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## Int roduction

At certain times in a society, there is ancomon opportunity to participate uniquely in the fumbental development and buijling of that socicty. I judge that Peace corps has, in its brief six yoars here, contributed substantially to the process of heman develoment in Nicronesia and the Varianas. This district plan will hopefully provide us with a balanced statement of those years and serve as a general guide to future program priorities for Peace Corps Volimteer service.

It is safe to say that, based on size, no other Peace Corps country has received more studics, reports, surveys and joumalistic coment in such a compact timeframe than Micronesia. Research for this paper revealed more than 300 such substantive documents. These range from dittoed primitive legends to detajled and sophisticated plaming proposals. Also of interest is the fact that the majority of these documents have been written within the past six years; the period of Peace Corps presence!
It is almost cmbarrassing and somewat redundant to contribute yet another "Salient and profoun missal" to the already overcrowded and dusty: shelves of the Peace Corps, Congress of Micronesia and Trust Territory lleadquarters. A portion of my conments are based on, or substantiated by, a selected mumber of these reports wich are listed in the enclosed bibliography. If economic development is a key to nation building, I would urge an early investment in pen, ink and papor industry.

In addition to library research, an equal portion of this plan is derived from three years of personal obsemation and muinerous conferences, both fomal and infomal, with district and headquarters leadership. Included among this group are Voluntecrs, the loace Coms "binationalized" staff, district legislators, members of the Congress of Micronesia, representatives of the business commuity and Trust Territory goverment officials.

The result of all this reading, talking and listening reveals a few consistencies and many points of view i.e. everyone agrees that the Marimas is headed toward a close political relationship with the lnited states, but nome ciu agreo on how or when it should go there. (Cortainly not via Continental Air Micronesia)

The general statesy of Pace (orps in the ibatianas during the past thre yoars has been to respond to the program pricrities as set forth by the 'inost govemment" - the United states Thast lerritory of the Pacific Is lands (Tl). This plan will explore those priorities and the peace corps' responses. It should also be noted that the changing base of authority in the Trust feritory, called "decentralization" by some ind "rragmentation" by others, demands a redamination of the leace (orps' response and lines of commatcation within the Marianas. This will be also be given special emphasis.

The body of this plan will follo:: the logical guidelines established by the Progran and Training Comeil in mil 1971 with a few necessary deviations and simplifjcations. A conscious effort will be made to avod too much literary flair, flip combents and fancy ponwork. As a former Peace (omps Regional Hircctor, Ras hatis, once sad, ". . we don't want poets for arogat.
 and PINA SHMWH.

The GEN:RN OVERVIE: includes separate sections covering a District kerien (physical, social, economic and political dovelopment) and a peace Comsto: The SECIOR NWMSIS sumarizes the district's general problem areas and the potential for peace Comps assistance under the seven commonly defined progra: areas of Agriculture, Education, lealth, Business bevelopant, Professionat Services, Commity levelopment and Public Works. In additional area has bee: added, called licology, to avoid burying this vital concem among the many prograns in Health.

The FINN SURMRY provides an opportunity to forecast and do some abstract thinking - "a place for dreaming", according to Jerry Posman of the Peace o: Progran $\mathcal{G}_{\text {T }}$ Training Council! This will include subjective coment concemi:? future of the Marimas and its relationship with Peace Corps, trends, poton: staffing and host country contributions. It will also project specific pros: that may need assistance through fiscal year 1975 regardless of whether or 10 : Peace Corps remains in the Marianas.

A. District Review

1. Busical ivelogmont

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Stretching nearly 400 miles northward from Guan, a wholly owned yet geologically linked but separate U.S. Ferritory, the northern Marianas are the tips of a massive mountain range rising more than 30,000 feet above the ocean's floor. The southern islands in the district, to include Saipan, are lower than those in the nortin and have more gentle elevations. The northem group are "younger" volcanic islands with impressive, craggy peaks. Flat table reefs surround all the islands, with Saipan possessing the only sizable lagoon.

Tomperatures range in the mid to high 80 's with hunidity averaging 80\%: The rainy season arrives in July and ends in lecember; a period that usually coincides with typhoon activity. A rainy day is a rarity with rainfajlusually appearing between 3 A.M. and 6 A.N.

Saipan is the governmental, comercial, transportation, communications and educational center of the larianas nistrict. It is also the headquarters for the Trust Territory and the "provisional capital" of Micronesia. The District consists of 14 islands, or island groups, with land area roported to be between 154 and 183 square miles. The largest islands are Saipan ( 16.6 sq. miles), Tinian (39.3) and Rota (32.9). The land mass of these islands are of rolcanic origin and are covered with limestone. Saipan's central mountain rises to an elevation of 1,545 feet. Through erosion and sedinentation over 13,505 acres are suitable for cattle, vegetable and frit production. *Avalable acreage on Tinian, hota and Pagan increase this totals of over 37,000 acres.

## - Infrastructure -

The Marianas chain separates the Philippine Sea and Pacific Ocean with Saipan posisessing the only sizable lagoon. All tince major istands have ship docking facilities, but the sapm port is the most suitable for larger ocem-going vessels. dirports are functional on Saipan, liniam, Rota and pagan. Saban and Tinian have the largest Landing strips as a legacy from horld war 11 . With fow aldustmonts, these can accomodite the most modern jet planes. Overland tramportation is, by isband standards, the most adranced in the Trust Tomitory with pandor improved coral road access to all populated areas.

Utilities, althongh in need of repair, serve most residents on all three major islands much to the credit of District Public Works.
2. Social IErelopment

- Population

Since 1521 the Marianas has been governed by Spain, Cemman, Japan and the United States. In 1668 the population of the Narianas (including Gum) was reported to be as high as 100,000 . By 1784 the population liad dropped to 1,583 as a result of war with the Spanish, typhoons, suicides, infanticide and epidemics.

Between 1914 and 1939 the northem Marianas population grew to a peak of 48,000 (nine-tenth non-native) mader Japanese dominion. After heavy fighting, enormous destruction and loss of life during the U.S. invasions of 1944, and subsequent repatriation of Japanese and other asian nationals, the population declined to 5,636 persons in 1948.
For the past twenty-four years of relative security the population steadily increased to the present 12,256 level:

| Saipan - 10,034 | Pagan -66 |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
| Tinian - | 750 | Agrighan -47 |
| Rota $-1,359$ |  |  |

Births per 1,000 of population shows a wide variationdue in large measure to war and migrations. It varies from $41.7 / 1,000$ in 1924 to a high of 55.7/1,000 in 195s. The birth rate in 1970 was 47.3/ 1,000 on Saipan.
According to a study by llawaii Architects and Engineers, Inc.* the pemancot popalation of the Moriomas (not including Gum) will grow to a total of 19,500 persons by 1987 - a two decade increase of 78 percent! This is a most significant factor that intensifies the need for exhanstive social and physical plaming. The Hamai study did not consider the impact of a major military comatmant on Tinian. The residual effect on population and public services of tinis expected ovent are eary to dmasine int bari to predict.

## - Qulture

The Marimas bistrict has two groups of indigenous residents: a 1arge, dominam (hamorro popalation and an ethnically soparate Carolinian minority. (hamorromeans "noble of highest rank" and under almost all circmstances the (hamorro vicws all other imbitants with something less than equal status. Throushout recorded history the (hamorros migrated, smetmes involatarily, between ham and the
 and Japanese hate prodeced a farly mixed othmic stock with a varioty of "borrowed" cultural and timatisice patems and walues Chamorros are now as kestem as they are oceanic.


Cencrally, the Carolinians, who hegan migrating in 1815 from the lastem Carolines and now represent about $30^{\circ}$ of the population, are more conservative than the chamos in adjusting to changing conditions. The Carolinims view land as security and are not usually cager to sell, while the Chamoros consider land a potential source of cionomic gatin. Ner go-percent or the population and nearly 100 -percent of the physical development are found along the westem lagoon edge of the island of Saipan.

One of the most jmportant factors to consider for plamed growth and distribution of population is the land tenure pattem. Almost $75^{\circ}$ of the land is in government omership or military control. Efforts are being made, through a 'Land Cadaster Progrant' to survey and clear up land title disputes. Hundreds of parcels are pending clearance. "The proper use of limited land resources should be a prime consideration of the govermment and private sectors. Twice within the past twenty-cight years this land has been swept clean by war and typhoon. Such devastation is hard to imagine, wut the opportumity it offers for better land use and structure design are unique. However, this opportunity is slowing eroding with the passage of time through strip develoment and the lack of zoning and building codes. Architectural polution is a growing-pains problen and efforts must continue to utilize scarce land resources with care and judgement.

## - Poilution -

Water pollution is also a serious problen that has grave social and economic overtones. Although reference will be made to this problem again under the general heading of Economic leveloment, it is appropriate to note at every opportmity that polution is a social problea. Wherever people congregate pollution propagates. The lagoc: is polluted with a fecal count beyond what is considered safe for fish or fricnd.: More and more, both land and sea are becoming clogged with poople's waste. Only the air romains relatively fice from contemination cxcent for the ever-present coral dust stirred up by traffic and distributed by the trade winds. With more inclustry, pover generator plants and vehicles, the threat to the eloments lays just across the horizon.

The High Comissioner, in an akress to the Congress of Micronesia (Jam. 18, 1971), stated ' ${ }^{\prime}$...pollution, as it now exists, threatens the lagoons themselve, the actual inegrity of the reefs-and the ir hage harvest of sea foods. I think it is no exaseremation to say that $\therefore \quad$ toda's pollution is the most serious theat we have to the traditiona island hay of life". late in 1970, a hivision of linvirmmental healta was establishol within the Trust Territory lepartment of health Services, but the pohlic is not yet sufficienty edmeated. Proper sewerage disposal is still on the drasing boards or in mid-strean. pollution grows with the llush of crery toilet.

