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GENERAL

The members of the Joint Committee on Future Status of the Congress of Micronesia and a United States delegation met at Hana, Maui, Hawaii, on October 4 through 12, to exchange views on the future political status of the present Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The Trust Territory Government and officials of Micronesia Interocean Line, Inc. (MILI) announced an agreement on the reorganization of MILI. The agreement will enable the reorganized shipping line to continue providing service to Micronesia under the general terms of the 1968 Water Transportation Service Contract.

LEGAL

Deputy Superintendent of Public Safety Manuel T. Sablan visited Palau, Yap, Ponape, Truk and Marshall Islands to implement the Trust Territory Weapons Control Law which became effective July 1, 1971.

Mr. Frank Nifon was appointed Chief of Police, Truk District.

EDUCATION

The Trust Territory Curriculum Council met in the Yap District. Representatives from every district, MOC, CCM, Manpower Council, and Headquarters were present. The Council heard reports from the Language Arts Committee, the Education Directions Committee, and reviewed the policy statement for the Micronesian Social Studies. Forwarded to the Director of Education for approval were the Social Studies statement and recommendations to the Director on modification of the functions of the Curriculum Council.

An NDEA and Title III project proposal was written up for Science Education Task Forces in Truk, Ponape and the Marianas Districts.

A two-week Science Education Workshop was held in the Marianas District for third grade teachers, newly arrived Peace Corps volunteers, cooperating teachers, and elementary school principals from all elementary schools. The content, teaching methodology and other problems of the Micronesia adapted SCIS unit POPULATIONS were emphasized.

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Copies of the Evaluation Report of the Adult Basic Education Program in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, conducted last year, were officially transmitted to Scott and Wilson, evaluators.

Five districts now have an Adult Basic Education Program.

The extension of the MDTA Seamanship Project was approved by the USOE Region IX. The MDTA labor functions were transferred from the Department of Resources and Development to the Department of Education.

The Culture Learning Institute of the East West Center has invited the Trust Territory to send six library trainees for a five month Library Techniques program, beginning January, 1972. Announcement of this opportunity has been sent to all districts.

#### HEALTH SERVICES

Final arrangements were made for the November Health Council Meeting in Majuro.

Trust Territory and other U.S. territories with all States in the Region instituted a Field Trial Project sponsored by state and local health departments to establish a uniform Health Program Reporting System.

The Chief of Dental Health Services traveled to Ponape and Kusaie. The new operating dental equipment is installed in the new temporary Dental Clinic at Kusaie.

Communicable Disease Control Officer Dr. Francisco T. Palacios, attended a WHO TB conference in Seoul, Korea.

The Advisory Board of the Trust Territory School of Nursing was organized and will hold its first meeting in November.

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Acting Director of Public Affairs Strik Yoma attended the Conference on Low Cost Housing for the Trust Territory held in Honolulu by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Acting Director participated in several meetings with the Congress of Micronesia staff to discuss preliminary plans and arrangements for the Second Session, Fourth Congress, to be held in Koror, Palau District in January.

Other activities were routine.

Community Development--Because of continued difficulties in obtaining technical assistance from the United Nations, it was decided to permit each district housing authority to use its FY 1971 Low-Cost Housing grant according to local policies and regulations rather than follow the new Trust Territory program.

A meeting between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and other agency officials with Trust Territory representatives in Honolulu on October 27-29 to determine HUD's possible role in the Trust Territory. A number of specific understandings were reached on further action to be taken.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Of the \$79,977,685 work-in-progress at the close of the FY 1972 first quarter, approximately \$13,000,000 was completed, leaving some \$66,000,000 in ongoing construction.

A grant for training sewage treatment plant operators was received from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Training will be under the auspices of the University of Hawaii School of Public Health.

Necessary funding and documentation were released for the Malakal (Palau) Power Plant, Truk Road, and the Ponape and Kusaie Agriculture Stations.

Two Headquarters Power and Telephone Specialists are in Palau to assist with the preparation and installation of power needs for the January session of the Congress of Micronesia.

Two Headquarters Communications Specialists continue to work on the new telephone system in Truk.

The Engineering Technician for Roads, Airfield and Harbors, inspected the Rota and Dr. Torres Hospitals roads and forwarded his recommendations to the appropriate officials.

#### RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Director Wyman X. Zachary departed October 23 for home leave and is expected to return January 3, 1972.

The Acting Director reported that the current price situation in the world copra markets is such that the TT Copra Stabilization Board is using its reserve funds to keep the copra price stable. The current price is low and the TT's copra sales are being affected. If the world price for copra remains low, it is possible that the Board may have to lower the price it pays to producers.

Agriculture--The Chief, Agriculture Extension Branch and Assistant Chief of Agriculture, Leo Migvar, returned from home leave. While in Honolulu Mr. Migvar was a co-representative for the Trust Territory at the East-West Food Institute-sponsored Pacific Seminar on Training, Research and Planning Needs in Agriculture and Fisheries held in Honolulu.

