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MONTHLY REPORT

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EDUCATION

Of the 442 applicants for Education Assistance Grant for the 1972/1973 School Year and summer session, 258 applicants were approved to receive awards.

The Social Studies Coordinator attended a workshop at the University of Papua New Guinea sponsored by the South Pacific Commission. The aim was to investigate means of improving social studies curriculum at institutions engaged in teacher education throughout the South Pacific.

Two Vocational education programs are being offered this year. The PATS program will offer Agriculture, mechanics and construction training for primarily in-service teachers. This program has the option of being a two year AS degree program by the students attending CCM for an additional year. The MOC program will offer mechanics, construction and seamstress/food service training for in-service or District sponsored students for a period of nine months or thirty credit hours.

Educational Specialist for School Food Services and Homemaking Education attended a National School Feeding Conference held at Rutgers University for all state Directors of School Feeding Programs.

HEALTH SERVICES

The State Plan for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism was approved by the USPHS Region IX office. Funding for three years has been obtained.

Dr. Masao Kumangai, Deputy Director, Health Services, accompanied the Special Joint Committee of the Congress of Micronesia to Japan to investigate treatment and care for radiation victims at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, after first visiting the Marshall Islands District.

The Communicable Disease Control Division participated in a Tuberculosis and Multiple Antigen Skin Testing Program in Truk and Ponape. Dr. Gerard Wijsmuller and Miss Sue Payne, from the office of TB Research of CDC, conducted the program. Results will be sent to the Director of Health Services when completed.

A draft for the formation of the Environmental Protection Board has been submitted to the Attorney General's office for review.

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A Health Education Workshop/Seminar is being conducted on Saipan for all the District Health Educators. Mr. Ernie Bertellotti, Head of Continuing Education, School of Public Health, University of Hawaii, is the training consultant, and Mrs. Kimie Mizuguchi, Executive Director of the Hawaii Cancer Society in Hilo is serving as consultant in audio-visual aids and cancer education. This Workshop/Seminar is sponsored and financed by the American Cancer Society.

#### FINANCE

##### Procurement and Supply--Routine

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Director traveled to Majuro to meet with the Congress of Micronesia Leadership. Primary purpose was to represent the High Commissioner and discuss matters relating to the forthcoming Special Session and the Micronesian Legal Services Grant.

While in the Marshalls, the Director also attended a meeting between residents of Rongelap and Utirik Atolls and the Special Joint Committee concerning Rongelap and Utirik Atolls.

While in the Marshalls the Director met with the District Administrator, the Deputy District Administrator, the District Attorney, the Associate Justice, Mr. Barry of the Marshalls Legal Services Office and also with representatives from the Marshall Islands Nitijela. In addition, he visited the Marshalls Peace Corps Training Camp at Rongrong, and met with the Marshalls Peace Corps trainees.

The Director stopped off in Ponape July 12 to check with the District Administration regarding plans and development for the forthcoming Special Session.

Community Development--Mr. James D. Richardson, Housing and Renewal Advisor, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, joined the Division staff for one year to assist in the development of a Territorial Housing program. Legislation for consideration at the Congress of Micronesia special session was finalized. It will enable the TT to participate fully in HUD programs.

The Yap Community Action Program was awarded a Title III Aging project grant in the amount of \$20,607. The federal share of project costs will be \$15,455. Yap District will contribute the \$5,152 non-federal share, \$3,000 of which was appropriated by the Yap District Legislature. The project, scheduled to be conducted from July 1, 1972, to June 30, 1973, will provide the services of a geriatric nurse who will extend health services to those elderly who find it difficult or impossible to visit the hospital as often as necessary.

The Peace Corps was unable to recruit a Youth Program Adviser as requested by this Division for this year. They are continuing their recruitment effort.

The annual Community Development Officers' Conference was held in Palau the week of July 24.

Legislative Liaison--The division held a conference in Saipan on the Trust Territory Election Law on July 17-21. The participants in the conference included two representatives from each district, four representatives from the department of Public Affairs, one representative from the Attorney General's office, the Assistant Executive Officer and four observers from the Office of the Legal Counsel, Congress of Micronesia.

