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GENERAL

The High Commissioner was advised by the Leadership of the Congress of their decision to hold the Second Regular Session of the Fourth Congress in Koror, Palau District. The 50 day session will convene in Koror on January 10.

The people of Micronesia mourned the death of one of their most loved and respected leaders. Chief Petrus Mailo of Truk died on September 12. Deputy High Commissioner Peter T. Coleman attended the funeral services as the official representative of the High Commissioner.

LEGAL

Carlos H. Salii, a Micronesian law school graduate, assumed the position of General Attorney.

Phillip Johnson arrived to assume position of District Attorney, Yap District. After a period of orientation at Headquarters, he departed for Yap District.

The advance team of the Foreign Claims Commission was at Headquarters to make administrative arrangements for the Commission.

EDUCATION

The second meeting of the Trust Territory Board of Education was held in Truk. The Board is attempting to obtain an overview of all educational problems in the Trust Territory by holding meetings in the various districts. At this time, the Board members visited the Truk, Mizpah and Xavier high schools and the Micronesian Maritime Center. The next Board meeting will be held in the Marshalls.

The Social Studies team is now travelling in the districts to assist with the preparation of high school teachers to teach the senior course, MICRONESIA: A CHANGING SOCIETY.

Eighteen Peace Corps Volunteers arrived in the Marianas and Truk Districts to assist in the adaptation and implementation of Science Curriculum Improvement Study Units for the elementary level.

Of the 134 Trust Territory Government full scholarship students, both continuing and new, 130 are now enrolled. Of the 67 Congress of Micronesia scholarship

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grantees, 66 are in school. There are also 15 full scholarship grantees in school on Agricultural Scholarships. In addition, 247 students were awarded Education Assistance Grants (partial scholarships).

Forty-one students completed programs of study in post high schools, of which 8 completed requirements for the AA degree, 29 for the AB degree, 3 for the Master's degree, and one for the Ph.D. degree.

The Department of Education won the bid for a bookmobile issued by the U.S. Naval Supply Depot in Guam. This bookmobile will be shipped to Majuro.

John B. Rulmal was hired as Student Services Coordinator. His office is located at the Student Center, University of Guam.

Procurement and Supply--The Procurement and Supply Division opened a self-service (Serve-Mart) store to better serve activities of Headquarters and the Marianas District. Common-use items, office supplies and a variety of other items can be obtained by the customer shopping for them and carrying them from the store. Charges are recorded in a pass book, similar to a bank book.

Charles M. Ernst, Regional Administrator, Western Region, United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, visited to assist in developing a state plan of operation for Food Commodity distribution to needy households in the Trust Territory.

HEALTH SERVICES

A documentary film on the delivery of Health Services in the Trust Territory was completed.

The staff conferred with officials at the School of Public Health, University of Hawaii, regarding various health programs and planning activities. Conferences were also held at the Hawaii State Health Department regarding the Consumer Workshop to be held in November.

A member of the University of Hawaii Medical School conferred with a staff member regarding the availability of scholarships for Micronesian students.

Chief, Division of Dental Health Services, made a follow-up on the dental health services in Palau, and held a conference with MOC and other health personnel on matters pertaining to the School for Dental Nurses.

Dr. Winston Frenzel from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Region IX, USPHS, visited Saipan for consultation with the Director of Health Services and the Chief of Dental Health Services.

The Public Health Advisor and Dr. Stephen Gelbach of Communicable Disease Control investigated an outbreak of influenza associated encephalitis in the Marshall Islands.

The Health Education Office completed the first draft of a conceptual design for the Health Education Program in the Trust Territory.

The health educator is presently planning a training program, which will utilize the experiential method of training for the district health educators and other health workers.

Medical Equipment Repair Specialist Ernest Libby is conducting a three-month course stressing X-ray technology. Twelve students, representing all TT Districts, are in attendance.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Director of Public Affairs N. Neiman Craley, Jr., departed the Trust Territory on home leave. During his absence Deputy Director Strik Yoma is serving as Acting Director of the Department.

The Acting Director visited Truk District where he participated in the Truk Magistrates' Conference. He also traveled to Ponape District where he attended both the Low-Cost Housing Conference held at Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) in Metalanim and the Community Development Officers Conference which followed.

Community Development--During the annual Community Development Officer's Conference held in Ponape District, the Grant-in-Aid program was revised by participants. Specific forms, contracts, and procedures following the decentralization of activities were introduced for CDOs' endorsement and implementation by GIA Administrator. The CDOs unanimously recommended a change in GIA policy to authorize payment for community district labor. They requested headquarters to secure the High Commissioner's approval and to implement the policy as soon as possible.

The first Trust Territory Low-Cost Housing Conference (co-sponsored by Community Development and PATS) was held at the Ponape Agriculture and Trade School September 12-17. Findings and recommendations were voted on and a Conference report is now being printed.