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## - Tramsportation -

A thirl serious social prohlen is transportation - teo much thmsportation! Orer 2300 mhicles nos cmise the 90 miles of roads in the barianas. This is pollation of space. In the past thre vears the volicice popalation on Sabon alone has doubled.* The public's salety is being threatened by lack of proper traffic control. driver education and vohicje inspection. One only needs to look as far aray as Gum to view the grim statistics of the future for the Marianas without controls on car imports, maintenance and conduct. (oupled with this is the need for goverment operated or controlled (mini-bus) transportation. This is mo longer a walking society. Nithout public transportation the private vehicle is the only option. lehicles now "pace" back and forth across a fer miles of main road like bellowing tigers pacing in their cages. Altematives should be cxplored and, if necessary, vehicle imports should somehow be regulate

## - Education -

Education is of primary concem in the social development of the people of the harianas. for centuries these people did not have "schools", but that did not mean that their children-wore not educated. They leamed about their history and culture through listening to the storics of their clders. "Vocational Education" was leamed on-thejob by building, weaving, faming, cooking and fishing with their parents. Education was infomal, but relcvant. Every adult was a teacher to a greater or lesser deyrec.

With the advent of colonial rule independence and self-sufficiency gave way to the teaching of new values. The Spanish brought the (hristian religion. The Cemmens insisted on comerce, hard work and no play (learning). The Japanese provided the people with education, but limited it to the lower grades - and only Japanese could be written or spoken.

The thited States, nev to the role of colonial rulc, imported its chucation administration, teachers and life-style curriculum to the darianas. Little was done to define the question of what was relewant or what kind of socicty we were trying to build. The current system is peared to the "commation set" and-a-sort-of"eter's the teacher for both tcachers and students. the logic goes that, if into adninist good move him or her masy from the student and student pomalation. Whe the basis of leaming is to push the The U.S. camot cham anhore the next degre or lose face and respect.
 cation of all this is a quest forluizers" for centuries. the inplitiat physical labor, a quest for "wite collar" jobs and the attitude aticil labor, agriculture product ion for example, is demaning.

In sumany there are too lew and inalequately trained teachers, too fow chass rooms, too bittle to work with in the way of supplies and relevant curricuhun, wad the ahditional burden of toaching in linglisin
 and concepts. To top it all, there are too fow jobs avalable for the majority of graduating seniors who camot go to college, have not leamed a trake skill and resist mamal or fam labor opportunitio The educational phaners' sights must be on the majority.

All is not glonem. While progress is slow, at least the rate of progres is itself accelcrating. Sometimes, through impatience, we expect inmediate results of new directions when it really takes a whole generation to soe the effects of change. Vocational chucation has been "rediscorared" and recently boosted to top priority within the Marianas lepartment of Elucation. Three new vocational buildings are under construction and a modest cooperative education program for on-the-joh training has recently been instituted. To quote a 1969 educational report, "...there is no reason why people camnot acquire vocational - occupational skills without sacrificing acalemic achicroment or the ability to continuc on in an academic program."*

Wore Nicronesians are in college preparation now than ever before, although all but a few teachers have only high school training. Insorvice teacher training will be concentrated at one 'model school" on Saipan next fall. Although forced to switch to "double-sessions", there is a comatment to eliminate this whersimable arrangement by the constmetion of 25 elementary classrooms by June 30, 1974.** the financial burden of the operation of stamel Catholic School has been returned to private support. This should assist with the funding of the school bus system, rebuilding of the fire-damated (halan Kanoa School and add aditional funds for needed supplies and hooks. Howover., a move to provide the 11th grade at Rota in $1 y^{\prime} 75$ may be a counter-balancing consideration. Imfortunately, any student on other district ishads who desires a high school clucation mast divorce himself from his society andmigrate to Sapan. Though recent curriculum changes, especially in math, science and swial studies, efforts are being made to make education more '?hrimas in content' and, to some extent, bilimgual. Renewed offort: are heing instituted to require a higher molish language qualificatis :rior to $火$ mitting stalonts to advance to the high school.
 an! begiming now provides training for 14 deaf-mute children; the first attemet at pre-school thempy for the handicapped. The'school
 the sapmese will receive aditional traning at the hiversity of draz.

[^1]The following statistical analysis* will provide a brief graphic illustration of the Marianas educational system: (a more detailed school, sox, age, grade analys is is attached to this report):

| STAFP106 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | $\frac{\text { Epatriot }}{\text { not includes } P(F)}$ | Saipanese |
| FY'72 | 27 | 239 |
| FY'73 | 27 | 276 |
| FY'.74 | 27 | 284 |
| STUDENI'S |  |  |
| Year | Elementary | Secondary |
| FY'72* | 3596 (include it. Carmel) | 1149 |
| FY'73 | 2896 | 1653 |
| JY'74 | 2927 | 1842 |
| SUPPORT |  |  |
| Year | Operations Rate | Capital Improvement |
| $\mathrm{FY}^{1} 72$ | \$1,101,000. | \$ 98,000 |
| FY'73 | \$1,149,000. | \$200,000 |
| FY'74 | \$1, 389,000. | \$370,000. |

## - Social Services -

Other significant social concerns that fall conveniontly under the often misleding title of Public Affairs include alcoholism, youth clubs, recreation activitics, women's interests, public infomation and Commuity Action Mgency progras. Acoholic beverages account for more than $10:$ of all food and teverase imports. Unemployment, idleness of youth and young adults and tae lack of supervised play activity, in or out of school, is a contrinuting factor to increased juvenile delinquency and youth arrests. The programs in this area are femetionimg, but there is roon-formach-amovenent. ontside the churchs, the only mirate social service organizations now in the Marianas are the Boy Sconts and birl Sconts.

* 'IM Program Mmorondan - Marianas Dist. FY'74-78- Jan. 1972
** Il lleadipuaters - Basic limrollment Statistics - Jan. 1972


## 7.

legal assistance has developed to the point where adequate legal resources are in wiple supply. In addition to a district attomey, there are two private Micrenesian attomeys, a public defonder and para-legal assistanis. In 1971 omp lesal Services moved into the Marimats with a $\$ 00$, 000 Nomesia-nion budget and no fewer than four attomess living and working on saipan. 'lheir budget proposal for liscal 1973 is over $\$ 950,000$ :

- Health -

Health care is also of continuing concem - particularly the lack of properly tained :icronesion doctors, nurses and paramedical persomel. Athough pollu-ion is a part of health within the Trust lerritory, it is treated as a separate subject in this report for emphasis. It might be mentioned were that, according to the Marimas' Planing oficer, more than 50: of all homes in the Marianas are without flush toilets.
In a spech before the Inited Nations Trustecship Council on lay 30, 1972, the llish Commissioner notec that improved heal th care is a top priority of the Trust lerwiton govemnent. Both the High Comassioner and the Marianas District have stressed the importance of inproved public health edication and heal th care; especially to outcr island populations. With an areage annual birth rate of 47.3/1000, it is casy to assual that seae fom of birth control might be a subject for (heated) discussion within this catholic society! Improved training ot healtit efficers and clinical nurses is provided through the 70 -student well-equipped $T$.T. School of Nursing on Sapan and in a cooperati:e nursing program with University of (anan, Dontal facilitios are siwstandard and no dental medical doctor is available in the Varians. Three dental officers and one prosthetic technicion hande all cases. There is a need for additional trained ilicronesian pararedical persomel for placoment on the islands of Pagun, Asrighan, Rota and Tinian. In addition, inadequate and unsanitary hospital facilitics an Saipan, built in 1962, need renovation and expansion:
The following chart describes the cament hospital capacity and staffing at the district hospital on Sapon. It should he noted that staffing feluses tio Ul.S. Yedical botors and one U.S. Registered visse. The R.N. position will be eliminated in mios.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Pomalation | $\therefore \mathrm{B}$. | 12,256 | 14,286 | 14,993 |
| 2. Patient-bay of lospitalization | (ia) | 13.4 | 18.8 | 19.3 |
| 3. Uutpatients Served $($ Visits) | (in) | 41.5 | 43.3 | 45.0 |
| 4. Hoctors | No. | - 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Population per Ioctor | No. | 1,093 | 1,587 | 1,499 |
| 5. Nurses <br> Population per Nurse | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ | $48$ | $\begin{array}{r} 29 \\ 493 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 33 \\ 454 \end{array}$ |
| 6. Pentists | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 4,519 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 4,762 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 3,748 \end{array}$ |
| 7. Hospital bed kates | Rate* | 7.5 | 6.9 | 6.6 |

*Per Thousand

The most recont exomple of (the "Feters Principle") is the placement of a June, 1972 graduate (Caipunes:), with a Master legree in ilcspital Aldninistration, at Headquarters rather than at a bistrice hospital more the need is groater.

## - Marianas Manpoiver -

Larly in 1971, Ray Carpenter, Consultont to the Trust Territory Manpover Advisory Comeil ad planner for Sathen lssociates, completed a preliminary territory-wide stur of necded Nicronesian mapeser by training prioritics to replace expatriate public and private emblcyees. The study did not include Volunteer positions. The following we re the initial results of that study (Carpenter/Ampower Avisory Comeil Subj: Banguer Training Priorities 1/6/71):

| Priority | Ficld of Stuly | Bentriate Pesitions | Micrones iams In-Training |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Sarine/lish Tech. | 127 | 2 |
| 2 | Construction Trale Sxills | 202 | 159 |
| 3 | bus ad a ancts. | 137 | 59 |
| 4 | Engincering/architecture | 91 | 18 |
| $\therefore 5$ | Mablic kunin/Secretarial Sc: | 77 | 8 |
| 6 | faluation | 204 | 148 |
| 7 | Hotel/Tourist Mst. | 16 | 2 |
| 8 | Computer Tech. | 10 | 0 |
| 9 | Pbdicine/Health Service | 23 | 100 |

The following is a breakdown of public and private cmiloyment for the flarimas:

| Area | Expatriate | Micronesian |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Public | 297 | 1,647 |
| Private | 40 | 770. |

These figures should be undated in the near future as they are significiut manoner amilability gides. High cont ract and local tumover and accelerated 'Micronizat ion' of 'Tl' positions keep the manpower and progran-plaming machinery in constant tumoil. The sane situntion has affected the peace Corps' program direction. The enployment impact of the remoral of the lieadquarters from Saipan must also be consilered in future planning.
In 1971, the Trust Territory govemwent began a promising progran of manpower training; funded through the lanpower bevelopment Training Act of the U.S. lepartment of Labor. This program provides an opportunity for the in-senice training of government craployces in English, basic arithmetic, lettor ccmposition, typing and other job-related skills. Formal edacaticn backgrounds of participants range from thirl grade Jamese schooling to high school dropouts. The age range is from an 18 -year olic clorktypist to a 55 -year old carpenter. This prosma couldmonch out into adult retraining programs in a variety of agriculture and trade skills in cooperation with the Education bepartment.

