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## MONTHLY REPORT

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### EDUCATION

The Micronesia Board of Education met to review and select candidates for the position of Director of Education for the Trust Territory. Final recommendation was made to the High Commissioner.

The Administrators meeting was held on Saipan with all District Directors except the Marshalls present. The Palau DDE, Alfonso Oiterong was reaffirmed as Chairman. Topics discussed were: Budget, Bilingual Education, Scholarship, Teacher Training, Personnel recruitment, Vocational Education and CIP.

Results of the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy entrance examination received from the districts were forwarded to the Academy which advised that four of the candidates had passed the examination. Preparations are underway to arrange for the qualifying candidates, who will be on Transportation Division grants, to travel to Manila in time for the opening of classes during the first week of May.

Library Services is pursuing the possibility of placing complete files of the MICRONESIAN REPORTER in each public library now that these are available on Micro-film. Suitable micro-film readers will be obtained if our funds permit.

Attorney-Interns (Law Students) associated with the Congress of Micronesia were assisted by Library Services in their search for historical and cultural data relating to Micronesia's sea frontiers.

Word was received from Ponape this month that their Library Services and Construction Act, Title I, Bookmobile Program was in operation serving 11 school and village communities.

Six Micronesian Headquarters staff members have enrolled in the Dale Carnegie Courses. The courses are Management Seminar and Effective Speaking and Human Relations Seminar.

Arrangements are being made at Maui Community College for four MOC teachers to receive training for nine months. Additional teachers will be trained in Hilo and Honolulu in areas that are not available in Maui.

### FINANCE

Isidore A. Sablan was promoted to Assistant Chief, Finance and Accounting Division. He was formerly District Finance Officer, Marianas.

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Louis Rugin, an employee in Yap District Finance Office, joined our Headquarters Division for a two-week period of training in all phases of finance and accounting activities.

The annual District Supply Officers' Conference was held in Saipan on April 9-13. Represented in the conference for the first time was the San Francisco TTPI Procurement Agency.

Health Services--Mr. Hubert J. Barnes, Acting Program Director, Maternal and Child Health Services, Health Services and Mental Health Administration, Region IX, accompanied by Dr. C. J. Wellington, Regional Program Director, MCHS, and Miss Doris E. Lauber, Nutrition Specialist, visited the Trust Territory in regard to the implementation of Maternal and Child Health and Crippled Child Services grants under Title V of the Social Security Act newly authorized for T.T. by P.L. 92-603.

The Trust Territory Health Council held its 12th meeting in Majuro. The Director of Health Services and members of his staff attended to provide technical and professional support. The Council discussed, among other topics, the problems of the Ebye health situation concerning the sewer treatment and over-population on that island. Other discussions included medical fees, health manpower needs in the various fields, family planning, dental health programs, and the reduction of the budget. Resolutions were made for the Director of Health Services' submission to the High Commissioner for his consideration pertaining to these areas of concern.

The Chief of Dental Health Services attended the International Management Association Conference, in Hawaii.

The annual Dental Health Conference was held in Truk District. Dr. M. Hollis, Dental Public Health Officer from the South Pacific Commission, attended, after which he visited the Dental Nursing School in Palau with Dr. Jack Helkena.

Mr. John Hedderick, Public Health Advisor, has arrived to replace Mr. Kevin Murphy, who is leaving Trust Territory at the end of May.

Mr. Sebastian Ongesii attended a Public Hearing on Environmental Impact Statement on the PACE Project (Pacific Area Cratering Experiment) by the U.S. Air Force, in Ujelang, Eniwetok Atoll.

Bill Brewer, Peace Corps Volunteer, has assumed the position of Microbiologist for the Environmental Protection Board. He is to develop laboratory procedures to perform necessary water analyses. He will also assist in training sanitarians to perform certain laboratory tests.

The Nutritionist is conducting a survey on food habits, availability, and consumption in the Trust Territory, with the aid of a Nutrition Assistant, Hasmid Haro, A.A., to help in translation.

In April the Health Education Specialist conducted two television programs on V.D. and Nutrition over Station WSZE. A film catalogue was compiled and sent to all the districts, and a Health Education Training project was written and submitted for approval.

The WHO selection committee met and submitted a list of candidates for various programs under WHO, which include Nursing, Sanitation, Laboratory Technicians, Medical Advanced Training, and one candidate for a Master's Degree at the University of Hawaii.

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Director of Public Affairs Strik Yoma moved into newly completed offices in the building complex occupied by the Departments of Public Works and Resources and Development. The new office facility now houses the Office of the Director of Public Affairs and the offices of the divisions of Public Information, Legislative Liaison and Civic Affairs.

