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EDUCATION

Fifteen teachers from SAITEC and 33 from PONTEC completed nine-month Teacher Education Training and received Certificates of Achievement. Fourteen Cooperating Teachers from the Marshalls District received certification.

Scholarship matters covered during the Manpower Advisory Council meeting on Koror: Implementation of Congress of Micronesia scholarship program under P.L. 4C-63; priority fields of study and calendar of the 1973-74 scholarship selection; and review of academic performance of Trust Territory scholarship grantees.

A final draft for a Five Year Plan for Public Library Services in the Trust Territory was completed and presented to the U.S. Office of Education.

The Yap bookmobile is now operating and has received enthusiastic response from teachers and students.

Four library employees completed a five-month library training program at the East-West Center and returned to their respective districts.

Plans for the Marshall Islands Public Library/Museum were formally announced. The contribution from LSCA Title II represents more than one third of the total cost of \$92,000.

Plans were completed for an AMIDS Workshop this summer at the Ponape Agriculture and Trade School for Vocational Education and MDTA instruction staff. The workshop is to cover teaching methods and curriculum development for occupational training programs.

Arrangements are being made for Mr. Elsa Thomas, Instructor, Community College of Micronesia, to attend the University of Oregon on a graduate traineeship under Public Law 91-230, Education of the Handicapped Act, Title VI-D.

FINANCE

Procurement and Supply--Routine

HEALTH SERVICES

The Trust Territory State Plan for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism was submitted to the U.S. Public Health Service, Region IX office, for approval.

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A two-week Communicable Disease Seminar for Public Health Nurses Medical Officers stressed VD control as well as Immunizations and TB.

Coast Guard Lt. Robert Urban and Nachsa Siren, Chief, Division of Environmental Health, collected information for territory plans for oil spills. The Coast Guard is in charge of oil spills in the Trust Territory. This report is to be distributed throughout the Territory.

A complaint was received from the Marshall Islands concerning poisonings caused by lead-based paint used on the roofs of residences being used for water catchments. The Directors of Public Works and Health Services have issued a memorandum prohibiting the use of lead-based paint or other paints which might cause poisoning.

A plan to provide health and medical services to the Head Start children throughout the Trust Territory has been formulated and sent to the OEO office in San Francisco for financing.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Director attended the Waigani Seminar held at the University of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea, as an observer representing the Executive Branch at the invitation of Senator Lazarus Salii and Carl Heine.

Following the seminar, he toured Papua-New Guinea for approximately two weeks visiting such points as Mount Hagen, Madang, Wewak, Lae, Rabaul and Kieta on Bougainville to meet with officials from the district governments and particularly with those officials whose work most closely corresponded to our Department of Public Affairs. He returned to Port Moresby and there met again with officials from the Administrator's office, with members of the House of Assembly and the staff of the House of Assembly and with certain faculty members from the University of Papua-New Guinea.

The Deputy Director of Public Affairs continued to coordinate the travel for Asterio Takesy (Chief Clerk, House of Representatives) and Sabo Ulechong (Chief Clerk, Senate).

In addition, the Deputy Director continued to coordinate Leader Grant travel for Iskia Sony, Speaker Bethwel Henry and Senator Petrus Tun. All three left during May for Leader Grant Tours of the United States.

The Deputy Director also worked on travel arrangements for Trust Territory delegation to United Nations Trusteeship Council. In addition, he gathered information for the High Commissioner's use and accompanied the High Commissioner to the United Nations as part of his official staff.

Community Development--An application was submitted to HUD for a \$20,000 Title VIII grant to amount a two cycle training program involving district Community Development staff and housing authority managers. Cycle I is scheduled to begin in August.

Plans were finalized by HUD Honolulu office to train five new Peace Corps Volunteers who will be attached to district housing authorities this fall.

Confirmation was received that James D. Richardson, HUD expert, will be working with this Division for a year starting in July to coordinate development of district housing programs.