A scparate program was developed to upgrade the skills of mid-level administrators who have not completod under-graduate college education. During the swmer of 19.1 the Public Service Careers Project was instituto on Saipan. ATraining Conter was estahlished, curriculum developed and sferonesians are going to be trained as instructors. Secretarial ad mid-level administrative in-service training seminars have been very stecessful. The potentiad for a varicty of sudn progroms in the futare is unlimited.

The following chart was assublea arter conpiling basic infomation supplied by the Trust Temiton Sholarship and Student Afairs officer. To our knowledze this is the first presentation of this basic mamowe manaing wol in this particular fomat. Just
 degree, but the govement mat mo fiun to hime him: They orgot that they paid for his cacation. I similar situation oxists with a man from Siman ath a doctemate in lintomolong The IT would hire him, but could mot my bim over $\$ 7500$. So, according to the source, he recmad to !lemosalu and the fly transferred an expatriot to this position at a fisem salary.

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Several conclusions can be drawn from this amalysis - (1) too little effort has been made to educate or counsel students towarl a maltiple of life's options such as agriculture and other vocational skills. This society needs builders, not accountants. (2) loo many stulonts contimue to graduate with "wite collar" degrees; preparing gencralists for a socicty which desperately needs technicians. Within a fow years the local cmployment market for generalists will be filled and many of the underpaid and unemployed will drift in discontent, move to (man, Hawii or to the mainland as a direct loss of scholarship insestment and manpower. Haybe they can wave at Anericans who sail in the opposite direction for the same reasons. (3) Too few Marianas high school graduates are properly prepared to adjust to college scholastic requirements. The high attrition rate among those who go abroad for study supports this thoory. This is also another justification for a basic re-exanination of just what the student is propared to do and what the society needs to have done. Somehow a modicum of physical, economic and manporer plaming discipline must be injected into this wonderful 'helter-skelter" developing island democracy. It needs the chance to better describe its needs and aspirations before prescribing higher education as a cure-all.

## Other Agencies Serving the Marianas:

Community Action Agency
Territory office on Aging
Neighboriood Youth Corps
USIn: lood Program
Headstart
HEV Grants
Military Civic Action Team
Comprehensive lleal th Planning
Mental lealtin Services
Animal lealth Services
The federal govemment has hundreds of assistance programs just waiting to he tapped by resourceful groums, agencies and departments in the Marimas. The neighboring U.S. Perritory of fuan serves as an example of what can be expected in the future. The lure of faniliarization trips to these "cxotic islands" is most tempting to a chair-houn buremerat in some westem regionald office. The
 prosrans is limitless. The some is tave of the untapped resources of private health, education and welfare services.

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Prior tomoving on to BCommie Neveloment more details on per capita imsone and projected !romemment empoment should be given. lan per capita - income for public and private cmployment in the darimas is now aproximately
 average $\$ 224.00$; ham $\$ 2,200.00$; Japan $\$ 1,800.00 ;$ Asiat proper $\$ 300.00$. The following chart provides a breakbon of govemant employment. According to the histrict Mministmar, a shilt of the torritorial headuarters to amotime district hould remove people and jobs. ilowerer, a number of district govemant responsibilitios, now inchuled within the headpuarters operationally, woud be shifted to the hew local govemuent in the harianas.


3. Economic Ievoloment

- Background -
liconomic derelonacni was non-existent antil the Japaneso period. faring that time all develoment, excopt some comercial enterprises, was done by Japomese mangenent and capital for the Jamarese expansionist economy and with Korean, okinawan and lilipino labor. The indigenous population was left on the sidelines, in the taro patches or back up in the hills. Sugarane, rice, vegetables, fruits and mining operations flourished until destroyed by forld iar 1I. Until the mid-1900's, little or nothing was done to assist the people of the Marimas in a move from subsistance to economic independence.

Since that time large sums of money have been invested "... in a poorly plamed fashion..." to quote Congressman Sasuo Haruo, Gairman of the louse of Representatives Comittee on kesources and levelopment, in a report to the Congress of Nicronesia in January of 1972 . The report did note that the Trust Territory government correctly identified agriculture, tourisa and marine resources as the three greatest potentials for economic development. Movelopmen in thes three areas and the modernization of supporting infrastructure are primary objectives of the Narianas District Adninistration. A brief review of progress in each of these areas is in order.

## - Infrastructure -

Generally, infrastructure is a concept that includes the physical installations and institutions of common use which are essential to and facilitate the dew: opment and operation of the economy. Our reference is mainly directed to physical installations steh as airports, roads, docks, utilities and public buildings.

The :darianas, and particularly Saipan, has by far the best developed infras tructure in Micronesia. idequate airports are available and a 5 -year 7.5 million dollar airport imporement progran will provide the Marianas with la-aproved facilities to hande the largest planes now operating. All utilities are in the process of overdue improvements. A utility compeny sales representatio once romaked that the way to judge economic growth is by an exminaticn and comarison of power conswntion. The following is a chart for this purpose:


The govermont is concentrating a major portion of the ly'72-178 budget to increase power, construct new primary and secondary sewerage treatment, replace all water piping (a major source of water loss is throngh leakage) and surface all roads to keep pace with consumer domand. In this and many other respects the Mamas is by far the nost urban and westemized district in Vicronesia.

Of equal importance is the other side of infrastructure. This includes efficient and stable goverment, available local or foreign investment, trained fanpover and matumal resources. These and a number of other developmental factors are not in ample supply. The concept of "decentralization" of govemument, first introduced late in 1969, was intended to place basic progran and budget plaming in the hands of each district. Although an excellent concopt, it is still beset with problems of who, what, where, when, how and why.
Basic economic indicators such as population, per capita incone, labor pool, import/ewort figures and other statistical infommtionsare scarce or of questionable accuracy. Steps are needed to correct this undersirable situation. Statistics is a vital tool to proper planning.

Outsjde capital investors are reluctant due to the uncertainty of political status and the "most farored nation clause" of the Trustecship Agreement. This arrangewont limits investments by nations other than the United States. According to Time liagazine, the Jamane foreign reserves have doubied in the last year to aliost 17 billion dollars. They are eager for overseas' markets and capital investments. Surreptitious Japanese money has been coming to the Marianas for years. One need only look as far as Guan to see the futire of Japanese plans in the Narianas once status is resolved and restrictions on imperting labor and cmital are relaxed or removed. The whole pattem of development on Saipan will undoubtedly carbon what has happend on Gua i.e. military presence, consworism, tourism and comercialisn. Economic develoment need not have a negat ive connotation and, in fact, it is the expressed desire of the majority of the people.

One of the most prased infrastructure constraction prograns is the military Civic Action Tcan krom to some as "CNT". This unit has been operating since late in 106: on Rota, Tinian and Pagan - buifaing and inproving roads, airports, irrigation projects and a host of other commenty facilities at a yearly cost of 5115,000 per tem ( 1.5 men ) to the mistrict in host country dollar support. Al building materials are provided by the bistrict.

In a sonse the "CNTS" are "paring the wa" for the anticipated arrival of a large, mement, Unted states dir Force contanent and a 50 million dollar air facilitas reno:ation on Tinim. The cnomens economic inmact of this anticipated develoment for Tinian and the batace of the marimas is obrious. According to the bistrict kembistrator, the military is ager to lease the entime ishad o: Minian. then parcels would be leased back to the local population for fanms and resicences to aroid future band dispates.

## - Water Resources -

"The capacity of these ishads to sustain 1 ife an the amount and types of 1ife that exist will ultamtely be detemined by the quantity and quality of avalable fresh sater. anen the daily and annal use of wate reaches
 of enhancing the amalablity of water are andertaten."
Water is something that is taken for granted by most people. like air, it is assuad that water is a guaranteod right. This asstaption has boen put to the test on these isolated ishands. The water supply is a constant problom due as much to waste as anything else.
Accorling to Land Resources, water waste and loss from the distribution system is as much as $50 \%$ of the current total capacity, or 900,000 gallons each day! The potential capacity has been estimated at $2,500,000$ gallons per day, With annal rainall varying from 59.5 inches to 134.5 water availability in the lean periods is critical. The production of one ton of dry vegetation per acre would call for a minimun usc of 100,000 gallons of water. 'the implications for agricultural production are quite obvious. The innediate need is for in improved distribution system, water conservation education and additional water source exploration.

## - Agriculture -

In a recent discussion the bistrict Program and Budget Officer mentioned the three "ils" in develoment - Money, Manpower, iaterials. Nother factor that was discussed is the rital link called-attitule.
The potential for profitale agriculture production is apparent. The re is excellent land, irrigation, year-round cultivation, local markets and easy access to foreign markets. An ad appared in the (Han papers last week which read "U.S. Conchita Bananas - Just arrived by dir Freight". It tells a sad story of neglected local cpportunity. The prospect of working in the hot sun raising fruits and vecetables for a gool living rather than making a satisfactory living at a besk in an air-conditioncd office is not a popular idea except to supplewent the family's dict.
The following are export production figures in meat and vegetables supplied by the listrict Asriculturalist:

 land Resources - T.T. (ipril $1!972$ )

According to District hericultumalist, les Woarer, a family conld earn as much as $\$ 12,000$ per yoar on six-acres raising fruits and vegetables. 1 production test of tomatoes, planted on a $2 / 10 \mathrm{i}$ acre demonstration plot at kadmathat: Industry Station in Nomber of 1971 , produced. 4 , 260 pounds of maketable tomatues within 20 weeks at a matet price of the per pound?

