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EDUCATION

Letters of award were sent to recipients of Trust Territory Government scholarship grants for the 1973/1974 school year. The High Commissioner announced the recipients of the Congress of Micronesia Graduate Scholarship grants. Ten Micronesian high school students have been selected to complete their senior year of high school on the U.S. mainland.

The Language Program Development Coordinator went to Papua New Guinea to attend the South Pacific Commission Annual Conference of Directors of Education. The Trust Territory presentation was "Bilingualism in Education".

The New Micronesian Mathematics Study Group has been selected. The group will be at CCM under the directions of Ralph Munro, the newly hired CCM mathematics instructor from Australia, until November, 1973.

The Coordinator of Special Education visited Palau with representatives from Northwest Special Education Instructional Materials Center. Palau agreed to develop a center and selected Peter Elechuus as director for that Associate Special Education Instructional Materials Center. Elechuus is tentatively to be trained in IMC work and basic special education skills this spring at the University of Oregon.

Three contracts were signed with PATS which provide summer workshop of Agriculture Teachers, the continuation of PATS Vocational Teacher Training, and provides for the support of forty additional students in the PATS high school program.

LNO--GUAM

The U.N. Visiting Mission was met at the airport and generally assisted by the LNO office during its inspection of the Trust Territory. A meeting arranged with T.T. students at the University of Guam was attended by 300. Governor Camacho hosted a breakfast at the Hilton in honor of the Visiting Mission.

A new immigration policy on the status of alien students studying on Guam is in effect.

FINANCE

Procurement and Supply--Jesus S. Guerrero, Chief, Depot Operations Branch returned from Oakland, California, where he completed a one-week Warehouse Operations

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Management course and a two-week Personal Property Management course at the Naval Supply Center Training School.

Miss Bernice P. Canata, Program Director, Food Distribution Program, Western Region, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, San Francisco, California, arrived to assist in the implementation of the Family Food Assistance program for the Marianas District. 850 persons on Saipan, Tinian and Rota have qualified for participation in the program, with a total of 1500 persons expected to qualify.

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Broadcasting--Esikiel Lippwe, Program Director of WSZC, Truk, has been selected for the position of Information Specialist at Broadcast Center, Saipan. In his new position Lippwe will act as assistant to Paul Savercool, who is in charge of the Division's training program. He also will assume major responsibility for production and duplication of programs for the district stations.

WSZB Palau hired Salustiano Albert as the station's Program Director. He attended Union College in the Philippines before joining the WSZB staff.

Arrangements were concluded with the Training Division, Personnel Department, for participation of the six district station managers in a three-week training course on Saipan, April 23 - May 11. The training, consisting of three university of Nebraska extension courses - Principles of Management, Personnel Management and Human Relations in Organizations - will be under the direction of Richard F. Kanost, Chief of Personnel's Training Division.

When the Fifth Congress of Micronesia, First Regular Session, ended early on the morning of February 27, a tally showed that more than 230 separate news stories - interviews, reports and summaries - in the various local languages had been sent out to the six district stations by the radio news directors and reporters.

Drastic cuts were made in the Division's preliminary FY 1975 budget in the areas of Equipment, Materials & Supplies and Other Services in order to accommodate the mandatory 13% budget reduction. The decision was made to retain the Division's full training program. The bulk of the training budget is in travel and per diem for the broadcast trainees sent to Broadcast Center for a two to three week training period. Four such training sessions are planned for FY '75.

Community Development--The Community Development Technical Adviser visited Truk District with officials from an Australian fibre glass company to help construct and demonstrate several household water storage tanks. Two Micronesian CD workers will be trained in Australia for 3 weeks in fibre glass construction. It is expected that the tanks will be of general value throughout Micronesia once communities understand their features.

Advance preparations were made for the Third Annual Territorial Conference on Aging, scheduled for March 26-30 in Koror, Palau. A concurrent meeting of the Pacific Basin Jurisdiction (TTPI, Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa) is scheduled for March 30.

The Women's Interest Coordinator ~~assisted with~~ pre-opening preparations for the beginning of the Marianas District Food Distribution to Needy Households program. Arrangements to begin nutrition education for food recipients were also completed.

Public Information--The division published two editions of Highlights; continued preparations of the Micronesian Reporter, First Quarter 1973 issue; prepared and disseminated daily news releases from the Micronesian News Service; prepared and disseminated weekly summaries of the MNS releases; and prepared and disseminated the High Commissioner's Monthly Report to the Department of the Interior.