Upon the request of Marshalls District Administrator Oscar DeBrum, the Coordinator of Women's and Youth Programs participated in a meeting with the Kili Island Council on Kili. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the USDA's Food Distribution Program for needy persons in Households. A proposal for participating in the program was presented to the Kili/Bikini people who reside on Kili. Acceptance of the proposal was unanimous and information was obtained from 43 heads of households substantiating their need for food assistance.

Charles M. Ernst, Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Western Region, San Francisco, visited the Division of Community Development in the interest of programs offered by the USDA.

PUBLIC WORKS

With the transfer of the Administrative Officer to the newly-established Disaster Control Office, the budget and fiscal responsibilities will be transferred to the Programming and Scheduling Officer, while general administrative, correspondence and filing, payrolls, and allied functions will be handled by the new Administrative Officer, Mr. Ricky de Jesus.

Out of the \$29,000,000 available in both carry-over 1971 funds, plus newly-appropriated construction funds in 1972, approximately \$13,000,000 was obligated during the first quarter closing September 30, 1971. The bulk of these funds were allocated to the Corps of Engineers for ongoing work in the Marshalls; and to OICC, Marianas for major water and sewer construction.

The first presentations were made for the Wotje, Tol and Rota master plans to the elected officials of each of the areas involved. In addition, initial presentations were made of the Tol, Rota, Wotje, Satawan and Ulul Harbor Feasibility Studies.

The Channel Blasting Project in the Marshalls was completed.

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Eusebio Rechucher, Deputy Director, Resources and Development, returned from home leave and departed for Noumea to attend South Pacific Commission Conference as an alternate delegate.

Richard H. Wilson, First Secretary Commercial and Assistant Australian Trade Commissioner of the Australian Embassy, Manila, visited with the Director regarding trade and commerce.

John E. Johnston, Inter-Bureau Coordinator EROS Program, of the U.S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey, visited with Deputy High Commissioner, Director of Resources and Development, and the Chief of Land Resources Branch, to brief Trust Territory on what the EROS program is and how Trust Territory can participate, and to speed up the inventory of Micronesia's resources.

Lands and Surveys-- Maynard Neas, Acting Assistant Chief, Lands and Surveys, traveled to Honolulu to attend a conference concerning the appraisal of Roi-Namur Island.

James B. Johnson, Senior Land Commissioner, Marianas District, met with representatives from Electronic Calculating Service, Inc. of Los Angeles, California, to study the functions of the Bureau of Conveyances in Honolulu, State of Hawaii, as related to the receipt, filing, recording, indexing, maintaining and preserving all legal and land title documents and maps affecting land titles, and to implement the land registration system in the Trust Territory. He also observed the microfilm program of documentation.

Ronald G. Perry, Chief, Surveying and Mapping, met with the water and sewer contractors in Yap and Palau regarding survey problems and reviewed Cadaster surveying progress. He traveled to Truk to supervise the preparation of Truk Lagoon and Truk Outer Islands maps for the political status talks.

The compilation of a "Guide to Place Names and Maps of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" has been completed by Edwin H. Bryan, Jr., Manager of the Pacific Scientific Information Center, Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu. It took nearly two years to complete this monumental task.

Agriculture--The Chief of Plant Industry Section, Bermin Weilbacher, returned to Saipan after attendance at the SPC Regional Symposium on Conservation of Nature-Reefs and Lagoons (Noumea) and the Twelfth Pacific Science Congress in Canberra. On the return leg of his trip, Mr. Weilbacher stopped in Taiwan for a week to study agricultural development programs in that country.

Washington approval was received for reassignment of the former Chief Entomologist, Robert P. Owen, to the position of Chief Conservationist in the Agriculture Division. The vacated Chief Entomologist position was filled by Demei Otobed, a Micronesian from Palau who is a trained and experienced entomologist.

David Fullaway from Hawaii was selected to fill the position of Chief of Forestry with the Agriculture Division. His duty post will be in Ponape and date of arrival is scheduled for early November.

Agriculture Cooperative Officer from Ponape District, Mr. Henry Dickenson, who was employed by the Copra Stabilization Board and assigned to the Agriculture Division for duty, completed his work contract and departed for his home in England.

Chief of Animal Health Services, William B. Smith, D.V.M., consulted with Government of Guam officials concerning shipments of beef from the Trust Territory to Guam. Dr. Smith presented in-service training for Animal Health Service personnel on the life cycle and methods of diagnosing *Dirofilaria immitis* (heartworms in dogs). This parasite is present in the islands and a survey to determine the prevalence rate among the canine population will be conducted.

DISASTER CONTROL OFFICE

The Typhoon AMY Restoration Program moved into the preliminary work connected with the permanent restoration of major facilities damaged or destroyed by the typhoon.