A plant pathologist, entomologist and agriculture extension agents work at Kaman in regetable variety expriments, insect control projects and dissimination of infomation to famer. Extension work is also done on Tinian and Rota where vegetable faming is strongest. Local markets and the military and civilian population on Gum would buy every vegetable variety that could be produced. Through marketing cooperatives, local faners on Saipan, Tinian and Rota have no problem selling their produce. The potential for agriculture to becone a sound econonic base and export industry will remain umploited until basic attitudes are changed or foreign capital and labor are employed.

Through Marians levolopment Comp. (MC), the Gum-based J \& G Enterprises (ken Jones) has a 7500 acre goverment land loase and ranch on Tinian with 3,000 heal of leef and 2,000 pigs. Within the past month a Japanese business conbine has made a proposal to develop a sugar and sugar substitute industry on Tinian. The fim is called Overseas Agricultural levelopmont Corp. operation. They propose "loaning funds" to the Tinian Taga Company for this development. The Starkist Company is also making a proposal for the development of fishing and vegetable production on Tinian.

Potential profits are also available in poultry, beef and swine. Egg production is being encouraged with a few "pet projects" on Saipan. The Trust forritor has rocently hired a poultry management specialist to reduce to zero the carrent amal importation of 462,000 doz. eggs to the T.T. At present the territory-wide production is approximately 111,500 dozen/year with consumption at 718,500 lozen. With the market price of egrgs at $\$ 1.25$ per dozen on Saipan, increased local production would mean increased profits to local famers. Beef and sivine can also be raised for a ready local market. The one serious drabluck is the high cost of imported foed. Quality egg production and meat dovelopment dependon a ingig protein feedwich is not always available on the ishands. The District has been experimenting with feed and stock varietics at the lito inimal Industry Station on Saipan.

Vocational Igriculture should he introbuced as amor itom within the high school curriculan. Neat retraining and agriculture extension sem to be insulficiont to proluce a mion impat in thes ara. As-indteded in the enclosed production charts, bocal agriculture production has shown a deeline since 1907. The demand for traned famers will grow with increased comberial faming. leported famers from dia will be necessary if the local population does not respond.

## - Marine Resources .

One of the most ludicrous situations is the import of hundreds of thon: dollars worth of canned fish which are pluched ont of Trust Torritory packed in fapmand purchasal at loal stores. This is just one area: the lack of local production has crated an import export matio of maw 20 to 1 . For erery dollar camed locally, 20 doilars is spent on fore goods.

Wuch of what has already been stated about agriculture can be appliod equal force to the lack of development of marine resources. bishing work, and as long ats food and funds can be camed in easier fashions, develonment of the fishing potential will romain mexploited despite at rhetoric to the contrary.

At the moment a few small family boat operations fish and sell their to waiting customers at the end of each day. There is no marketing ? because the catch is sola before it is frosen-guts and all. One suce and enterprising fishemm is building a large $3 s^{\prime}$ boat through finan
 Trust ferritory. Uutsicie of this operation lititie or no local fores is taking place.

Just to show that cuoryone is getting in the act, a $\$ 38,000$ dollar su.. mental grout for a "fasibility stury" of agricuiture and aquaculam production and marketing was given to the Palau Comunity ketion ab: This may lead to an OBO, $\$ 250,000$ dollar grant for economic derolome: One wonders how many studios, and agencies it will take to discover attitude and vocational training are key elenonts:

Coments on Agriculture and Marine Resources conld be sumarized by ar James T. Hiyane, fomer tarianas histrict Asriculturalist, in a stay entitled the Role of Agriculture in leonemic levaloment (1970), "1t better to train a contributing force of sxilled labor than to educate unemployed force of intellectuals who can parse the most complex of $\because$

## - Tourism -

Tourism is a rapidly expanding "export" indastry for the Mariams. In a total of 17 ,(n) risiters cube to these islans. The following sra; the develoments since that rear:

| 111:1 | 1.Y'70 | 171 | 172 | '73(proi) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hotel Room | 127 | 127 | 127 | 300 |
| No. of Tourist | 19,128 | 22,3.37 | 25,000 | 30),000 |

Related comarcial entomrises are rapidy dowbong to take abmat tourist domand for tours, handicmalts and other gods and somber. and povemant-controlled ganhling has also been mentiond as a potent source of revenue and prolit.
lowever, tourism should not be treated as a panacea. Cenemally only pocket commities profit from tourist trade. Tomist dollars tend to pass from tourist to travel agent to hotel to mporter and finally out of the Territory. The travers, especially the Japmese who have a "yen to travel," come here for a fitte pace, quict, chem air and water. Hese enviromental attractions may disapear with the adont of greater porulation and pollution unless total physical plaming, zoning and rigid enforcement of health regulations occur. It may cere be necessary to establish quotas on the number of tourists that cin be abitiod. This situation ma be beyon control. If the anticipated large influx of military and dependent persomel becones a reality. With 'tent citics", tomporary runvas and tons of bombs and planes now plugging Gum, the obvious conclusion to all but ostriches is that the miles of vacant finian airficlds will soon be filled. Lease problems in Okinata, Jamand the milippines, plus dollar trade imbalance "overseas", should be the final "clincher". One does not need to be an expert to imaginc the imact of all these changes on everything from transportation to tomato production:
According to Senator ldaard Pangelinan, in his hay 31,1972 , speech to the United Nat ions Trustceship Council concerning the Marianas' move tovard pemment affiliation with the United States, "...."he United States has brought to the harianas values we cherish and economic gains we desire,... and we are prepared to assimulate our culture in the process." I might add that, to take full advantage of these opportunities for the largest portion of the population, it will require vocational skills training and hard work! The people of the :harianas may not be able to support an affiuent society, but they have the basic ingredients to support themselves.

## 4. Political Ievelopment

Through their elected officials - made up of Micipal, District and Congress of Picronesia representatives-the majority of the people of the Marianas bistrict have repeatedly expressed the desire for a "close and pemanent political relationship' with the United States govemment. Their values and goals were eloquently expressed at the recently concluded inited Nations Trusteeship Council mecting in Now York City - (1) Humen Rights, (2) Political Stahility and (3) BConomic beveloment.

## - Historic Status -

The following date periods out ine the major political develoments in this district that have occurred without consultat ion or concurrence of the people

1565-1898 = Spanisin rule, subsistance cconomy and no self-; goverment.
1898-1914 - Cerman rule, subsistance econome and no se] [-1 govermment.
1914--1944 - Japanese rule, increased manual work and no self-sovemnent.
 services and participation in govenment.

## - Current Status -

1952 - Mrked the begiming of muicipal goverments on Sapan, Rota, Tintan and the two-party system involving the Popular and Territorial Partios. Rota became a semate district. The Popular Party was based on interest for re-intergmation with bam and remion with the ir historic Lineage - the majority of the people of Sapmare (hamorros like the indigenous population of Guan. The Territorial Party tended toward more involvenent with the Caroliniam minority and eventual annexation by the U.S. as a jart of Mcroncsia.

1962 - The separate districts of Rota and Saipan were regrouped to form the Marianas District.

1963 - Marianas Mistrict legislature was organized and Popular Party candidates won easy majorities. This marked the begiming of repeated resolutions to the U.N. and federal governent requesting closer US ties and an amendment of the Organic let of Cuam to include the Marianas within that political unit.

1965 - The Congross of Micronosia was organized and, through lack of Popular Party interest, leritorialists were elected to all but one position.

1969 - Marianas refcrendum vote resulted in ovemblang support for permanent association with U.S. - the vote showed $1,9.2$ for rentegration with Guan, 1,116 for association with U.S., 19 for indepondence, 1 voted for unification with Japan. At the same time $60 \%$ of those voting in an unofficial referendum on cuan tumed down reintegration.

1970 - The Marianas political leadership began to draw away from the Trust Territory as whole when the Congress of Micronesia rejected Comonwealth status. 1970 elections saw the remow of all Territorialists. This position was further solidified wen the Congress of Micronesia insisted on the priviledge of "unilateral temination" at any time after an agreonent is reached.

1971 - Marianas bistrict legislature, with the exception of Rota representatives who have reanand loval to Tl', passed a resolution to secede ('by force if necessary') from the Territory. The Congress of Micronesia building was burned soon aftemards, and no one has yet been identified as the perpetrator of that deed. The irony is that the Mriams-, in their des-ire for closer whon wi-the the-U.S.-, must oppose the Trustecship - a creation of the US.

1972- At the Palam Status talks the U.S. govemment resolwed the first step in the long' process of establishing closer union with the Marianas by agreeng to separate political status talks. The Maranas Political Status Cumission was establishod in Way of this year. It mast now be fomally recomized as a separate bargaining wit b, we Congress of micronesia.

## - Puture Status -

Finile there are serious humbles, it is inevitable that the Marianas will pemmently aflibite with the mited states. The fom and timing of that aflibation is yet to ho resolval. The best estimate of local officials is thre to six rears. Accoming to the Garianas bistrict Aministrator, Frank Na, the Garianas status and the territory-wide Tmsteoship Agrement will change at the same tion, but neither he nor the ligh Comissioner have any idea of a time schedule. With the ontside prossures of U.S. Military "national self-interest" ad rising criticism whong momber nations to the U.N. Trusteeship Council (notably Mussia, and next year China), there is ample evidence to expect rapid and dramatic changes in the relationship of the Marianas to the United States and the balance of the Trust Territory. The next tiree months liill provide many of these answers.

The Marianas Status Comission will hold local Marianas hearing on separate status in June and July. The Congress of Dicronesia Joint Comittee on future status is now working out a draft compact. A substantive fifth round of status talks aill be held in hashington in July to fommate a joint draft compact of agrement. Tine Congress of Micronesia will hold a special session in Wust of 1982 in Ponave to consider the compact and. take appropriate steps to begin drafting a Micronesian Constitution.

