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EDUCATION

The Library Services Supervisor attended a Bureau of Libraries and Educational Technology Conference in Philadelphia at which L.S.C.A., E.S.E.A. Title II, and N.D.E.A. Title III matters were discussed. The trip provided an opportunity for the Supervisor to stop in San Francisco and obtain clarification on several outstanding matters related to library programs. Region IX officials there were almost helpful.

Special Education District Project Agreements for FY 1973 have been made in Yap to initiate a program for 6 deaf children, Marshalls to initiate a program for 9 deaf utilizing an 8 week Special Study Institute to train two Marshallese teachers to teach deaf children and Palau Special Education Project which served 100 mildly handicapped children during FY 72 has been extended for its second and final year.

HEALTH SERVICES

Gregorio Calvo returned after completion of his studies at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., to the position of Hospital Administrator II.

Carson Whitlow, Chief, Division of Statistics, terminated his position and returned to the U.S. to take up further education in the field of statistics.

Nachsa Siren, Chief, Division of Environmental Health, is developing the procedures to create a Micronesian Environmental Protection Board.

An ad hoc Gonorrhoea Control Committee, headed by the Health Educator, has been formed for the Marianas District. Several meetings have been held and the gonorrhoea eradication program in Saipan is underway.

A three weeks' training program for Food Service Workers was given at Truk Hospital. Training meetings were held two hours each day, six days a week. Emphasis was placed on basic nutrition and diet therapy.

FINANCE

Procurement and Supply--Smyth Worldwide Movers was the successful bidder to handle TT employees household effects (pickup, packing, crating) from point of recruitment within the U.S. to West Coast ports. Negotiations are underway to sign a one-year contract.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Community Development--A \$20,000 grant was awarded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to mount a two-cycle training program. The Program Development Officer traveled to all districts to clarify key housing bills to be considered in the Special Session in August.

During a field visit to Yap, the Women's and Youth Programs Coordinator met with the Home Service Advisor to discuss the USDA program Food Distribution to Needy Households. Concern was expressed for the need of the program for the people of Satawal and Eurapik outer islands which are over populated and land area inadequate for producing agricultural projects to supply family needs. Initiation of the program is under study in the district. The Coordinator also visited Gilman village concerning needs and plans for a Child Day Care Center. There are more than 89 women employed away from home, many of whom need day care services for pre-school age children. Sources for funding day care centers are being explored.

The US Department of Labor offered the Trust Territory a summer program of approximately seven weeks for in-school youths on vacation. The program is to provide useful work experience opportunities for 234 young men and women, ages 14 through 20, so that their employability may be increased and/or that their education may be resumed or continued. Federal funds totalling \$42,120 has been approved for this program.

Due to the unexpected death of Mr. David Sandbergen, head of the Territorial Economic Opportunity Office, the interim responsibility for managing the TEOO was assigned by the High Commissioner to this Division.

PUBLIC WORKS

Patrick Dennis McBreen arrived in Majuro to assume the duties of Marshalls District Planning Officer. All District Planning Officer positions are now filled.

Funding for the capital improvements program as of 31 May totalled \$67,207,210.

The final arrangements for the Micro Planning Conference on 29 July through 5 August, at PATS on Ponape Island, have been completed. Those attending will include all District Planning Officers and members of the Territorial Planning Coordinating Committee.

A six-month training course for Sewage Treatment Plant Operators commenced at the University of Hawaii. The first session is attended by two trainees each from Palau, Saipan, and the Marshalls Districts.

Joe Nakanishi, Superintendent of Controlled Maintenance, accompanied the Trust Territory Government Representative on the Eniwetok field trip to assist in gathering information required for making plans to return the Eniwetokese to their home islands.

A Safety Management Training Program under the auspices of the CIRO Safety Division, U.S. Naval Station, Guam, is being attended by the Safety Officers for the six Districts. Mike Marcus, Trust Territory Administrator, was instrumental

in arranging for the Trust Territory participation in this program, which is designed to upgrade the knowledge of all Safety Officers.