The conference was the first of its kind and much exchange of ideas and positive suggestions were made to educate the general public about the election law. The division was requested to prepare legislation to be submitted to the Second Special Session of the Congress of Micronesia requesting \$10,000 to help defray the expenses of the November 1972 General Election. The sum of \$20,000 allocated by the Congress of Micronesia for the November 1972 General Election was divided after consultation with the participants among the six districts.

In another important development, the High Commissioner issued a proclamation calling for a Special Session of the Congress of Micronesia to be held in Ponape on August 14, 1972.

Important items to be considered by the Congress included the future political status of Micronesia, low cost housing, Disaster Control, reapportionment and other legislation as may be specified by the High Commissioner.

#### RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Deputy Director, Eusebio Rechucher traveled to Ponape where he attended the Trust Territory Manpower Advisory Council meeting in which he is a member.

Visitors to the Department included Mr. Richard W. Miller, Economic Development Officer for the Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Territorial Affairs (DASTA), Department of the Interior and Mr. Fred Radewagen, also of Office of DASTA.

Agriculture--New format for reporting District Agricultural operations for each month was initiated. This will enable better record keeping of activities and summarizing territorial activities.

Dr. Baron Goto formerly of the East-West Center and the University of Hawaii Extension Service was requested by Continental Airlines to make a survey of Continental Hotel's local produce demand, present usage and purchasing arrangement. He was accompanied by the Agricultural Marketing

Specialist to Palau and the Marianas. The survey noted lack of consistent supply of local produce, hotel management ignores local produce and hotels buy local produce as a last resort.

A production incentive program was initiated to recognize and reward farmers who produce items in constant demand, recognize and reward farmers who produce high quality produce, and recognize and reward those farmers who seek and follow advice of the Agriculture Department.

Labor--A total of 3,548 Non-resident Workers Identification Certificates have been issued as of June 30, 1972. Of this total, 2,167 have either been cancelled and/or repatriated to their original point of hire.

A scheduled training program for all district Employment Service Officers was conducted during the week of July 10 at Headquarters. The main topics of discussion were the new amendments to the Protection of Resident Workers Act. These involve increased authority for district representatives and also added responsibilities in reports on investigations, complaints, accidents and health reports, conducting hearings, checking work training programs, etc.

Publicity notices by news media throughout all districts have resulted in increased interest in job applicants and the assistance programs being offered by the employment service offices.

The division chief visited the Palau district for inspection of the new office location and to review local service programs and discussions with local businessmen and employers. He also visited the Yap district and had lengthy discussions with the Yap District Legislature and the Yap Businessmen's Association on the subject of employment service programs.

Work on the sewer and water contract project in Yap has been delayed because of shipping schedules but material and equipment should arrive soon. This project will result in increased employment in the area for Micronesian workers and non-resident skilled workers.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

On July 1, the Contract Construction Division commenced operating under its new organizational structure. The Division assumed those construction activities previously performed by the Operations and Maintenance Division. This is in accordance with the recommendations of the Resources and Development Committee of the Congress of Micronesia.

Strenuous efforts are being made to obtain proper administrative and fiscal control of the various C.I.P. projects and to accelerate their completion.

#### DISASTER CONTROL

Distribution of the Trust Territory Plan for Disaster Control, Recovery and Assistance to Individuals Suffering Loss was commenced.

During September, visits to all districts are planned to work with the District Administrators in the up-dating of the district plans.

The Disaster Legislation, which passed the House of Representatives last February, has been placed on the agenda for the special session in August.

An up-dated report, July 7, 1972, was received from Dr. K. Groenewegen of the South Pacific Commission, presenting his recommendations for carrying out the 1973 Census of the Trust Territory Government. This covers a period of fifteen months, running from July, 1972 through the end of calendar year.

Work was started on legislation to be introduced at the special session of the Congress to establish the 1973 Census with an initial appropriation of \$100,000.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Captain Hideo S. Tell, has re-joined the Transportation Division staff after spending approximately eight months aboard various Trust Territory vessels.