Three job Corpsmen have completed 20-months training at the Center and returned home to seek employment. Bwea Limkadre of the Marshalls completed training in masonry. Calistus Magey of Yap completed training in automotive mechanics. Pedro Lisua of Saipan completed training in welding.

Charles Freedman, Old Age Trainer, successfully completed three weeks of workshops with the Truk Aging personnel. All reports from Truk indicate that the workshops were well received and of great value to both the participants and the Aging program in Truk District.

The Ponape District Legislature appropriated \$3,000 for the FY 1973 Aging Project in Ponape District.

DISASTER CONTROL

A formal request has gone forward to the Secretary General, South Pacific Commission, requesting the services of demographer K. Groenewegen to assist in developing the plans and budget for the 1973 census of the Trust Territory. His help in developing legislation for presentation to the Congress of Micronesia in August, was also solicited.

Tropical Depression Number 03, located northeast of Ponape, developed into Tropical Storm LOLA, and early reports indicated damages to Ponape Island and to surrounding low islands as the result of waves. Thirty foot seas were forecast for the area. The Mortlocks in the Truk District are also experiencing damages.

Progress on the major Typhoon Amy restoration work as well as the smaller municipal contracts is still slow due to a lack of material, which should arrive by July.

Ralph D. Burns, Regional Director, OEP, San Francisco, arrived on his last official trip to the Trust Territory. He retired May 31. His successor, Robert Stevens, accompanied him on an orientation trip. The OEP Auditor from Washington carried out the final audit of Typhoon JEAN Disaster. Reimbursements totalling approximately \$600,000 are owed the Trust Territory Government after the close-out.

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

The Director traveled to Majuro to confer on Economic Development Loan Fund (EDLF); District Economic Development; Agriculture Division; arrange for the

entry of a reefer barge; then traveled to Honolulu where he observed hydroponic farming and work in connection with a hotel development.

The Deputy Director traveled to Palau where he attended the semi-annual conference of the District Administrators. While in Koror, he also attended the TT Manpower Advisory Council meeting in which he is a member.

The Marine Resources Headquarters officially moved to Saipan from Koror. Division Chief Peter Wilson relocated at Headquarters.

Lands and Surveys--Kozo Yamada, Chief, Division of Lands and Surveys, withdrew from the Land Reform Training Institute in Taiwan and returned to Headquarters because of unexpected personnel changes, budget problems and a court case which required his presence.

Maynard Neas, Assistant Chief, Division of Lands and Surveys, traveled to Kwajalein and Eniwetok to attend a conference on the return of former residents of Eniwetok to their home island.

Dennis Pacht, Acting Chief, Land Administration Branch, and Mitchell Aaron, Research Officer, traveled to Yap and Palau to review Capital Improvement Programs and Public Land Leasing Programs.

The firm of Don R. Cowell and Associates, Inc. of Honolulu, was awarded the Yap Appraisal Contract and has begun studies on the Yap Water and Sewerage Project.

The Palau Land Commissioners held a meeting with High Chief Reklai Lomisang, Magistrate Joseph Blau, Leaders, the Municipal Council and people of Melekeok Municipality at Melekeok about the Land Commission program beginning in their Municipality. They held another meeting with the Chiefs of Ngeremlengui, Magistrate Dudiu, Municipal Council of Ngeremlengui and Mr. Renguul Rekemesik representing the High Chief of Melekeok, to explain the Land Commission program and requesting assistance in boundary marking inspection and monumentation for the municipal boundary between Melekeok and Ngeremlengui. The boundary between Melekeok and Ngiwal Municipalities was marked by the leaders of both municipalities during the month.

Agriculture--The Agriculture Division held its annual budget conference May 1-9. Among those attending and/or participating were the Deputy High Commissioner, various department heads and representatives of four major private commercial enterprises, namely: JoeTen Enterprises, Microl Corporation, Saipan Farmer's Market Association and Air Micronesia.

A sample shipment of 50 pounds of Citronella grass (lemon grass) from Ponape was sent to a chemical company in Japan for perfume oil analysis. This grass grows wild in Micronesia and it is hoped that an industry can be tapped from it.

