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LEGAL

The Public Safety Academy of the Trust Territory was established. Manuel T. Sablan, Deputy Superintendent of Public Safety, has been appointed Director of the Academy. The Academy began training recruits on January 4.

Russell Walker, District Attorney, Marshall Islands, represented the Office of the Attorney General at the First South Pacific Judicial Conference in American Samoa and Western Samoa.

EDUCATION

The District Directors of Education and the Directors of MOC and CCM met on Saipan January 17-21 for an exchange of educational problems and the charting of education directions. As a result, 20 recommendations were submitted to the Director of Education.

Dr. Don Topping of the University of Hawaii and Director of the Pacific and Asian Linguistic Institute conducted a one week workshop for Trust Territory personnel on Rota. The selection of Rota for this workshop was so that participating members might observe the bilingual project for first grade students on this island. Besides T.T. participants, members from the Guam Department of Education were present.

The Director of Education approved three significant projects in the areas of Math, Science and Social Studies which are for the purposes of developing curriculum material and their methods of introduction to T.T. students. These projects are of a three year duration and it is expected that they will provide relevant materials and methods of instruction for the children of Micronesia. Throughout these projects there is an awareness that the communication and language development must go hand in hand with the specific content.

The Trust Territory Manpower Advisory Council met on Saipan from January 24-27, when final selection of scholarship applicants for the 30 new Trust Territory Government Scholarship Grants for the 1972-73 School Year was undertaken. This is in addition to the 111 grantees who will be continuing their studies.

The Coordinator of Adult Basic Education and the six district ABE Specialists attended a three week seminar for ABE supervisory personnel in the Pacific Basin, held in Hawaii. Representatives were present from the Trust Territory, Guam and American Samoa.

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## HEALTH SERVICES

Mr. Michael Cousins joined the staff in the position of Chief Pharmacist.

The staff discussed the direction and future programming in Mental Health with Dr. Pierson, Psychiatric Consultant, from Honolulu.

Final arrangements and preparations were made in Palau for the Cervical Cancer Detection Project which is funded in part by the Regional Medical Program of Hawaii.

The Pollution Laboratory in Saipan is completed and will be operational shortly. The laboratory will monitor the waters around the Marianas for pollution and also the domestic drinking water for purity.

Two Dental Nurses and two Dental Officers have been awarded WHO fellowships to continue their studies abroad in their respective fields.

A first issue of "The Micro Scoop", a Health publication, has been distributed by the Health Educator. This is an attempt to improve communications between headquarters Health Services Department and the districts, and between the districts. It is to be published once a month.

The headquarters Division of Mental Health initiated training sessions for the Marianas District Counselors. The sessions are being held for two hours, three times weekly. Discussions thus far have covered such diverse topics as The Meaning of Normality, Problems in Administration, Symbolic Levels in Verbal and Mathematical Communication, and The Problem of Alcoholism in Micronesia.

The dental equipment in Ponape, Truk, Majuro and Ebeye has been overhauled by Ignacio Masga, who has just returned from the States where he obtained advanced training at the Weber Dental Equipment manufacturer.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Director of Public Affairs coordinated arrangements for the one day visit to Saipan of Senator Barry Goldwater and his son, Representative Barry Goldwater, Jr. on January 6.

Both the Director and the Deputy Director of Public Affairs spent a good portion of the month in Palau District to attend the Second Regular Session of the Fourth Congress of Micronesia in Koror. The Public Affairs staff in Koror was in daily contact with Saipan Headquarters by telephone to provide current information on the Congressional session.

Civic Affairs--The Ponapean translation of the Report of the Congress of Micronesia Political Status Delegation was completed and sent to the Ponape District Administrator for distribution to the Public. The final draft of the Chamorro translation has is now being proofread by two reviewers.

Community Development--The Department of Housing and Urban Development has detailed Mr. James Richardson from the San Francisco Regional Office to work in this Division for 60 days to assist in making an initial application for HUD assistance.

The first Trust Territory program of Food Distribution to Needy Households was initiated for the Bikini/Kili people who are permanent residents living on Kili Island. Food distribution for January totaled 12,406 pounds for 45 families.

Three projects grants were awarded during the month of January to the Truk District Community Development Office and the Community Action Agencies in the Palau and Marianas Districts. Of the \$48,194 total, \$36,146 are federal funds and \$12,048 are in-kind contribution to be made by the communities.

#### DISASTER CONTROL

The Disaster Control Office was located in its permanent quarters on the second floor of the Administration Building. Work is now underway in the up-dating and refinement of the Trust Territory Disaster Plan.

In mid-January a combination of high tides accompanied by strong winds caused considerable damage to islands in the Mortlocks in the Truk District and to Kusaie and Mokil in the Ponape District. Preliminary reports magnitude of \$500,000. This office is currently awaiting final inspection reports from the District Administrators of the two districts.

#### RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

The Japanese Peace Memorial Statue and Park at Marpi were dedicated. The High Commissioner and Tokuichi Kuribayashi, Chairman of the Association in Japan for the construction of a Peace Memorial on Saipan, delivered the keynote address. Congratulatory messages were received from Japanese Prime Minister Eisaku Sato; Foreign Minister Takeo Fukuda and the Japanese Government.

Deputy Director Eusebio Rechucher traveled to Malaysia to attend the annual PATA conference and workshop. The Director announced the appointment of Dr. Richard Wass as Marine Resources Specialist for the Ponape District.

Economic Development--Eighteen persons from the Trust Territory attended the PATA Conference and Workshop at Penang and Kula Lumpur, Malaysia, January 27 -- February 4. The delegation included tourist commission members, district legislators, government officials and private businessmen.

A group of seven travel writers from the U.S. toured the six districts of the Trust Territory during the month of January. The tour was sponsored by Continental Airlines.