While on Truk to make a survey of the proposed sites for the channel blasting project for the Congress of Micronesia, Steve Aiken, Construction Project Superintendent, discovered a sunken ship in the Truk Lagoon, found to contain depth charges, machine gun ammunition, projectiles and projectile time fuses. Mr. Aiken is proposing to salvage the cargo to be used in clearing small boat channels in the lagoon area in the outer islands.

DISASTER CONTROL

Word was received from the South Pacific Commission that Dr. K. Groenewegen, SPC Demographer, would be of assistance to this Government in developing the refined program and budget for the proposed 1973 Census Plan, and that his recommended material would be available shortly.

A revised staffing plan for the Disaster Control Office was approved to provide personnel and additional funds in 1973 and 1974 for the combined Disaster and Census functions and responsibilities.

Typhoon Lola, along with sea waves from a storm south of the equator, caused considerable damage to Ponape Island, Mokil, and Pingelap. The storm moved westerly and also caused some damage to the Truk Islands. The typhoon posed a threat to Guam and the North Marianas, but turned suddenly to the north-east and moved out of the Territory.

As of June 30, this office was awaiting final up-dated reports from District Administrators Ponape and Truk to determine magnitude of damages and possible justification for a Trust Territory Disaster Declaration.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held for the major Typhoon AMY construction project, which included the new Truk High School classrooms. Local projects performed by municipal contractors are now underway, but progress continues slow. An extension of time on some projects may be required.

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

The Director left for Truk, Honolulu, San Francisco and Seattle to confer on department business including Marine Resources, Agriculture, Labor and Economic Development matters.

The Copra Stabilization Board renewed for another two years the contract with the United Micronesia Development Association (UMDA), which is the marketing agent for the board.

Agriculture--Dr. Rogelio R. Vega became the new Chief of the Plant Pathology Section of the Agriculture Division. His office is located at the Kagman

Plant Industry Station on Saipan. Dr. Vega was formerly with the staff of the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho.

The Marianas District developed a Farmer's Handbook for use in the Marianas farmers activities.

The Animal Health Services conducted several training sessions for meat inspection, slaughtering and veterinary clinics to its staff employees.

This month's dollar value of local produce (vegetables, fruits, meat, eggs) totalled \$54,582, a decrease of \$9,000 from May. This decrease is attributed to the damage sustained from Tropical Storm Lola, which hit Ponape during the latter part of May and early June. This month's dollar value is an increase of \$25,000 compared to the same period last year.

Lands and Surveys--The Isley field environmental impact hearing was attended and additional assistance was given to Jim Dittmars of the Ralph Parsons Company in preparation of the final report.

A review of the status of Nan Madol was held with the Attorney General's Office. General agreement was reached on the procedure to be followed in having this area set aside as a Historic Site.

Economic Development--The Chief, Economic Development Division visited Ponape to discuss with DistAd, District Agriculturist and District Economic Development Officer matters regarding EDLF, particularly those EDLF agricultural projects affected by tropical storm Lola.

The Travel Information brochure was revised and will be ready for distribution in July.

The EDLF Board approved five loan applications totalling \$64,000 for store expansion, motel expansion, working capital and a restaurant.

Southwest Islands Cooperative of Palau and Marshall Islands Federation of Cooperative Associations were chartered by the High Commissioner.

Assistant Cooperative/Credit Union Advisor Bobo Keju of the Marshalls has been hired and completed orientation in Saipan; he will be stationed in the Marshalls.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chief of Transportation Wayne Thiessen, traveled to Koror to coordinate territory-wide sea transportation activities out of the Transportation Coordination Center in Palau.

Fred Heine, Manager, Ship Operations Unit, and James Reyes, Personnel/Certification Assistant, set up shipboard personnel payroll procedures and developed control procedures for the interisland ship operations at the Transportation Coordination Center.

Vicente K. Pangelinan, recent graduate of the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy, is presently serving aboard the M/V PACIFICA as Acting Second Officer.

MARIANAS

Daniel P. Castro was appointed by the District Administrator to the position of District Administrator's Representative for the Northern Islands.