The Marianas District Agriculture, in compliance to requests from the Marianas District Legislature, started an agriculture census this month. So far ten farm plots have been enumerated. Several problems were encountered. These

include: The absence of the farmers, record of production, and most importantly farmers purchasing seeds or chemicals (from sources other than Agriculture Division) without knowing variety name or use of chemicals.

For the second time in about eight months, JoeTen's Enterprises agreed to accept a standing order of 500 pounds of bananas weekly from Ponape. Before any action was taken, Tropical Storm Lola hit Ponape and destroyed a current estimate of 95% of the crop. It will be another 6-9 months before the industry fully recovers. After the storm the Agriculture Division and Forestry people in Ponape spent much time assisting in chopping off felled trees around Ponape.

Hilary Dauei (Agriculture Extension Supervisor) of Yap District and Lyndon P. Abraham (recent graduate of University of Guam) are undergoing training to assume responsible posts in Yap and Ponape respectively. Mr. Abraham will be an Agricultural Business Technician for the Ponape District Administration.

Fidel Atalig of Marianas District Agriculture Department returned from a six month training course in Vegetable and Livestock Production in Hawaii.

The Division of Agriculture, being the sole financial sponsor of 6 scholarship students in Papua, New Guinea each year, has entered a program whereby first year students may return for on-the-job training vacation of two months in the Trust Territory or accompany their non-Trust Territory peers and classmates for the same training.

The Agriculture Economist, who is now on leave, traveled to Guam to assist the Truk Fishermen's Co-op in setting up a market. In his finding he stated that..."unless Truk supplies a consistent fish supply to satisfy the 3,000 pound daily demand in Guam or improve the catch quality and freeze facilities, the establishment of a solid trade in this industry will be a long time to come."

The Chief, Animal Health Services traveled to Tinian to advise and inspect the slaughter house. Completion is expected within 3 to 12 months.

A Japanese fishing vessel (Ara Fura Maru No. 5) entered Palau District on emergency but also brought along 29 cockatoos and electra parrots with 2 or 3 possibly dead or escaped into the boonies. This presents a threat to the agricultural crops of the district and the Trust Territory as a whole.

Wild monkeys formerly restricted to Angaur Island, appear to be established in Koror. Eradication is being considered.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Transportation--Antonio Norita was recruited to fill the position of Daily operations Controller.

Jose B. Babauta, a Senior at Marianas High School, Saipan, was selected to attend the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy this July under the Trust Territory Transportation Division Scholarship program.

Wayne C. Thiessen, Chief, Transportation Division, traveled to Majuro to meet with District Administration Officials and Republic of Nauru Officials regarding sea and air transportation services between the Marshalls District, Nauru and Australia. He also made arrangement for FY 1973 interisland shipping in the Marshalls District and terminal operation at Majuro.

MARIANAS

District Administrator Francisco C. Ada returned from Honolulu after attending the Pacific Legislative Conference for 1972.

The District Administrator called a Special Session of the 3rd Mariana Islands District Legislature on May 12-19 for the purpose of establishing a Marianas Political Status Commission.

The District Administrator departed Saipan on May 13 for the Palau District to attend the District Administrator's Conference in Koror.

The District Administrator's Representative for the Norther Islands (Pagan), Mr. Francisco B. Kaipat, was killed in a shooting incident.

District Director of Education Jesus Concepcion, departed for Washington, D.C., to attend the Education Fair.

Students from the Marianas High School participated in the Tourism Takeover Day.

Seven Marianas District students graduated from the Micronesian Occupational Center and have returned to Saipan.

Chief of Police Antonio Benavente departed for Ponape to attend the Chief of Police Training Conference.

The Criminal Investigation Section reported a total of 34 felony and 101 misdemeanor cases. Six females and nine males were arrested on felony charges.

Manuel Q. Sablan joined the Marianas Dental Staff following graduation from the Dental School in Fiji.

Miss Janice Johnson from the Department of the Interior visited the District Community Office.

District Agriculturist Lester Weaver traveled to Rota to supervise the installation of the irrigation pipes to the water cave.