## B. Peace Corps Review

## 1. Background

The first "progran docunent" that my research located came in the form of a cable from tide ligh Comessioner to the Department of Interior on May 3, 1966. It read as follows:
"Congress of Hicronesia momers and District legislatures have formarded to mofere remests for peace Corps assistance in mecting noeds of Trust Territory Micronesian leaders recognize contribution reace corss has made in doveloning areas of the world and foel that many of the wique problens facing the islands of Micronesia can be solvedwith Prace Corps assistance. Micronesians are especially intorestod in hol! with dementary linglish languge teaching, village bealsh and santation, commity development, village patic woss, agreatomatextenson and-aconomie devetop ment...."

It is interesting to mote that the final agreoment for utilization of Volunteres and armenswents for their host country support was signed after the first contingent arrived.

In 1900 the Congress of Nicronesia was still locked in fetal development: The district hakets were only able to mantain minimal services. Although Marianas infrastracture was farmondintocated than other districts, neoded repairs; expansion and improvewont of plant and equipment were required.
The deciston making was centralized at Trust ferritory headquarters - isolated at the other end of the island. Now dieromesians played amajor role in the management of their own affars. Ehacational curriculum, leaming materials and manower were in a sory state of affairs. Agriculture was almost a necessity for subsistance. Little effort was expended for economic development or to train the people in modern faming techniques. The only tourists were frequent junketing bureaucrats from the mainland. As late as May of 1970 , Saipan has described as a "company store tom" in an article written for the long Kong Standard ( $\mathrm{Hay}^{2} 11,1970$ ). That article noted that the people "... oved not only their souls, hut their property as well to one of the 'big threc' merchants under the shicld of the U.S. policy barring outside competition'.

## 2. Past Voluntcer Programs

In October of 1966 the first contingent of the amy of peace "invaded" the Marianas with little plaming and hich expectations. Since that time 232 Volunteers have served in this district and $52.5 \%$ have terminated early. The following is a statistical analys is of Narimas' Volunteer prograns:

## MARIANAS DISTRICT - MCRO I-XI

| SECTOR | (1)1) | 10 T | ET RTTE (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agriculture | 11 | 4 | 30.4 |
| Iducation | $1+4$ | 57 | 25.7 |
| Health | 10 | 9 | 56.3 |
| Bus. Rreloment | 13 | 5 | 38.5 |
| Professional sve. | $\bigcirc$ | 0 | 30.0 |
| Cummit bel. | 5 | 12 | 48.0 |
| Public horis | 3 | 2 | 66.7 |
| Feolon: - | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 232 | 75 | 32.3 |

There is litte or no evidence that datailed progran analysis preceded the Yolunters. The popular momentar canare ant the popularity of face Corps as an "apent of change" providel the necessari conditions for accoptance of Volunteer program in crery phase of the district govemment's prograil. There is no evidence indicating that reat cifors we made by either peace corps or the "host comtry" to define obecenes, cstahlish goals or to seck to clarify the asprations of the recipants of our cood intentions. Over the past seven yoars the northem sarimas han developed at a frantic pace by
21.
island stamdards. Like a growing child, though, changes are gradual and condusing, and prosress is often obscured from the eyes of the resident observer. (on the other ext reme each successive wave of fresh recruits
 and they are often quick to chastise the former tenents for seming lack of progress.
3. Progran Accomplishments

Volunteers have made substantial contributions to the progress of the Marianas. Their efforts have not gone unrecognized. A good example of this was Carric Oliver, a oz-year old Volmateer murse, who was voted 'homan of the Year" in The of loge, A total of eleven (1.1) murses have intiped at the hospital or taught nursing at the Tr School of Nursing.

Other exampes include eleven (11) lawyers who worked closely for six years with municipal and district govemment and the Congress of Vicronesia to establish the legal framork for bomocratic goverment. Architects and engineers assisted Pablic Works and Land Managoment with the cnomous tasks of claming lp, designing and rebuilding in cooperation with a group of Japmese Volunteers altor lyphoon Jean in 1968. Agriculture bxtonsion Volunteers worked to inprove famers coops. Teachers who have taught English in every school in the Marimes, developed curriculum and twained teachers. A Volunteer reterinarian, Dr. Steve Nusbaum, established a small animal clinic and testing lacilitios for beef cattle. llis job was absorbed when the district secured a military veterinarian - Steve resigned mid-way through his tour. A similar situation could have occurred with entomology and plant pathology requests that were cancelled by the District Agriculturalist four waks prior to staging for this sumer's training.

A group of Media Voluntcers, headed by Fred Kluge, organized the MICKNESLA REPOMV: a quarterly joumal still published by the TT bepartment of Thblic Affairs. It is considered one of the finest publications in the lacific area in art layout, photography and message content. Voluntecrs also were at center stage in the manouth job of organizing the first Miconolymic bames in 1969. This was an onomots succss and, for the first time, it brought the peoples of these far-flug island cultures together for competitive sports. Infortumately, political werest necessitated a temporary postponement of the second licro olymics in 1!971. Where were many other less spectacular,

4. Program lalures.

There were a mumber of fallures when reality collided with mythology in our prograns. Vobmeces assigned to the Marimes lousing buthority foud that there was mothing to do. A comple assigned to adrise and assist a local group publisit a newspaper fowd bitue money and oren less cooperation avalable. Ghey went home. Vobutecrs send many long hours writing a
 never used.

An impatient but highly-skilled older now-directions Volunteor assigned to 'Tinian, wats eight months for a tractor and sone pipe to install an irrigation sytem, and finally leacs in disgust. It takes teo more years and a we teat to do this joh. A "haker's bon" of folunteres are brought in to introduce a new math curriculan in co-teacher training roles, but noiody thought about a pilot project. The local teachers were unprepared, the Volunteors were anderskiliod and mederimplov, and curriculum was underdeveloped. In 1971 and 1972 a total of six oat of eleven Voluntecers have teminated or transferred from the math to otiner programs. Other Voluntecrs put personal prioritios above scrice and just quit.

To quote Nike Stenard, a very successful and astute fomer education Voluntecr, "It's all a lot like the man who kept pivening air into a tube that he hoped led to his flat tire. He pumped, and he pumed, and he pumped until another fellow came along, felt the tire and told in it would all work much better if he comected the tabe to the tire!" me might not go so far as to say that there is anything, wrong with the pregran process. Neither would a doctor conclude that you were senile simpl; because you had begun to have difficulty in recalling your nane.

## 5. Ohanging Attitudes

Local attitudes, leadership, needs and resources have changed with the advont of relative affluence in the Shrianas.

Peace Corps Volunteers have lost much of their iovelty with the passage of tine. Responses at the past three mid-service conferences reflect general Volunteer dissatisfaction. For example: "I'm fust a slot-filler." "I get no coopemtion from my co-teachers nor support zom my supervisors." "The local people don't care, so why bother."

Local apathy toward vilunteers is a product of the times. In part, appreciation and respect must be earned, but to a larger degree it deals with the general low opinion of youth. It also has a relationship to the current social, econonic and political status. Thore is an eagermess to cmulate the more advanced status of Guw. Volunteer presence is, to many local people, a "put-down". The lohuteor tries to "live poor", but to many harianas people he is stereotyod as just another "?ich bacrican" who is playing ganes. The local prople don't wat "Rich sworizas" to pretend to be what they are not. They would pred a wetr-dresed, mily clothen and shod short-haired model of what they aspire to be, belen is Ricin Niericans!

It is all something like the raction of the lealership of depressed comma ties in the !nitud States when the first VISS ;reap arrived. 'ise don't wat 'do-gonder' $k i d s$, we wat roals, jobs and ace homes."

Socially and in an cconomic sense loluntenes are rominders to local and Tl leadership that "things" are not risit. Folitially Volunteers are reminders of the fact that the blamats is "fonign" wes its expressed wish is to be "donestic". Sme volmteers note that when bhe seek to express their foeling or suggest improvements, they run into this negative attitude.

As one lolmateor !ut it, "I find us to be in mach the sume position as was the natue yous amy private (PCV?) who reported to sick call one aming complaning of intestinal pains. The old, grizzled amy doc (nha?) glanced

 bellyache." In some cises mato the doe was rizht, but what atore the others?

What of 1970 was a time when Voluteors were hoing pinsically attachal. Rape, beating and robere are a readity of dife that reached a peak at that time. 'linis mity sound unceal, but it was ind still is occuring. A fow weeks ago the most recont Volnateer mpe victim hought her attacker to court and won. He was sentenced to five years in prison.
A Volunteor couple went to the aorthern island of lagan in 1970 - a yoar after another Pagan lolmateer was severly beaten and terminated. They served for ahost two years without incident. In Jetober of 1971 a convicted murderer on Saipan was sontencod to spend the next fow yoars on Pagan. Then in Why of 1972 their friend, the Pagan bistrict Administrator's Representative, was murdered by another individual on Pagan. Fie loluteer couple returned to Saipan a feiv weeks later, very shatened, for completion of service processing.
A growing feeling among local officials, and shared by sone Voluntecrs and Peace Coms staff, is that, "fe (TT) would mach prefer to hire assistance rather than depenci on beace Corps...because then we have more control...". The recent poace Corps budget crisis, an agonizing period but a great "weight reducer" and rationale for HCC intensified the feeling of insecurity anons Trust Territory officials. They have placed excessive dependence on Peace Corps as a "free-now-and-forover" persomel rosource. In some T . T . prourans the peace corps hat becone its very foundation. This is not good programing.

## - Vicronization -

The pusi to replace expatriates with incronesians is now in full swing. Every section of the Mariana program mommhen refors to this fact by count and usually in the lead paragraph. This may apocir premature and counterproductive to sone experionced onservers, but it is a fat of life in barians manomer plaming. The problean is found in a shortage of qualiricd locah maporer to operate-a-creatre-andefficient socicts, but thenexpatriates how not scored notable successes cither.
To, inang the onty way to distingusin between a Voluntecr and cont mat cmployed is whether or not in wems zorics: ds a mat tor of fact serenteon fonmer bolunters now bear shoes, eam good contract sages in this distriet imd often serve at the current Volmacers sumervisor. This is good in many respects, but it is a most disconcorting circentance for bolmoters. in additional sombe of concom $i$ s the fact that a fow curment bomesers are

 vent this, it is an intolerable situation for some.

