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LEGAL

Mamoru Nakamura was appointed Deputy Attorney General vice Robert I. Bowles who was transferred to the Micronesian Claims Commission as Chief Counsel.

Joaquin Villanueva was appointed Juvenile Detention Specialist of the Public Safety Division. He is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and has a degree in Sociology. Mr. Villanueva received training in Guam from the Department of Public Safety and Department of Corrections in juvenile and prison policies and procedures.

The third group of recruits graduated from the Public Safety Academy's basic training program. The ceremonies were held at Moen, Truk. The High Commissioner and Lieutenant Colonel Duane Thenhaus, Commanding Officer of law enforcement and security, Andersen Air Force Base, addressed the group.

EDUCATION

Thirty-four new Education employees and their families completed a three day orientation program held in Honolulu.

All District Directors of Education, Directors of CCM and MOC met together with Headquarters Education Administrators to discuss personnel, financial and program development management.

Scholarship testing materials have been mailed to Guam, Hawaii, Oregon, and to AFS New York to permit Micronesian high school seniors to take the tests which are one of the requirements in being considered for a Trust Territory Government or Congress of Micronesia scholarship grant.

A "Master List" of the most useful books that Headquarters Education, Library Services, has provided the districts over the past several years is being prepared for use as a check list when inventorying, and as a selection tool.

HEALTH SERVICES

The Trust Territory Health Council held its tenth meeting on Saipan.

The World Health Organization Annual Report was completed and submitted to WHO Head Office in Geneva, Switzerland.

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A WHO consultant, Dr. William J. Holmes, visited the Marshall Islands for an Epidemiology study on the incidence of cataracts.

Dr. Francisco Palacios, Chief of Communicable Disease Control, returned from six months of studies at Atlanta, Georgia and various other states in the U.S. Included were a course in "Tuberculosis Today", and seminars in Epidemiology and Administration and Epidemiologic Intelligency Service.

Mrs. Irene Rowland, Principal of Trust Territory Nursing School, resigned her position effective September 1, 1972. Active recruiting has been instituted to fill this vacancy.

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Community Development--Division Chief Allen, Housing and Renewal Advisor Richardson, and Program Development Officer Jackson attended the Congress of Micronesia Special Session to testify on two housing bills that would enable the TT to participate in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's housing and renewal programs. Both bills were filed before the session ended.

A HUD funded community development training program for nine mid-level district staff personnel was carried out at PATS over a period of 25 days.

The cultural education component of the Ponape Program for the Elderly was launched at Madolenihmw in Ponape District.

The regular Neighborhood Youth Corps out-of-school program was refunded for six months, totalling \$98,250. Also, trainee wages were increased from 50¢ to 61¢ per hour to reflect the new TT pay scale minimum wage.

The summer NYC program (in-school) ended August 11. A total of 230 young men and women were enrolled.

Five more young men were enrolled at the Koko Head Job Corps Center in Honolulu. Four others completed training and were returned to their districts.

The Coordinator of Womens Programs departed to San Francisco to participate in a USDA sponsored meeting to review food distribution procedures.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Implementation of Department of the Interior's recommendations to improve contract administration and construction was begun by the Contract Construction Division.

The Chief, Operations & Maintenance, visited Guam shortly after the fire which gutted the Saipan Power Plant in an effort to restore power on the Island by negotiating the loan of generators and personnel from the U.S. Navy.

Headquarters and District Public Works are making every effort to restore normal power to Saipan. A factory representative from White Superior arrived on the island to repair/start up the White Superior generators on Saipan; also on Majuro which is experiencing power shortage.

#### DISASTER CONTROL

Initial distribution of the up-dated Trust Territory Disaster Plan to all Department Heads and District Administrators and their staffs, was completed.

The Disaster Relief Act of 1972 which had been before the Congress of Micronesia since last February was filed by the Committees and failed to pass.

A fire totally destroyed the Saipan Power Plant on August 13. Work was started to restore power on a limited basis, while construction of the new Power Plant was accelerated. Total estimate of loss is not firm; although the old plant was capitalized in excess of one million dollars.

#### RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development--The Chief, Economic Development Division, visited Palau and Yap to discuss major aspects of district economic development programs, particularly matters relating to the Economic Development Loan Fund and Small Business Advisory programs.