An updated version of the April 1972 General Information Brochure was prepared and sent to the print shop. It will be distributed in March.

The annual reports to the United Nations and to the Secretary of the Interior were completed and shipped to Washington for review. Delays beyond the normal November 30 submission date resulted from several district shipments of material, mainly statistics, arriving late on Saipan.

The division received and distributed, with the assistance of the print shop 15,680 calendars.

The two-man team covering the Congress of Micronesia session successfully completed its work.

The Information Specialist for Graphic Arts submitted his resignation, effective March 2. A decision on replacement of his function had not yet been made.

Publications and Printing Division--Two on-the-job accidents occurred: (1) two badly bruised fingers, with two weeks lost time, and (2) a minor wrist sprain with three days lost time.

Job orders received from the Executive Branch totalled 135, and 149 from the Congress of Micronesia.

#### RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development--The Chief, Economic Development; Chief, Tourism Branch; and Tourism Specialist attended the Pacific Area Travel Association (PATA) conference held in Japan.

The Chief of Tourism Branch participated in the Pacific Islands Development Council meeting in Samoa where the group adopted a workbook of Physical Standards for Tourism Development. The workbook is intended for use by each district in preparing a blueprint for tourism development.

Twenty-seven delegates from Micronesia attended the PATA Workshop and Conference in Japan from February 21 to March 1. More than 500 of the conference's 1400 delegates visited the Micronesia-Guam hospitality suite where promotional films and literature were available.

Agriculture--The Chief Entomologist compiled a 50 page list of some important pests of economic crops of the Trust Territory. The list provides scientific, English common names and crops affected by the pests and their distribution in the Trust Territory.

Over 700 Gonaxiskeweziensis (cannibal snail) and about 60 Euglandina rosea (rosy predator snail) were collected. The cannibal snail will be sent to Truk District to be introduced on Fefan Islet where the giant African snail and the "Truk mountain snail" are destroying vegetables. The other snail will probably be sent to a separate island, in the Truk lagoon, where the giant African snail is a problem.

Lands and Surveys--A formal hearing was held for Kagman Retention Area 16. Only one adverse claim has been entered against the Trust Territory's claim to ownership of the entire Kagman peninsula. The same claim was adjudicated by the High Court in the early days of the administration by the Department of the Interior. The claim was denied by the Court. No decision has been reached at this time by the District Land Commission.

The Senior Land Commissioner, accompanied by the Assistant Chief, Lands and Surveys Division, Headquarters, the District Land Management Officer, District Surveyor, visited Rota for three days and held conferences aimed at completion of approximately 175 land exchanges which were made in fact in the 1950s but never followed by necessary legalization of the exchanges. (The Japanese moved all local people from Songsong Village in the 1930s and located them on land in Tatachog. When the U.S. took over the administration of Rota following World War II, the Rotanese asked and received permission to move back to Songsong where they are still located today).

The Senior Land Commissioner, together with his party, reported considerable success at clearing up this long standing problem. It may be years before it is finally completed because several interested parties are now living in Guam and some have become U.S. citizens. Ownership of some of the land is held by several heirs of the original owner, now deceased.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Transportation--Ywao B. Elanzo was appointed Deputy Chief of Transportation, a position which had been vacant since Elias Okamura joined the Director's Staff as Assistant to the Director, Transportation and Communications. Mr. Elanzo was formerly Chief of the Sea Transportation Branch.

The M/S WANDANK and the M/S JAMES COOK participated in the successful search and rescue of the Truk LCM which was missing for four days after the vessel's Master, Capt. Jack Kaseroff, died of an apparent heart attack.

#### MARIANAS

The Budget Officer from American Samoa visited the Marianas Programs and Budget Office to seek information and procedures on budget preparations.

Visitors to the Marianas High School included Dr. Bob King, Director of United States International University at Maunaolu Campus, Hawaii; Gus Cheathman and Charles Dell from the Elementary and Secondary Act in Washington, D.C.

The Mariana Islands District Legislature convened on February 5, and adjourned on February 28. Twenty nine Acts and 84 resolutions were passed.

A District Public Information Handbook was published and distributed by Public Information Office.

The Tourist Map of Saipan was reprinted and distribution continued.

Seven power outages, one scheduled and 6 emergency, were experienced.

Members of the Congress of Micronesia toured Tinian on February 3 and the people of Tinian hosted a luncheon in honor of the visitors.