- It is not manamable to suggest that the Marimas govemment recmit all expatriate stafl by seeking contracts from temmating Volunteers wo have served successfully in other districts in :licronesia. The marimas' abministration sould be able to leam soneting about the prospect's potential, justify mow dine itchoperating budest by hiring, exercise more "control" and be assume of a bore culturally-sensitive expatriate stafi moner. This presupposes tine lact that Peace Corps Volunteers would not be requested for the ibrianals.


## 6. Current Volunteor Progran

The current program and the swumer trainees already approved by the District Aministrator is detailed below. All Volunteers completing scrvice in June have been eliminated from this revien:

MARIN:LS HSTRICI POOGRAS NNUYSIS

|  | SIfald Matrax TMULNESS 7/72 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Pian } .10 L \\ 9 / 72 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MGRICLITURE: <br> Ext. Agt. Irrigation 0 | 1 | 1 |
| BMCATION: |  |  |
| Bom. Engiisin (Outer Is.) 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Blem. Yath Teacher Ting. 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Elcia. Sci. Teacher Tmog. 11 | 3 | 14 |
| Secondary llatin 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Secondary Sci. Teacher Trng. 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Secondary Soc. Studies 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Secondary Science 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Teacier Trng. School 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Voc. Ejucation 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Indus. Art leacher Tmag. 0 | 1 | 1 |
| $\text { Nurse Instructors (TT lyt.) } 0$ | 2 | 2 |
|  | 1 | 1 |
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| Youti Program Spece (TY.Hyt) 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 1 |
| 10, 0 | 1 | 1. |
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- Mid-Service Conference Nalysis -

The following is an amalysis, completed by the Action office of fwaluation covering fuestionmares completed by Micro $X 1$ Volunteers in May of 1972. Infortmately, there is no amalysis imediately available of questionmabe. completed by early teminating lolumteors!

High percentile monbers indicate strongth, anf low numers indicate weabo: According to the Office of Ebaluation, the Warianas ratings have been mble by comparison with a samplo compled between Harch, 1970 and april, 1971. For example: A percontile of 98 means that the blicro Xl group rated strom: on that item than $98 \%$ of the groups in the sample.

Summary Mid-Service Conference Questionnaires

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| Likely to complete service 98 | Technical Skills | 77 |
| Satisfaction 93 | Lamguage Skills | 74 |
| Achievement 77 | Technical Training | 74 |
| Mttitude toward hosts 40 | Cross-Cultural Trng. | 40 |
| Project Support: | Programming: |  |
| Availability of supplies 74 | Project should continue | 33 |
| PC Tech. support. 85 | Site potential | 52 |
| lost Tech. support 91 | Full work day | 52 |
| Relations with PC staff 74 | Well-defined job | 44 |

The following is a sumary of early teminations for the past three groups who began Volunteer service in the Marianas:

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## - Progran Pressures -

For the past years Peace cons in Sicronesia has been alaced under increasing
 magic number leops cropping up is anyon's guess. It also apoears that intemal Peace (omps budget pressures, spelling doon only a sinort wible ago, are now hatding to incratse prompas. This hat not lod to a very high esprit de peace corps. lhese altomating pressures and matd changes alay be understandable to beace Cons staff, but they are cortanly difficuit to interpret to 'oluntecrs and host officials. In a way it is wderstandable that the Marianas listrict would prefer to hire its own assistance given the fickle state of Peace Corps' affairs.

## II. SICMOR NWMSIS

The seven basic areas that are commonly used to describe Peace Corps activitics are Agriculture, Elucation, Iealth, masmess leveloment, Professional Servicos, Commity bevoment and Pable lorts. leology has been added as an aduitional area to recognize itsemergence as basic and vitally important factor to ishand life and development.
Each of the above eight areas will be analyzed through a brief sumary description of the Marians mroblem areas, Peace Corns obicetives in each problem area, method to achicie peace (ones objectives and a sector sumary of specific projects.
The Marianas district adninistrator, in a conferenco with peace Corps representatives on June 1,1972 , specifically requested that future Volunteers be programed solely in special skills in education. Recomendations for all other areas; except education, will, therefore, be directed toward icientifying problems that may need assistance regardless of the source. District projects
$r$ already approved but not set filled, and tiose projects not yet filled that are programed directly by the Trust ferritory headquaters administation on Saipan, have already been graphically illustrated. letails are available through review of previously approved progran 10.t's.

## A. Nericulture

## 1. Wistrict Prohom Mrem

- Background


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 adequate. Althenth statistics are not avalathe, the averabe of the famer population is estinated to be above fo. Young people inate little interest in laman! as a catere, mat the puhbic school agricultme curtionam is

Iniam has the barest concent mation of beef and suine, but most of it is



 of locally madmed feeds make the price of local eggs more expensive than imports:

## - Uíjectives -

The TI' objective is to produce, through private local enterprise, sufficient meat, fisin, poultry, vegetables, fruit and eges to reduce imports, satisfy the local market and increase exports. Mthough much of the problem with the development of marine resomes is the same as agriculture, for purpose of analysis, it will be discussed under Business hevelopment.

## - Current T.'T. Program -

The district operates domonstration projects with selected famers and maintains research facilities in ontomology, plant pathology and animal husbandry. Extension agents are trained to work with famers in the field. Low or no-cost govemment land, irrigation cqupment, seed, fertilizer and insecticides are available. Agriculture cooperatives and other marketing projects are promoted.

## - Peace Corps Assistance -

The Peace Corps has provided general agriculture extension Voluntecrs in production, inarketing, irrigation, entomology, horticulture and veterinary science. Within these projects, $36.4 \%$ of the loluntcers have temninated carly and jol dissatisfaction anong the remainder has been low with the exception of the current agriculture extension horticulturalist.

Part of the problen centered on the low priority given to agriculture by the administration and local populace. A portion rests with poor Peace Corps progran development and inmorer selection. The balance can be attributed to the insufficiont suport, pronren mismangent and lack of highy-motivate. cmployes witain the histrict bivision of Ariculture.
The one agriculture success can be attributcal to an unsual combination of
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## - Potential T.'T. Prograuls -

It does little good to increase the production of agriculture among older adults mases a now crop of youg famers are being trancel. Such is not the case in the Marianas.
The district agricultumalist has proposed the orgmization of a "Fann School." to train underskilled and underemployed young awhts as farmers.
If funding is available in $\Gamma^{\prime} 73$, an effort will be made by the agriculturalist to hire a qualified vocational agriculture specialist for this purpose. The district has the sup;ort of a yualified staff entomologist for such a project. Ironically, the district already has an experionced rocational agriculturalist as the sub-district agriculturalist on Rota. iopartnental organization and intemal tensions seem to stand in the way of bilizing existing staff to the best advantage of the program. An additional headquarters' staff entomologist and plant pathologist are available in the district for consultation.

For reasons already stated peace Corps does not anticipate being ask to provide future agriculture Volunteers. However, there are potential skills that could be hired in tine future to help impore the general lot of Narianas Agriculture: (1) Conerative agriculture teacer to teach ingo school students: through financial material and monporer partamship with the bepartment of Education; (2) feed manufacture rescarcher to ork in a cooperative effort with private feed companies, USD, Uf and the South Pacific Comission to develop suitable locally-crom feed substitutes. Fertilizer can also be produced locally. It can be said that each animal will produce its om food and fuel from woab to tomb without much capital investment. The possibilities of processing huma and anmal excretia, food romains and garbage for ferti-lizer should be explored. Recycling is not a new theory and its use in this mamer might reduce faming costs and pollution at the same time; (3) Tropicad animal husbundry expert as " "loaned executiv" from lawai bepartment Agriculture to test animal varictics suitable for island meat production at reduced unit cost; (4) Agriculture club orgaizer trained by or on loan from the future fomers of Nerica, National 4-l|om other agency to work with younger children in home gardening and amual agriculture faje activities... to change local attitudes, (5) Agicultural coperative fam orgonizer from Is racl, or some other country that has experamee in cooperatite laning to establish a pilot comercial truck fam coopeative. The initial use of
 local suport. This mipht be a far hetter option than watching outside private enterprise take the profits with imporic: or locally hired field hats. Thesc are just a few off the culf ideas to simanate thought.
It is interesting to note that after all these years, the administration on (kam has in the past wo weeks dechared that watn is going "all out" to change direction and devolop local agricultare potential... with outside assistance from laman. So the burianas are notas far behind their buan consins as one might think.
Ns the old say ing goes, 'rou can lead a hor-ti-culture, but you can't make her drink"!

## B. Education

## 1. District Problem Mreas

- Backgroma -

The Narianas educational syston, far adraned over other distrits, still suffers from similar problems. There are too many indequately trained and motivatel teachers, too high a toacher tumove: ( $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ ), too few class rooms and incomplete and sometime irrelevant curricula. There is also an excessive anowt of embasis placed on academic rather than vocational leaming. liowever, the problem of professional qualifications and staff tumover does not rest solely on the shoulders of the teacher.

The Narianas cducation administration also has difficulty maintaining and improving professional standards. Part of this is due to the current political Cashion of placing dicmosian in positions without proper educational mackround and experience. The same is true of the placomont of some expatriates into positions beyond their cxperience level. Another factor is the rapid tumover of the fow aualified local and expatriate persomel within the district. These people either leave in frustration or are promoted to headuarters along with the best qualified licronesians away from essential student and curriculum matters.

Examples of this are illustrated by the upecoing resighation of the Math Curriculun Specialist and the move of the Science and feacher Elucation Coordinators to lleakuarturs. This comes at a point when these prograns were begiming to show sighs of progress. To make matters worse, the district schools are on double session. Ralified teaciers are a scarce comodity. Short expatriate contracts (to inciude Peace cops) and the urge to move the best Micronesian and contract employees away tho students is counterproductive.