The Tourism Chief participated in a series of Pacific Islands Development Commission (PIDC) travel seminars in Japan. Films and talks were presented and questions were answered in an effort to orient Japan's travel personnel to Micronesia's six districts and to create the concept of an American destination area circle through Guam, the Trust Territory, Samoa and Hawaii.

The Tourism Specialist was temporarily detailed to the Marianas Economic Development Office on a half-day basis to assist in its operation.

Saipan Farmers Cooperative Association was issued a charter by the High Commissioner.

Cooperative/Credit Union Advisor conducted a one-week credit union seminar in both the Mariana and Palau Districts.

Agriculture--The Chief Conservationist took part in a conference on Koror to find means to inject conservation and forestry into both the elementary and secondary school systems - particularly through the use of agriculture and forestry extension agents in the field, as well as academic work in the classrooms.

The Palau Botanical Gardens, a seven acre parcel of land in Ngerbeched village on Koror, was signed into existence by the High Commissioner. The area is

presently occupied by the Trust Territory Biology Laboratory, the Palau Museum and the U.S. Weather Service. At least half of the area is still available for development as a botanical garden.

The Plant Pathologist participated in an extension training program in Palau. Prevention of diseases through culture practices was emphasized.

He also attended a meeting of Saipan's Farmers Cooperative Association. The members were informed of the plant pathology service, is now available. There is very little farming on Saipan at present because of too much rain.

The recent disease problem of Jerusalem artichoke on Tinian was inspected. The Jerusalem artichoke was introduced to the Marianas without proper plant quarantine examination. Illegal introduction of new plants in the future should be prevented.

Lands and Surveys--Palau Realty Specialist West Saiske traveled to Saipan to attend Land Registry Training in operation and care of microfilming units and also reviewing Land Registry procedure with staff of Headquarters and Marianas Land Commission.

John Enfield who has been working with Cadaster Program in standards and training section at Headquarters under Asia Mapping Contract terminated. He was replaced by Edward Rygwalski who arrived from Ponape to continue the work.

The report on Micronesian Historic Sites prepared by Russell Apple has been submitted to the Print Shop for reproduction.

Another meeting was held with the Attorney General in an effort to get Nan Madol established as an Historic Site.

#### MARIANAS

Visitors to the District included Gabriel Tsai, Vice-Consul of the Republic of China; James Lee, Samuel Huang, and F. Chang all from the Land Reform Training Institute in Taiwan; and William Seawell, president of Pan American Airlines.

A total of 4,084 arrivals and 3,872 departures were recorded for August.

The Summer Day Camp program was concluded with about 200 children participating in the four-week program.

The Third Mariana Islands District Legislature adjourned from its Eighth Regular Session. Of the 80 Bills introduced, 35 were passed, and of the 56 Resolutions introduced, 36 were passed.

Produce sold locally and exported amounted to \$13,335.

Fifteen applications for production development loans totalling \$29,982 were approved.

The District Economic Development Officer traveled to Tinian to discuss the new Production Development Loan Funds with the farmers on Tinian.

The District Planning Officer has assumed the duties of Acting Chief of Planning for the Trust Territory for a period of about ten weeks in addition to his formal duties.

#### PALAU

Chinese Nationalist fishing boats which have been held in custody four months were released by order from Headquarters.

Preparation for the General Election for the members of the Congress of Micronesia is underway. The Manual of Administration of this election is being aired over Station WSZB.

Preparation for the Annual Municipal Leadership Conference is underway, with the workshop tentatively scheduled for September 18 thru 22.

Radio programs aired during August included interviews, programs from the Special Session of the Congress of Micronesia, state of territory message by the High Commissioner, programs concerning election laws, and over 200 public service announcements.

Education highlights included completion of summer training programs for teachers and preparation for the opening of all schools in September. Four new contract teachers arrived, and 11 new Peace Corps Volunteers who will work in the elementary schools entered on duty.

Sixty-one students from Palau received education assistance grants; 26 in U.S. Mainland, 7 in Hawaii and 28 in Guam.

Head Nurse, Katey Tmetuchel was assigned to attend patient Chief Aibedul to Japan. She will be away approximately two months as official medical escort. Through special arrangement, Chief Aibedul was referred to Japan seeking professional care and treatment by Japanese physicians.

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