Peace Corps Volunteers Miss Christina Smith and Mr. Edward Titus, arrived to replace PCVs, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Wagner, as the elementary school teachers on Agrihan. The Wagners have completed two years of exemplary service to the people of that island.

Work was completed on the publication, Atlas of Micronesia for Elementary Grades, a 131-page book of maps with descriptive passages about each of the inhabited and many of the important uninhabited islands of the Trust Territory, under the outstanding leadership of Mrs. F. S. Baker. The atlas will serve as part of the fifth grade curriculum.

One hundred-sixty-seven seniors were graduated from Marianas High School on Saipan.

Dr. Jose D. Torres, one of the eldest employees in the Trust Territory Government, with nearly 60 years of combined medical service under three different administrations in Micronesia, retired. Dr. Torres was honored at a ceremony in the hospital named after him, with the presence of Trust Territory Headquarters and District officials as well as elected leaders of the Marianas District and the hospital staff.

Dr. Carlos S. Camacho departed for a 15 month fellowship in Public Health Administration at the University of Hawaii. Dr. W.C. Weaver, an expatriate General Practitioner, arrived in Saipan to join the District Health Services Department.

David Q. Maratita, Public Affairs, was designated General Chairman for the 1972 Liberation Day Celebration Committee, a citizens committee established to coordinate the 26th anniversary of the Liberation of Saipan.

Elections were held for mayors and municipal councilmen on Rota and Saipan, respectively, and for municipal councilmen on Tinian. The Rota election resulted in the re-election of the incumbent mayor. On Saipan, the incumbent mayor was also re-elected as well as all the municipal council candidates on the Popular Party ticket. A suit has been filed in court by the defeated candidate for mayor and on behalf of others asking to declare the Saipan Municipal election null and void due to alleged irregularities.

E.E. Blankenfeld retired as District Director of Public Works. Antonio C. Tenorio, Housing Administrator of the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, was detailed as acting director of public works.

PALAU

The District Chief of Police was directed by Headquarters Public Safety to take action on a contraband shipment of a large quantity of marijuana, arriving on

Air Micronesia. The suspect has not been located in the district.

Koror Municipal Ordinance No. 58-72, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 1973 was approved by the District Administrator. This year's budget is \$49,422, compared to \$36,900 in FY-72.

The District Legislative Liaison Office assisted the municipalities of Ngardmau, Ngchesar and Ngiwal during the election of municipal chief executives. The following were elected magistrates: Ngardmau, Aichi Kumangai; Ngchesar, Omelau Tanaka; Ngiwal, Keptot Arurang.

As the result of the Palau Legislature's denial of seating the legislator elected from Ngchesar Municipality in the Fifth Palau Legislature, on the ground that his candidacy was not in accordance with the established law; the Election Commissioner called a special election to be held on July 20, 1972.

Most of the MOC graduates have been hired by local businesses and other private organizations. The demand for labor force is quite hard to meet.

The District Administrator appointed the following persons to the Palau Tourist Commission: Benjamin Orrukem, George Ngirarsaol, Katsumi Inabo, Miss Margie M. Blailles and Salvator Ongrung.

The manager of Van Camp has offered to recruit 10 to 15 high school students to work on fishing boats. The major interest of Van Camp is to train the students by exposing them to actual work experience.

TRUK

The District Administrator delivered the State of the District Message to the Legislature. He reviewed candidly both the accomplishments and failures of the District Government during the past year.

The District Administrator approved six GIA proposals, totalling \$7,668, for the Pulusuk municipal office, Dublon police station and jail, Ta municipal office, Namoluk municipal office, and part of Oneop municipal dispensary.

There were 280 participants in the 1972 Elementary School Teacher Summer Training Program. General science and college algebra are two Community College of Micronesia's extension courses being offered this summer in Truk District.

The Truk District Legislature, 22nd regular session, was adjourned on June 24. This was the first session in the history of the Legislature to have a floor leader elected by it's members.

Fichita Bossy, mayor-elect of Moen, was sworn into office by the District Administrator. Saka Manas of Eot Municipality was re-elected Magistrate of that municipality. Susumu Aizawa was appointed Acting Magistrate of Tol Municipality.

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