After designation of OICC, Marianas as the Federal Agency to assist the Trust Territory Government in carrying out this program, the Navy awarded a design and engineering contract to Onuma and Wood, an A&E firm located in Guam. It was decided that the AMY restoration program would form a part of the contract to be awarded for the water and sewer construction on Moen, and that the bid opening would be deferred until November.

The Disaster Control Officer, accompanied by Lieutenant R. C. Johnson of OICC, Marianas, and Dick Woods of the A&E firm, met in San Francisco with Ralph Burns of OEP to review the plans, obtain approval; and to finalize the initial Project Application.

During the period September 17 to 19, Typhoon BESS posed a threat to the Trust Territory and the Mariana Islands District, particularly. The storm moved in from the east about 16 degrees north and veered through the Northern Marianas Chain the weekend of the 18-19th. Some damage, particularly to crops, was experienced by the islands of Pagan and Agrihan.

MARIANAS

District Administrator Francisco C. Ada presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Vicente D. Guerrero, District Statistical Analyst, in recognition of Mr. Guerrero's 27 years of service to the government, in a retirement ceremony.

A U. S. Navy HU-16 aircraft from NAS, Guam, crash-landed on Pagan Island, in the Northern Marianas. There were no injuries; the aircraft sustained minor damage.

District Community Development Officer Gilbert Ada attended the Annual Community Development Conference in Ponape District.

The 1971 Women's Volleyball League opened. Four teams were registered.

Thirty-four Peace Corps Volunteers arrived in Saipan. All were assigned to work at the District Department of Education as teachers.

Harper Buck, M.D., a general practitioner, arrived to join the medical staff at Dr. Torres Hospital, Saipan.

Dental Services initiated a school Dental Health Program for the school year 1971-72.

PALAU

Palau Public Safety is operating on the current 38 ceiling pending approval of the proposed 12 new recruits.

Officers Elia Tulop and Mark Tewid were selected to work in Yap two weeks as a part of a familiarization program for the Micronesia Police Force for all the districts.

The election for the Palau Legislature was held on September 7. Of the two political parties in the Palau District, Liberal Party captured the majority of seats in the 28-member Legislature (ALL municipal chiefs including two

paramount chiefs of Palau sit in the Legislature as non-voting members). The Palau Legislature is scheduled to meet on October 5, 1971. It will be the Fifth Palau Legislature Session.

The Second Municipal Leadership Conference was held September 22-24. Participants in the Conference and Workshop included 15 traditional chiefs, 1 mayor, 13 magistrates and 10 municipal clerks.

The Civic Action Team Coordinating Committee met several times to discuss projects in Babelthuap, Peleliu, Angaur and the Southwest Islands; water systems, school buildings, dispensaries and road projects. Mayor of Koror Fritz Rubasch and Mr. Itelbang Luii were invited to attend the meeting on road projects in the District Center. It was agreed by the Coordinating Committee, Mayor Rubasch and Mr. Luii that the Civic Action Team would take over Ngerdis and Eang road while Public Works would be responsible for the secondary roads and maintain the primary roads. Ngerdis and Eang Road, and Ngebuked hamlet water system of Ngaraard municipality were designated priority one for the Civic Action Team.

Twenty-nine women and two children from Yap arrived in Palau on a one-week exchange visit, accompanied by Mrs. Carmen Tun, Women Interest Officer, Yap. They will visit Ngeremlengui, Ngaraard, Melekeok, Ngchesar, Peleliu and Airai municipalities in addition to observing many activities in the District Center, Koror.

All public schools opened the first of September with approximately 3,000 children enrolled in grades 1-8 and 743 students enrolled at Palau High School.

Alfonso Oiterong, District Director of Education, traveled to New York City to attend the American Field Service Scholarship Conference.

Vocational Education classes started at the Palau High School. Teachers have hopes of making this a year that counts for the students who are enrolled in skill development courses, such as Construction Trades, Home Economics, Business and Office Ed., Vocational Agriculture and Cooperative Education. Efforts will be geared toward developing trainees in the areas of (1) Health, (2) Command of Fundamental Processes, (3) Worthy Home Membership, (4) Vocation, (5) Civic Education, (6) Worthy Use of Leisure, and (7) Ethical Character.

The Palau Teacher Training Center started classes with 30 trainees. The program offers Mathematics, English, Special Education, Science, Children's Literature, Social Studies, Audio-Visual, Art, Physical Education and Practice Teaching. Because of the shortage of staff, Education Psychology and Child Development are not yet being offered. Negotiations are under way to bring to Palau from the United States one staff member whose specialty is Education Psychology.

Students from the District Center began classes with more than 70% on a split session, some came in the morning and some in the afternoon. Students from Harris and Meyungs Elementary Schools are in same condition.