The Economic Development Loan Fund Board of Directors considered nine loan applications. Three were deferred for further information; five direct loans

were approved amounting to \$102,006.00 and one guaranteed loan in the amount of \$75,000.00. The districts approved 23 small loan applications in the amount of \$5,000.00 or less each, aggregating \$52,539. The total approved for January was \$229,545.00.

Cooperative/Credit Union Advisor traveled to Honolulu to coordinate a renewed effort to bring SBA assistance to the Territory. He also arranged for a Micronesian credit union manager training program with the Hawaii Credit Union League.

Lands and Surveys--Kozo Yamada, Chief, Division of Lands and Surveys, traveled to Yap and Palau to discuss C.I.P. with the Yap District Administrator and to be present for the Public Hearing in Palau on House Bill No. 119.

Agriculture--Mr. Edwin Hugh, former FAO Agriculturist assigned to the SPC, visited Saipan for several days for an orientation on agricultural development possibilities in Palau and Yap. Mr. Hugh is currently with the Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific, Inc. and will be in Palau and Yap for about a month conducting an agricultural feasibility study of those two districts. The Foundation is involved with Palau CAA which has proposed an economic development project for Palau.

The Agriculture Division's FY 1974-78 financial plan was submitted to the High Commissioner after district inputs were reviewed. We feel that the Agriculture Division allocations for these FYs, both for the districts and Headquarters activities, are inadequate, both in the operations and CIP areas.

The M/V Mas Mauleg sailed from Palau to Yap with 55 live giant African snails attached to livestock feed. The snails were found and reported by Yap Agricultural Quarantine Inspectors. The ship had departed Koror without obtaining a Predeparture Certificate, which violates TT Quarantines and Regulations. The matter has been turned over to the District Attorney's Office for investigation and prosecution.

James Ramarii was appointed Palau District Forestry Officer. He successfully completed a two-year course of study at the Forestry School at Bululu, New Guinea, and has demonstrated outstanding work performance and leadership qualities.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Henry Noda, Acting 2nd Engineer of the M/V PACIFIC ISLANDER, and Hiroshi Obeketang, 1st Assistant Engineer of the M/V MILITOB, were selected to attend the one-year Advanced Marine Mechanics Program at Honiara Technical Institute in the British Solomon Islands.

An aviation seminar was held to discuss with air carriers the best procedures to be instituted with regard to charter flights into Saipan. Representatives of Pan American Airlines, Air Pacific, Air Micronesia and Japan Airlines attended.

#### MARIANAS

District Administrator Francisco C. Ada inspected all government facilities on Rota and Tinian.

The runway light project at Kobler Airfield, Saipan, is about 85 per cent completed.

Mrs. Maria Atalig, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, returned from a six-month training program in New Zealand and Fiji.

Three Grant-In-Aid proposals approved by the Marianas G-I-A Review Board: Rota Headstart Building; Saipan Community Hall #2; and Recreation Field (Saipan).

The District Entomologist traveled to Rota and Tinian to assist farmers in the eradication of crop insects.

The District Business Advisor traveled to Rota to assist local businessmen who were having problems.

The Use and Occupancy Agreement between the Trust Territory Government and United States Government for Farallon de Medinilla Island was signed by the Land Management Officer and the District Administrator and was forwarded to Headquarters for further action.

#### MARSHALLS

Two Japanese Fishing Boats entered the Marshalls during the month: One entered Majuro to bring a medical patient for emergency treatment and the other entered illegally at Namorik Atoll and was escorted by the M/V Militobi to Majuro for further investigation.

Robert Kreitner, instructor from the University of Nebraska, was in the Marshalls to conduct the upgrading portion of the Public Service Career training program offered by the Trust Territory Training Division in conjunction with the University of Nebraska Extension.

The Acting District Economic Development Officer traveled to Sub-District Ebeye, Kwajalein, to assist businessmen in their EDLF Applications.

The Community Development staff assisted officials from San Francisco and Trust Territory Headquarters who were here to initiate the surplus commodity distribution program on Kili Island and on Ebeye, Kwajalein. The group traveled to Kili. Mrs. Hattie Baker, Headquarters Women's Interest Officer, spent over two weeks on Kili Island working with the local women. Her primary mission was to show the people of Kili how to use some of the less familiar items of surplus commodity food.



✓ Mrs. Mary Lanwi, Marshalls Women Interest Officer, represented the Trust Territory at the Pan Pacific Southeast Asia Women's Conference.

The District Public Health Supervisor left for Malaya to attend the World Health Organization Fellowship conference.

#### PALAU

A student demonstration was initiated by the Palau High School dormitory students who demanded equal treatment on the use of recreation facilities with the MOC students. The police took protective measures against injury or other aggressive actions. MOC and Education Department staff members and student representatives held a series of meetings to set up a workable schedule for sharing recreational facilities.

In addition to routine activities of this office, the District Legislative Liaison Office assisted Headquarters Public Affairs personnel in the preparation for the Second Regular Session of the Congress of Micronesia. Two staff members were temporarily assigned to Public Affairs located at MOC.

The Palau Housing Authority is holding 98 applications but cannot refer them to the Review Committee due to lack of funds to mobilize the committee. The committee requires a \$5 stipend per person per day in addition to boat rentals and other expenses. A request has been submitted to the District Treasurer for the Review Committee's expenses and is now awaiting availability of funds.

Clown Count PoPo DeBath visited Palau and entertained 1,500 children including hospital patients.

A patient confined in the hospital mental ward went berserk and broke louvers, switches, doors, and demolished a toilet and shower facility. The patient has been transferred to a prison cell until repairs can be made and a steel-bar door installed in one room, to be used by violent patients.