The South Pacific Commission-East-West Food Institute-sponsored short-course on Pastures and Livestock Production was held on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota in the Marianas District. Mr. Edwin Hugh of the SPC conducted the course and instructed on livestock management. Mr. Nicholls of the University of Hawaii conducted instruction on tropical pastures. Dr. William B. Smith, the Trust Territory Government Veterinarian,

conducted instruction on animal health and veterinary first aid. Approximately 75 ranchers attended and interest was very keen.

Chief of Plant Industry Bermin Weilbacher departed for Ponape to board the M/V Robert deBrum on its first run from Ponape-Kusaie-Kwajalein-Majuro. The purpose of his trip is to assist in coordinating the handling of agricultural produce pickup in Kusaie for marketing in Ebeye and Majuro population centers.

Seeds of two varieties of solo papaya from Hawaii were sent to the Palau Agriculture Development Station for growth and production testing. It is hoped that this crop can be of commercial marketable quality for that district both locally and for export, if farmers interest is shown.

Entomology--The Chief Entomologist completed the draft for the Trust Territory Plant and Animal Quarantines and Regulations. It contains existing quarantines and regulations, those still in legislative form, and new revisions. The numbering of sections was changed to conform with the system used in the Trust Territory Code of Public Relations.

Economic Development--Acting Chief of Economic Development Manuel A. Sablan spoke on the general aspects of the Trust Territory's economy at the University of Guam.

The Technical Advisory Business Bulletin was distributed to selected businessmen and economic development officers. Also published were articles: Handicraft Marketing #2; and Explanation of Process of Economic Development #3.

The Yap District Economic Development Board submitted its decision to deny the approval of the business permit for Encyclopedia Britannica Company. The Palau District Economic Development Board submitted its recommendation for the approval of business permits for Palau Mining Associates, Insurance Company of North America and Palau Broadcasting Corporation.

Cooperative/Credit Union Day was observed throughout the Territory by a proclamation from the Deputy High Commissioner.

The major effort of the Tourism Section concentrated on a basic data program. Past statistics are being reviewed and new statistical tables are being prepared for use by all individuals and organizations involved in tourism development.

Work also continued on the planning of tourism workshops scheduled to be held in all districts between Thanksgiving and mid-January.

Lands and Surveys--William A. McGrath, Chief, Land Administration Branch, resigned from the Trust Territory Government to accept a position in Hawaii. Dennis Pacht, Chief, Land Development Section, has been appointed Acting Chief, Land Administration Branch.

Printed copies of the "Background Papers Volume I, Fifth Lands and Surveys Conference" have been distributed.

Russell Apple, of the U.S. Park Service, commenced a two-month analysis of Micronesian Park and Historic Sites. He visited the Marianas, Palau and Yap districts.

Five members of the Land Commission participated in the Land Cadaster Registration training program for approximately three weeks, conducted by Title Insurance and Trust Territory Company, Red Bluff, California. The training was pursuant to the support agreement with Electronics Calculating Service, Inc., of Los Angeles, California.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Transportation--Elias Okamura, Deputy Chief, Transportation Division, represented the Trust Territory government at the Annual Convention of the American Association of Port Authorities held at Portland, Maine. He was accompanied by Ywao B. Elanzo, Chief, Sea Transport Operations Branch.

Lambert N. Aafin, Personnel and Certification Officer, spoke to high school students in Yap, Palau and Truk in an effort to create interest in the marine transportation as a career.

Mr. Gordon Tydingco, Chief, Transportation Development Branch, visited Ponape and Majuro to coordinate Transportation Division efforts in recruiting interested young men into careers in marine transportation.

Arrangements have been made with the U.S. Navy EOD Team to blast obstructions in Palau channels. The operation began in Guam with the loading of surplus military explosives aboard the M/V RAN ANNIM and is now being executed in Palau.

Robert Laird and Hideo Tell are presently in London, England, attending the Second International Tugboat Conference. Enroute, they stopped in San Francisco to confer with Thomas Lunde, Inc., the naval architectural firm working on the design of a new interisland ship.

#### DISASTER CONTROL OFFICE

Work proceeded slowly on the updating and refinement of the new Disaster Control Manual. The work is handicapped by lack of personnel and office space.

Design work for the major construction projects to be handled by contract through OICC, Marianas has been completed by the A&E firm of Onuma and Wood and the Navy has sent plans and specifications to the firms bidding the Moen Water and Sewer Project as an addendum to the initial work.

Reports from District Administrator Truk indicate that the emergency housing program is continuing on schedule; however, municipal contracts and force account work appear to be lagging.

The Mariana Islands District was declared in Typhoon Condition One during the month due to a threat from Typhoon FAYE, which deteriorated just before passing north of the islands of Saipan and Tinian.