Thirty-five teachers were hired to replace those who are presently undergoing in-service training at PTTC and those who have resigned to further their education, at CCM or other schools abroad.

PONAPE

Sixty-three personnel including 6 firemen and 17 patrolmen are hired under the U.S. grant. Eleven are stationed in Kusaie.

Ponape Island Central School opened with 593 students.

Kusaie High School opening was delayed one week due to the fire which damaged one dormitory and the food services area.

Ponape District now has 147 students away on scholarships; 37 are in Education.

Some 782 balers of USDA flour were inspected at the District Supply Warehouse and found unfit for human consumption due to heavy insect infestation.

The West Coast shipping strike continues to cause inventories of basic food items to decrease and retail prices to increase in the District.

TRUK

Chief Petrus Mailo died at the Truk Hospital on September 12...The funeral service was attended by Trust Territory Deputy High Commissioner and official representative of the High Commissioner Peter T. Coleman, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Congress of Micronesia, Bethwel Henry, Admiral Paul Pugh, and many other friends including the Hon. William R. Norwood, former High Commissioner, and Mrs. Norwood.

Faichuk High School was unable to open on time because sanitary facilities were not satisfactory due to the fact that facilities were not yet ready, i.e., sanitary and water conditions have not been found acceptable. The Truk High School is already in operation with an enrollment of 612 students including 177 day students.

Acting District Economic Development Officer Kisande Sos left to enroll in a four-month course in management, at the University of Guam. Joannes Iwo was selected for a six-month U.N. fellowship in public administration, in Australia. George States arrived to assume the duties of Economic Development Officer.

Preparation for the Farmers Field Day in December is underway. Some 50 farmers have registered with the department for the event. Most of them are from Fefan and Udot.

One agent has been reassigned to the Lower Mortlocks to work on the rehabilitation program and other agriculture work in the area.

The latter part of the Magistrates Conference was highlighted with discussions on the three political alternatives. 1500 copies of the Trukese version on the Status Delegation Report have been allotted to Truk and 152 copies were distributed among municipal officials who participated in the conference.

YAP

Mr. Jerry Wallin of the University of Nebraska arrived to conduct the Mid-Supervisory training course in Public Finance and Public Personnel Administration. Classes began on September 7, with 15 mid-management supervisors, and will continue until October 15. This is the Public Service Careers program funded under the U.S. Department of Labor, for the Trust Territory.

Ten new U.S. employees were placed on board. Thirty-three Peace Corps Volunteers arrived Yap. Eleven were assigned to elementary schools on Yap Proper, 9 to High School, 6 at the Outer Islands High School; and 2 are working in the Curriculum Division.

Adult Education started two new language classes for employees of Public Works and the Constabulary. Twenty-eight registered for the English class and eleven for the Yapese class.

At the request of the Magistrate of Rull Municipality and members of his municipal council, the OEO lawyer has drafted a preliminary charter for Rull Municipality. This is the first municipality in Yap District that has initiated its own chartering program, and the proposed charter has been forwarded to the High Commissioner by the District Administrator.

The Community Development Officer and the President of the Board of Directors of the Yap District Housing Authority attended the Low-Cost Housing Conference in Ponape.

Two technical persons from the Civic Action Team were sent to Lamotrek Island, along with materials for the completion of the Health Dispensary.

Yap CAP has established a construction training program to be conducted in conjunction with on-going projects under the Grant-in-Aid programs. The training program is progressing successfully.

Dr. J. Gutenkauf departed after completing one year of his contract, and Staff Physician Mary L. Jung, M.D., arrived as his replacement on a two year contract.

EDLF loans approved during the month include: (1) Sylvester Alfonso's \$12,000 direct loan to construct a new retail store building and one unit apartment; (2) Ambrose Minginfel's request for \$14,000 guaranteed loan to relocate a retail/wholesale store building and expand working capital of importing business; and

(3) Manuel Yinug's request for \$8,500 to establish a piggery farm.

A total of 34 tourists entered Yap showing a drastic decline of 112 visitors from the previous month.

Copra production totalled 29 tons, valued at \$3,148. This is a decline of \$11,068 from the previous month.

Several meetings were held regarding a site for a new airport in Yap. The people of Rull oppose any new airstrip in their municipality. Alternative sites are now being considered.

Consideration is being given to finding a site for the new Yap hospital outside of Rull Municipality.

Electronics Technician Stanley Filmed departed for a three-week training course in teletype maintenance in Chicago.

Yap was on electrical power hours for ten days when two generators developed trouble, and only one generator was in operation.

The new Power Plant at Ulithi was placed in operation. One 150 KW generator is now operational, and the 60KW generator was moved to the Power Plant to be used as standby generator. New power lines were installed and the primary voltage was increased to 2400 volts.