## - TT Objectives -

The District lepart:ient of Education objectives are to improve the quality of teachers ad adimistration, increase the panatity of class romas and provide a ilarimas-oriented curriculua that is both acadenic and vocational in nature.

## - Gurent T.T. Program

 co-tcacin: curriculan demonstmation in new math and scionce. In adition, less orsuized of fors are being ade to deven dariands-orionted social studies curriculta. Ane lack of materals falare to int roduce these progras: (c.specially nes math) on a pilot bas is has caused fonstration for the teanders and cuaftion for tear stames. Thst, reading and cook istand

 (Shmed provides experienced temer tramers to work with s.wlected in-



Secondany vocational cducation curriculum is being doveloped and a new hall fallifon dollar vocational dacation conter is in the final stage of constaction. The curront program operates junior and senior hi h school chases in agricuttme, camentiy, hodmorking, mathacs, electrical and home economics with limitad enmblame in restricted purters. Fiou experioned W.S. contrate emboyes and ten inexprienced dicronesians cover these comses. A limited comerative education rogram is provitied to a silall munter of students in coppration with the private busines sector. Special education is also offered to fourteen deat-mute children in a progran startal in 1971.

- Peace Corps Assistance -

The peace Corps has provided a total of 144 Volunteers for every conceivable progran within the keparment of blucation from ceacher to principal. This is neither to the credit of Peace Corps nor the Trust Territory chucation system. By far the largest nuber have workel as class roon linglish (TASL) teachers until 1071. Because of the rolative success with placin: more Nicronesians in this area, Volunteer programs in English have beon reduced to a minimum. Future Volunteers will be programed in this area only on the outer islands of Pagan and Agrighen and in those assigments the Volunteer is in reality a "general teacher" and "commenity developer".
Over the past years boluntcers have felt dissatisfied with roles as "slotfillers"an often describe themselves as part of a "cheap labor mol". With more blicronesians arablable with some level of pre-service and it-service training and experience, efforts will continue to be made to place Volunteers in curriculun development, co-teacher and teachr-training roles. This goal has only been partially successful due to overl: ambitious Volunteer numbers, under-utilization and lack of local teacher interest.

## - Potential T.T. Programs -

Increased cmbins is is needed in vocational and alult training in cooperation with other govemmental deparments. Gum's experience in these areas should be shared with the varians. Bfiorts should be continued to conentrate inservice teacher ducation at one "hodel school" location for bet tor utilization of material and persomel.
2. Sinecific Paace Corns onioctives

To assist in the traming of Meronesian clementany and seconday teachers through initial assistane in the develoment ad imponentation of ne curricultan. Smetal Vhmter assistance should contine to be offered to outer islames that camot othembe seare needed contract teachers if the objective of icontibing ad training a countemart.
3. Methods to Achicve leace (orps objectives

Provide short-tem clementary and secondary co-teachers to introduce, test and tmin comterparts in now curriona in math for SAPLE.
4. Sector Sumary

The details of each progran may be found in the Program 104's. Specific projects have been placed on the enclosed projection shects. Bfforts will be made to negotiate sizable district financial support for future prograns. Volunteer job dissatisfaction will continue due to the mony factors previously described. Future peace Corps prograns in education on Saipan should be highly selective. This will include short-tem vocation education specialists to assist with the intial expansion of the progran into new farilitics. plamed temmation of involvement in math and science is reaso rable. It has been demonstrated that T. T'. funding can be made awilable to hire small numbers of outside skills if the lepartment of Fducation considers the need essential. efforts should be made to encourage the district to hire its own assistance. However, it is appropriate to provide initial impact for now or expanded prograns with voluntcer assistance onter detailed progran analys is has been suppo
C. Health

1. District Problem Area

## - Background -

Health care is available to all the people. The quality of such care suffers from the lack of properly trained medical and para-medical perommel. Nodical supplies are adequate, but stocks are poorly maintained. Santation is substandard and hospital facilities are overcowded, poorly lay ed and in need ol extensive renovation.
Serious medical cases are cvacuated to Cuan hospitals. Guam's future facilities will be improved with the addition of a multi-million dollar churchsupported hospital. It is being designed to service the northem Marianas as well as cuan and will be completed by 1974 .

## - T.'I. Oibjectives -

To provide quality health care to all the people all the time 'y training and ut ilizing theroncsian medical officers, murses and para-modical persomel supported by two resident U.s. medical doctors.

- Current T.T. Progren -

The lepartuent of health Services provides medical and dental are, preventative medical sewices, puhlic health ducas ion and mase toming.

- Peace Corps Assistance -

The Peace Corps has provided 16 volunteers in public heath, mursing and nurse training. The $56 . \bar{S}^{\prime \prime}$ Voluntecr carly termination rate in health prograns is the highest of any sector. The majority of these Volunteers worked in
 difficulties within the Trust Territory School of Nursing were the major causes of Volunteer dissatisfaction.

- Potential T.'l. Prograns -:

There are no suitable programs for Volunteers outside nurse cheation. Public health education, the training of better qualificd Micronesian medical officers and para-medical personnel and better hospital admini itration are programs that the Trust Territory neds to improve. Fhey have the financial resources to do this without Peace Corps assistance.

## 2. Specific Peace Corps Objectives

To upgrade the lovel of training of Micronesian nurses.
3. Methods to Achieve Objectives

Provide nurse instructors for the Trust Territory School of Nursing.
This assigment is well-supported with plant and equipment, and details can be found in the Program 104.
4. Sector Sumbary

Only one more Volunteer should be contemplated as a replacement in this assignment to assure an orderly withdrawal.
As long as Peace Corps is available as a frec persomel recruiting resource, little effort will be made by the Trust Territory to hire its owil skilis. They have the financial capacity to hire outside assistance. The quantity of qualified Micronesian murses is very low due to cultural probloms and those that are avallable are needed in the hospitals.
D. Business levelopment

1. District Brohlem_Ara

- Background -

All the details of development have already been provided. Rapid service and consumer business dereloment can be expected throug incrased tourism andmilitary presence. Broad local participation in production and profits will contimue to rise, but at a slow pace due to back of stills, initiatives and capital.

- 'T. T. objective -

To encomage conomic development through private local enterases in touris agriculture and matine resources to reduce dependence on inpers and povemper comployment as sommes of poods and jobs.

- Current T. F. Progran -

Provide technical assistance to businesses throug business and tourdim advisors and district sembars: provide manower training and business loans through the ibupower levelopment and Training Aet, Diconomic beveloment loan Fund, and Small business danistmation; assest foreign investors, througi the
 District.

## - Peace Cons Assistance -

No Volunteers are currently involvod with business development and none will be used in this category in the future. Past prograns have not been successful and no further interest in Peace Corps as a resource is expected to develop. The district has indicated that it has the capacity ad desire to hire all assistance.

The only exception to this is the placoment of one Volunteer as a secretary trainer within the headquarters' training ditision. A Peace Corps Volunteer just ended a highly-creative and sucesshal 18 -montin secretarial trainer program this month for the livision of Persomel. Nother Voluntecr has been programed to finish the task of training a Micronesian counterpart trainer.

- Potential li.T. Prograns -

A number of projects have been covered under other headings in this report. There are many creative ideas that could be initiatod through public and private sources.
2. Specific Peace Coms Objectives

To improve Nicroncsian skills in office procejures and to train a counterpart to continue this progran.
3. Peace Comp lethods

Provide secretarial trainer to assist with in-service manpowe training.
4. Sector Sumary

Quite framkly there is no justirication for lolmoners in the relatively surfistocated business, comereial and industival developments in the Mariams. Jourism does not need ary assistance.

There is no Warine liesources progran for a Vodunteer to loork within. However, requirements for highly technical people could chane with the $t$ masfor of
 cconomic developabits don't need leace corps. It is also reas mable to assame that headparters can hire its expertise as noded.

## I: Professional Services

For reasons alroady described there will be no further peace diphs reyuests for lasers, engmers, architocts or other pofossmally skilled pople. There is no neal to go into the details once more mader this scator:

## f. Commanity Ievelopiment

1. District Problen Nrea

- Background -

The lack of social serujes and the means to provide commaty facilities created a need for phblic-supported material and technical assistance. Youth, not lully ongaged in work, need organied recreation lacilities. Adults lack tive skills to cone with merging modernization, sanitation and other aspects of human development.

## - T.T. Objective -

To develop interost and participation by the commity in describing its needs and to oncourage commanity participation in meeting it: own social obligations by material and technical assistance.

- Current T.'T. Progran -

The Division of Conmmity levelopnent provides technical advice and assistanc as follows: (1) "flatching-fund" (irant-In-Nid; (2) Sponsorship of women's interest groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Youth Club acti: itios; and (3) Sports and recreation prograns.

The Marianas Island bistrict Commaty Action Agoncy (MIUCNU) also provides social and educational services to the "poor commities" in the form of lleadstart prograns, Nalt Ehucation and Comminty Centers which offer limited courses in vocational training and developinent of job opportunities. Churches also assist the commanity with special programs.

## - Peace Corps Assistance -

A total of 25 Volunteers have been assigned to mork with Commaty developma in a number of its program since 1960 . The high $180^{\circ}$ Volunter attrition cond be attributed to lack of local intorest but not from a lack of need. With all these semvices amilable, the commaties nave the basic ingredients to
 been achieved to involve both adults and youth in plaming and doing for thentselice:

- botential T.l. Prograns -

There is a need for citizen-oriented overall social service phaning. The present system apoars to bo a congiomemation of well-intent nod, biut overlappines services. little or no joint effort has heon made t. organize a "coalition" of a varety of puhtic and primate proms amd talents to amalya commaty needs as a whole, cstahlish priorities withth available resources and implement cooperative efforts.

A voluntere (not le) "ehrianas (oalition" conld become the parent or steering comate orgamization. Coabition suh-comattees could develop for anmaner of istand progrant from physical plaming to dog disposal. For example, an mand private fund-rising shb-comittee would create greater
 and all it entails. Fundi could be allocated by a Budget Suh-comillittee according to nceds and priorities.