### MARIANAS

District Administrator Francisco C. Ada attended the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Low-Cost Housing Conference in Honolulu.

The HMAS Samarai and the HMAS Lae patrol boats from the Royal Australian Navy visited Tinian and Saipan. The US Navy also made a call on Saipan with two patrol gunboats, the USS Gallup and the USS Cannon. Both hosted an open house at the dock.

District Program and Budget Officer Vaughn Taylor resigned, effective October 29.

The Marianas District Board of Education met on Rota to discuss school policy for the Marianas District.

A Japanese fishing vessel, the Ryosei Maru No. 7, was apprehended off the coast of Asuncion Island by the U.S. Navy, for illegal entry into TT waters.

The Congress of Micronesia Committee on Resources and Development held public hearings in Saipan and Rota on general economic development goals and objectives in the Marianas.

A two-week course on Pastures and Livestock Production conducted in the Marianas was jointly sponsored by the East-West Center, the South Pacific Commission, and the TT Department of Resources and Development.

### MARSHALL ISLANDS

District Administrator, Oscar de Brum, and Russell Walker, District Attorney, traveled to sub-district, Ebeye/Kwajalein, to discuss official matters with KMR and local Municipality leaders.

An official team from the District Court, headed by Associate Justice Turner, traveled to Mili Atoll to conduct a High Court sitting. They were transported to Mili on the M/V Yap Islander and were picked up by the M/V Pacifica one week later.

His Excellency Hammer De Roubert, President of Nauru, visited via Air Nauru flight. This was an unofficial visit but courtesies were extended by the President of the Senate, Congress of Micronesia, and the District Administrator, upon arrival of the President and his party at Majuro airport.

Twenty Trust Territory officials visited the Marshalls from other districts and Headquarters.

Mr. Zebedy Tarkwon, District Economic Development Officer, has accepted a position with the Labor Division as Employment Service Officer for the district.

A report from Kwajalein Credit Union indicated that over \$3,000,000 has been loaned to members since its establishment. It also indicated that the Credit Union has more than \$400,000 worth of shares and has netted a profit of \$20,000. Its total assets are \$500,000 and it has approximately 2,000 members.

The District EDLF Loan Board favorably reviewed 14 applications for loans in excess of \$5,000 each. These were forwarded to Headquarters for further action. The District Board and District Administrator approved 8 EDLF loans of less than \$5,000 each.

Dr. Marion Fields, Soil Science Specialist, University of Missouri, visited one week to collect soil samples analysis.

A radio series on the civic education was aired on Stations WSZO, Majuro, AFRS, Kwajalein. It consisted of the scripts on General Political Structure, Functions of Territorial and District Governments; Organization and Functions of Local Government; Suffrage and Political Organizations; the Legal System of Micronesia.

The Western and Central Atolls of the district received copies of the Future Status Report. Copies will be sent to the Northern Atolls in the near future.

The radio station newsmen met every Air Micronesia incoming flight and interviewed many notables. The radio station also taped a news conference with Representative Ekpap Silk and Senator Isaac Lanwi when they returned from the Future Political Status Meetings held in Hawaii. Reports of the South Pacific Conference and the Future Political Status Meetings were taped and have been translated into the local language and broadcast. Also, over 400 public service announcements were broadcast.

The need for an eye doctor remains a problem in the Marshalls District.

Harry Rowland, Headquarters Equipment Specialist, was in the Marshalls for an equipment conference on the district's requirements.

Construction on the Telephone Exchange building, and installation of a 750 KW generator have been delayed due to non-arrival of materials and parts.

#### PALAU

The Japanese fishing vessel Hosen Maru, detained under police custody for illegal entry into Territorial waters at Kayangel Municipality reef, was released from custody by Court order.

Twelve new officers were hired under the special grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, increasing the Palau Police force from 38 to 50.

The Fifth Palau Legislature convened on October 5 and adjourned on October 26 after enacting 19 bills and adopting 32 resolutions. Although this was not a budget session, the Legislature appropriated almost \$50,000 to various municipal and District programs and projects. One bill establishes a Palau District Economic Planning and Coordinating Council. One resolution expresses the Legislature's appreciation to the leadership of the Congress of Micronesia for selecting Palau District as the site for the forthcoming session.

The shortage of drugs and supplies continues to exist. If this problem is not corrected at Headquarters level, District Health Services will be forced to temporarily

close some of its field operations. Also affecting Health Services is the power shortage which slowed some departmental operations including X-ray, laboratory, dietary services and laundry. These services are vital to patient care and overtime for employees involved will continue until adequate power is restored.

Costly equipment which has been in storage several years is rusting and minor parts are deteriorating. Construction of the new hospital kitchen began about four years ago. District Health Services would like to see the work resumed and completed.

Activity was low in operative and prosthetic dentistry as one air compression unit burned out and was sent to the medical equipment repair specialist at Headquarters.

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