The M/V WANDANK, towing two large barges from Korea to the Trust Territory, narrowly escaped two typhoon threats west of the Northern Mariana Islands chain. The vessel was under the command of Captain Hideo S. Tell.

Wayne C. Thiessen, Chief, Transportation Division, traveled to Koror and Peleliu to meet with land owners to discuss the possible use of their land for a ship repair facility.

Elias Okamura, Deputy Chief, Transportation Division, traveled to Koror to accompany Alfred Yee and Associates for further site survey and materials investigation for the Palau bridge.

Gordon W. Tydingco, Chief, Transport Management Branch, traveled to Majuro to consult with the District Transportation Officer on reorganization and operation of the District Transportation Office and to Honolulu to meet with the Director of the Pacific Maritime Academy relative to the continuation of the navigation training program, as well as the establishment of a program for Marine Engineers.

The M/V ROBERT A. DEBRUM sailed to Japan for shipyard overhaul. Marine Engine Technicians Jose S. Borja and Juan S. Demapan accompanied the vessel to learn firsthand what goes on in a shipyard overhaul. Mr. Borja will enter Massachusetts Maritime Academy this fall and Mr. Demapan will enter his second year as a student of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering at the University of Michigan.

#### MARIANAS

District Administrator Francisco C. Ada was the honored speaker at the Micronesia Day celebration in Rota.

Japanese Consul General Tamio Kora from Honolulu, accompanied by Japanese Honorary Consul on Guam, James Shintaku, visited the district.

Governor of Guam Carlos G. Camacho was guest speaker at the 26th Liberation Day festivity on July 4, in Saipan

Brother Oliver Aiu, S.M., Director of Overseas Operation, Chaminade College, Honolulu, visited to discuss the Chaminade College programs with the Director of District Education.

The Public Information Officer attended the Pacific Islands Editorial Workshop in Hawaii.

The TT secondary roads to Kagman, Donni Spring and Maui Well No. 1, badly damaged by heavy rain, were repaired.

The LCU 1495 departed to the Northern Marianas with 8 Civic Action Team personnel for the Pagan Power Project.

Thirty-eight village homestead deeds were processed.

#### PALAU

Airai Police substation became the fourth substation in active duty along with Ngaraard on Babelthuap, Peleliu and Angaur.

A special election for legislator from Ngchesar Municipality was held and Anastacio Ngiraiuelenguul, who ran unopposed, was elected with the total of 61 votes.

Leo Migvar, Assistant Chief, Agriculture Division, and Dr. R. Vega, Plant Pathologist, arrived to conduct a training course for Agriculture Extension Agents. They were to be assisted by Demei Otobed, Chief Entomologist.

#### YAP

Personnel Management Intern Ignatius Ken and DPO Harriet Weinrich spent one week in Saipan for the Personnel Conference. In line with the decentralization program, concentrated workshops on techniques and skills of classification were held.

The Yap District Legislature issued a check for \$1,220.60 to the Scholarship Officer for the expenses of Yap District Scholarship students who attended the summer session at the UOG.

Two men from the Neighboring Islands departed for training at Van Camp Fisheries in Palau.

The Second Regular Session of the Second Yap District Legislature was adjourned on 19 July, with a total of 32 bills and 51 resolutions adopted.

The Committee of the Whole petitioned the District Administrator to call a Special Session. The District Administrator approved and issued the call for Special Session.

The Public Information Officer returned to Yap after attending the six-weeks' Pacific Islands Editorial Workshop sponsored by the East-West Center.

Approximately 2,000 starfish were killed by the Starfish Control Team now stationed in Ulithi Atoll.

Eighty-nine tourists entered the district, which is an increase of sixty-one over last month.

Copra production totalled 129,915 pounds, with a value of \$4,900.

Teb and Meerur Women's Groups in Tomil completed a temporary piggery with five pens. The Agriculture Division will provide five pigs. Two additional pigs were delivered to Ulithi High School.