The time is right for such a scheme and the potential is limitless. Such a project could cventually tic in with a similar organization that is needed on Cuan.

Right now there is a desperate need for playgrounds and other youth activities in depressed Chalan Kimoa lillage. Historic buildings could be attractively renovated for adult sewing and other crafts. The potential for Voluntecr and SPl' support is obious, but to succeed these projects must be initiated by local loaders and supported by the communty as a whole. liducition volunteers could come in to assist on a scondary and/or stamer project.

## 2. Specific Peace Corps Obiectives

Future Voluntcers will not be needed in full-time positions in Comminity Development according to the DISTAD. The Peace Corps objective in the current program is to assist with the develoment of organized youth activitios throughout the Trust Territory.

## 3. Methods to Nchicve Objectives

Provide a Youth Progran Specialist to the Trust Territory heakuarters Divisjon of. Commity bevolopment as a "traveling progran specialist" for all districts in Micronesia.

## 4. Sector Sumary

The projected progran has been fully described in a Program 10.4 and is outlined in the enclosed projections within the Varianas bistrict.

The youth program specialty assigment may be very difficult from the point of Volunter satisfaction. The lach of knowledge of the culduma, languages andpeople-wi-t be difficht to-orercone.- In addition, workirg-with hatquarters and side-by-side with paid 1 .S. contract emplovees an catse adjustment problems and add to fob dissat isfaction. Future position of this natma should be contracted by the Trust ferritong - perhaps through iomer Volunter:

The need for hoterorgmized commaty services is apparent. In a constantly changing onviroment, now nocts are inevitable and bettor directed social service prosmas are a necessity. There is no end to the posinbilitios, but the district leaters shomblow to their own ham resources for solutions.

## C. Public horks

For reasons already described there will he no future requests for Peace Coms assistance in Public Works. Past programs nave not been successful, and the district now hat every intention of hiring or contracting for expertise. llowever, a few comments are in order.

With Public korks cooperation, a more vigorous cooperative education progran could be devised to provide high school stalents and young adults with the opportunity to "leam and earn". Mcaningral acceptance of this approach mas be difficult or romote at this stage of phesical and attitudinal dovelopment in the Marianas. Large sums are being allocated for capital improvement now and for future projects. Contractors are cager for profits and they have little interest in education. Nthough Public liorks is having difficulty just keeping up with utilities repairs (i.e. the power has been off for four days at this writing) the potential for on-the-job training is here.

There is also a desperate need for contract analysis and monitoring. Experienced job inspectors are needed to assure that contract specifications are followed. Cost overruns and unexpected contingencies are a way of life and additional profits to contractors. This situation is costing the government large sums of money.

## 11. Ecology

1. District Problom Area

For years the people of the Narimas and other districts of Micronesia have treated their lagoons and surrounding oceal as natural dumping grounds for hum waste and garbage. Early in 1970 a report, called Martw haters of Micronesia, focused public attention on this problem. To quote Vurky Gaters, "...there is nothing abstract in the shock...as we obscrve the progressive fouling of our lagoons, their increasing stench, the steady decline in the numbers and kinds of reef fish and shell fish, the breakdonn of living coral reefs".

Every district center lagoon is polluted beyond what is considered safe for fishing and recreation. Gross pollution cxists throughout the Saipan lagoon. Nor has the lad been spared. Dump continue to accomalate trash. Some of
 and broken glass. There is no program to properly deal with waste disposal.

The consequences of further population growth, economic development and insouciance is mere pollution.

- T.T. Objective -

To clear the waters and lands of pollution to make the total enviroment of Micronesia safe for life and growh.

## - Current T.T. Program -

In conperation with the Federal linviromental Protection Agency, the Trust lorritory has created a bivision of Enviromental health within head-
 mantain contimous survellance of ahl waters, tain sanitation personci in water testing, educate the puilic about the hacards of pollution and monite all construction proposals to measure their impact on the enviroment.

## - Peace Corms Assistance -

In 1970, the Peace Conp, in cooperation with the Smithsonian Institute, designed a progran to provide a microbiologist to assist the livision of Enviromment llealth with the establishent of testing laboratores, standard zation of procedures and techniques for water pollution control, training of environmental health personel and to provide expertise to a disaster group investigating special ecological episodes.

For the past two years cnergetic recruiting efforts inave failed to provide a Voluntecr. At this stage it is probably more reasomable to "release" the Trust Teritory to hire their own expertise!

Miss Donna L. Schouring, a third-year Palau District Volunteer medical. technician, is primarily responsible for the technical work and uriting of Murky laters.

- Potential T.T. Prograns -

Fomal education curriculum dealing with the carc of the enviroment could be establishod and introduced in the schools throughout the territory.

## 2. Specific Peace Coms Objective

To assist the T.T. in the development of systems and attitudes to control pollution.

## 3. Method to Achicre (bjectives

Provide the bivision of Emviromiental llealth with a microbiologist or envinnantal sciontist o assist in cstabising monitorng techaques to prevent pallition, tosting techmiques to identily pollution and corrective measures to stop, it.

## 4. Soctor Sumbary

Betailed infonation is available in the approved !cology Progran 104 . Polla: tion contion mbst be cons idered a primary problea in the Trust feritory. bery elont shoma be mate to sto its spread. I full and detailed report can be fomm by rading an anticic in the july-dugust, 1972, isstue of Bologr romay called lamatise Polluted, by havid $k$. Gamer.

## 111. • RINA, SINPARY

No plan is complete without subjective coment, generalities and words of wisdom. This report is no exception. In a sense one could throw divay what has beon written and more anead with what follows:

## A . Social Commentary

1. Manpower traming and retraining in technical and vocational skills is a fundamental necessity for gainful employment and maximum productivity. It will take years to establish the local attitudes to accept large-scale vocational training.
2. Higher education should not be discouraged, but curricula should be redirected to the realitios of island job opportunities, expectations and neods. Acadeatic curriculun should be in close partnership with bocational training.
3. The prevention of pollution, regarded as an existing threat to the land, sea and air, should be a primary consideration in all proposals for change.
4. Establisin more moning ful public and private commications within the district through a "Marianas Coalition". Improve contacts with Guan. The Harianas can leam much by Guan's mistakes and profit by avoiding them.
5. Encourage strong commmity supported physical and social service plaming to better utilize imited spare and to provide the islands with needed human care services. Aroid overlapping and monceded projects. Private social scrvices develoment should be encouraged and should be privately funded in cooperation with Guan.
6. Private initiative should be stressed in all goverment assistance prograins. Govemment prograns should supploment not supplant such efforts.

## B. Economic Comucntary

1. Natural and physical resources are available hero for development. Meaningful and broad local initiative in agricultural and marine resources development is beyond the horizon.
2. With proper plaming, ham work and comon sense these asets matural \& physical) could be hamessed for the benefit of future generations of local residents.
3. Private 1 and tenmio must be regarded as a basic right and the most fumortant asset of the people.
4. Foreign capital imestment mast be encouraged, but local hire and participation in dinership mast be respected.
5. Orgmized and positive action should be made to seek the kinds of developant that would be most combere to the sensitive mature of these island and its people.
6. The arrival of the military on Tinian is inevitable and, to many, desirable. Tensions and misunderstandings can be reduced by advance plaming and proper dissimination of infomation:
7. Low interest credit lums should be avalable withont full security only if the indivelual displats The capacity to achieve. The gorembent may hate stumbled and bumbed in economic development, but there comes a time when the indivilual must pull his own weight.
8. Statistical data is unreliable; inaccurate and difficult to find. Efforts should be made to contralize statistical collection and reporting within the district administration for making realistic projections. Potential investors need precise data, facts and figures too.

## C. Political Commentary

1. The larianas !istrict is cager to move rapidly toward modemization and pemament affiliation with the United States.
2. Although the majority of the leaders of Rota are Toritorialists, there is growing support on Rota for direct Marianas negotiations and pemanent affiliation with the lnited States and/or Guan. Popular Party leaders feel quite cortain that kota will not go its separate way from the balance of the Varianas.
3. Govemment reorganization is a necessity. Not only should be the Marianas political status be changed, but the carryover adianistrative machinery needs to be overnauled. The current political units are competing, wasteful and deter organized development.
4. The presence of other intemational service organizations would be healty, but might be a complicating factor in future negotiations and closer ties with the United States.
1). Peace Coms Commentary
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2. Peace cons should work much more closely with the loluntecrs, district adninistration and district leghelature to hay the fondation for a smoth transition from "foreign" to "domestic" assistance in the thrianas. This has implications in our relationship with other districts.
3. A Peace coms advisory cownell should amediately be orgmized to assist wid. a transition.
4. Consideration should be given to the assignent of a pilot prabect of thited
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5. Future lohunter requests should be accompanied by a written agrement, signed the bistrict Aministmator, providing cash contributions of not loss than $50, \ldots$ of the direct in-country costs of cach $(\$ 1,300.00)$. A smanler contimation shomd come from the bistrict legislature and until status changes, from the Congress of ilicronesia.
6. Voluntecrs should be camefaly screened for Narianas groups. Daly experienced people should be placed here and only in progroas that are meticulously researched and fully supported by the requesting agency. do progrems should be designel that camot be completed within too years or be casily assigned to a clomestic agency.
7. Prospective candidates should be given a full description of the contraints of service in the Marianas prior to accopting an assigment. A Statement of Understanding should describe the exact job requirements and list the expected T.T. agency material and financial support. This should be sipmed by the I.I., Volunteor and feace Corps stalf.

Because of the disparate nature of Micronesia, it is the recomendation of this renort that future detailed district plans be developed as the basic plaming tool for future country plans: The country staff could then make nore reasonable district-specific assumptions and ask more cogent questions about subscquent programs.
A final comnont should be an apology for the unexpected length of this missal. Since most of the benefit of this effort is for the author, it may be that very few, if any, other people ever read to this point. lloweicer, under the special conditions of local developments, it seemed appropriate to present as full and detailed an analysis as time would pemit. flopefully, this plan will serve as a base for further discussion, analysis and relevant decisions.

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