office of Emergency Preparedness; John Sablan, DistAd, Truk; and representatives of OICC, Marianas for the purpose of reviewing the Typhoon Amy Project Application to OEP, and to determine work to be carried out by OICC, Marianas on behalf of OEP and the Trust Territory Government.

\$4,400,000 in Federal funds have been approved as of this date for emergency housing, relief, and permanent restoration. OICC has been given the authority to proceed with both design and construction of the major work and has selected an outside A & E firm with a deadline for the completion of design work set for mid-October. The contract for construction is expected to be awarded concurrently with the major water and sewer project, also under the supervision of OICC, Marianas.

Precutting of the materials for the 1,306 houses was completed during the month and issuance of the various materials both in the outer islands as well as on Moen was started. The balance of materials totalling 83 measurement tons, is scheduled to arrive Guam from the States and will be shipped to Truk in mid-September.

MARIANAS

District Administrator Francisco C. Ada went to Tinian for the inaugural ceremony of Mayor-elect Antonio S. Borja.

A group of 81 participating in the 20th Air Force Association Reunion visited Saipan and Tinian.

The total number of motor vehicles registered is 2,264.

The Legislative Liaison Office received 1 Act and 6 Resolutions from the Marianas District Legislature, and 1 Ordinance from the Rota Municipal Council.

The Sixth Regular Session of the 3rd Mariana Islands District Legislature adjourned on August 24. During its 20 day session the Legislature passed 24 Acts and 41 Resolutions.

All public schools opened the school year 1971-72 on August 29.

Assistant District Director of Education, Isaac Calvo attended the 28-day Educator's Social Action Workshop in Kyoto, Japan.

PALAU

Palau was the host district for the Chiefs of Police Semi-Annual Training Conference. All the chiefs from the six districts were in attendance.

A total of 1,142 number plates have been issued to privately-owned vehicles. Over 800 vehicles are in active operation in Koror.

Preparation for the general election of the Palau Legislature was the main activity of the District Legislative Office. For the 28 elective seats in the Palau Legislature, 59 persons filed their nominations with the Election Commissioner.

The District Civic Affairs Office submitted a proposal to Director of Public Affairs at Headquarters requesting authorization of \$3,000 to carry out a municipal leadership conference and workshop for municipal chiefs, magistrates and clerks. The proposed conference is tentatively slated to be held in the latterpart of September or before the October Session of the Palau District Legislature. The proposed leadership conference will be geared toward orienting and assisting incumbent magistrates and clerks in their work.

Joe Rotholz, Headquarters Community Development Engineer, visited Palau to attended the Board of Directors' meeting of the Palau Housing Authority. He also worked with the manager of the Housing Authority in discussing means of reducing housing costs.

Work has continued on the Ngarchelong grant-in-aid dispensary. The connecting of plumbing fixtures is delayed due to missing parts.

Four Rock Islands beaches have been cleared of refuse as a civic service and money making project. Aluminum and tin cans were collected and will be shipped by MILI to California free of charge. There the cans will be reclaimed and the resulting funds will be returned to the Sea Scouts. Cans were also collected during a one day project from a point near the Continental Travelodge in Northern Koror, to the Constabulary building in the center of town.