#### PONAPE

One hundred cases were reported to the police. 61 resulted in arrest, the remainder pending further investigation. Twelve juveniles were arrested. Some 192 juvenile cases are pending court action.

The general annual sanitation inspection began. Sokehs has been completed and Net is half completed. Twelve movie theaters were inspected; two of these were closed due to inadequate sanitary facilities, and three were given warnings. Three ice-candy machines were also closed due to unsanitary conditions.

Dr. Stan Gufsag, Dental Officer from Yap, was detailed to Ponape for a month to ease the constant shortage of medical officers in the district.

The District-wide Chief Magistrates Conference was a great success due largely to the cooperation and input from various activities and departments that participated. The office of the Election Commissioner completed the special election for the Ponape District Legislature which was held for the municipalities of Kiti and Metalanim. Atiner Tihpen, a former legislator from Metalanim, and Alter Paul were elected from Metalanim and Kiti Municipalities, respectively.

The Public Affairs Officer, Tadao Sigrah, went on home leave during the middle part of this month. He will be on leave for approximately one month.

The development of a 200 acre rice field in Lukop, Metalanim, continues with the heavy equipment transported to the site aboard the LCU.

Vegetable sales for this month reached 1,681 pounds which is worth \$305.00. This brings total sales from July 1972 to the present to 27,097 pounds which is worth \$3,740.

## PALAU

A group of Yapese women visited Palau for a week. The Women's Interest Officer coordinated part of their tour of the district center where they visited Continental Hotel and the Micronesian Occupational Center. The group also had an opportunity to meet some of the local leaders.

Dr. Bob King, Director of the Maunaolu Campus of the United States International University, visited the district. He had an opportunity to meet some of the staff members of Education and explained the college program and financial aid program for college bound high school seniors. He also met with the high school principals and students of Palau High, Mindszenty and Emmaus High School. He said that Maunaolu College is willing to accept 50 Micronesian students this fall.

Micronesian Occupational Center graduated another group of trained tradesmen: five in the Construction trades, eight in Electrical trades, six in Food Services, and two in the Secretarial area. Truk District Administrator Juan Sablan was the commencement Speaker.

Some 100 adults are attending night classes in Secretarial, Seamstress, Air Conditioning, and Cooking at MOC.

Christina Fuzinanga, Medical Record Technician, departed for New Zealand to take 10 months' additional training, sponsored by WHO.

Dr. U.K. Marcil departed for six months' training in New Zealand under World Health Organization Fellowship.

In Koror, some businesses have shown major improvements and expansion. Rengil Bros. Co. has started constructing a new store building situated along side the present store. Ngiratkel Etpison Company is in process of completing its four story building. Also, Mr. Baules Sechelong will soon open his new apartments for public rental. Jacob Sawaichi Enterprise is ready to open.

## TRUK

The 1973 UNVM met with many segments of the Trukese society. U.S. Senator J. Bennett Johnston, Jr., Chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee on Territorial Affairs visited Moen and Dublon. Deputy Distad Mitaro Danis accompanied a Truk tourist delegation to Japan. District Administrator Juan A. Sablan traveled to Palau to address the 1973 graduating class at MOC.

Public Safety reported three juveniles were arrested compared to eleven last month.

Fifteen secondary teachers will complete their contracts and not renew. Many terminating Peace Corps Volunteers have expressed interest in contract teaching positions for next year. The water shortage is causing serious sanitary problem in all secondary schools.

Truk High School Construction students completed three house frames which are now ready for transporting to purchasers. Feeling of concern for not getting jobs after graduation is evident among the students mainly because of the "budget cut".

The Faichuk High School PTA meeting was conducted with a small turn-out due to rough seas. The Agriculture/Science classes are erecting a 24' x 48' greenhouse/nursery for their field work.

The Cadastral Program has problems in areas of surveying due to land disputes, equipment which needs repair, and transportation which is also broken down.

To date, the Truk Agriculture Department has trained 60 farmers (40 from Fefan, Tsis and Parem and 20 from Moen). The long dry spell is affecting many farmers in growing crops. Reports from outer islands indicate that very few people are making copra.

Eleven Community Court Judges from different communities have been re-appointed. Legislative Liaison Officer Iskia E. Sony represented the Distad and spoke on the significance of the municipal charter in connection with the Micronesian Future Political Status question. PCV Jim Berg who has been working with Public Affairs Office and has been very active in working with municipal leaders departed Truk, as his term ended.