The Director met with Mr. Koshiro Yokomizo of the Government of Japan Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Deputy High Commissioner, the Deputy District Administrator of the Marianas and other staff members concerned to discuss the proposed visit of Government of Japan sponsored graves mission to the Marianas, Truk and Marshalls districts to remove and repatriate the remains of Japanese war dead. Also discussed was the Government of Japan proposal to remove the remains of Japanese war dead from submarines which were sunk in Truk Harbor.

Broadcast Division--Broadcast technicians Charles Singletary and Jesse Biluk began an all-district tour of the six broadcast stations and Broadcast Center to (1) assist in the installation of the Saipan PEACESAT ground station, (2) effect any needed repairs and maintenance, and (3) take an inventory of all electronic equipment at headquarters and the various stations. The purpose of the third item was to determine the quantity and status of repair of all electronic equipment so that the Division can better plan its limited equipment and parts expenditures for the balance of FY 73 and for FY 74.

The WSZC, Truk contract was let and work on the project is expected to get underway shortly. Bids on one portion of the WSZO, Majuro project were opened April 12 and later in the month the contract was let. The Nitijela is reported to have voted \$20,000 to assist in the completion of this long-delayed project.

Saipan's KJQR requested that arrangements be made with Communications for a weekly maintenance check at the station. The Chief of Broadcasting responded that while he was in sympathy with the idea, regular cleaning of the station - in particular the transmitter - would go a long way toward eliminating KJQR's technical difficulties. He also expressed interest in training one of their staffers as a technician. There has been no response from the District Public Affairs Officer, but regular cleaning has been instituted at the station.

On April 16 and 17, Saipan's PEACESAT ground station was installed and tested by Professor Katashi Nose, PEACESAT technician from the University of Hawaii, assisted by broadcast technicians Singletary and Biluk. During the balance of the month the ground station was successfully tested, demonstrated and operated.

Public Information--The Division moved into the new Public Affairs Building. Because the new space is so much smaller than the old space, most of the non-working files and a good deal of other material was left in the old building.

Information Assistant Frank Rosario was accepted for training at the Defense Information School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Information Specialist-Journalist course will begin May 8 and continue until July 20.

The Chief of the Division was away on annual leave at the end of the month. During his absence, Assistant Chief Bonifacio Basilius was in charge of Division operations.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

District Planning Officers continue to assist in the preparation for the forthcoming Census Mapping and Housing Survey of all of the dwellings in the Trust Territory.

Mr. Wade Fox, Special Consultant on Microfilm, has been assisting us in the design of the Microfilm Information System.

The Department advertised for bids for the construction contract for the Saipan International Airfield.

Equipment Specialist Harry C. Rowland traveled to Palau to inventory and accept equipment procured from Dillingham Corporation upon termination of the Rock Crusher, Concrete Batch Plant and Quarry Operation, which was accomplish with no problems.

Substantial technical support was provided Yap and Palau Districts on their airport construction equipment and the Yap LCU.

#### RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Kozo Yamada, Chief, Division of Lands and Surveys, visited Truk and Ponape District Land Management Offices to review programs and help solve existing problems within the areas under Land Management. He also prepared claims for Ponape land to be present to Ponape Land Commission.

Maynard Neas, Assistant Chief, Lands and Surveys, and Emmett M. Rice, Land Hearing Officer, travelled to Palau District during the month to prepare claims for Koror land to be present to Palau District Land Commission in connection with determination of ownership.

Harvey Martin, formerly a Cadaster Surveyor in Truk District with Asia Mapping, joined the Truk Land Management staff.

The Ponape Senior Land Commissioner and Commissioner Sandy Joab, devoted much of their time preparing, translating and narrating over the air a detail of the Land Commission programs. The radio program is a continuing effort in attempting to promote a better understanding of the overall program.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Transportation--The MS WANDANK, slated to be returned to the Navy on April 3, 1973, was called back into operation during the water crisis in Yap District. The vessel made three trips in towing emergency water supply from Guam to Yap.

Raymond Douglass, Chief, Aviation Branch, and Robert Weilbacher, Assistant Chief, traveled to Honolulu to attend the FAA conference and to review the Truk District Airport master plan, site selection and other important aviation subjects. Arrangements were made to allow Mr. Weilbacher to have a short commercial flight training.

Ywao Elanzo, Deputy Chief, Transportation Division, traveled to Kwajalein/Majuro/Ponape and Truk to meet with district officials and district transportation personnel concerning sea and air transportation problems and overall planning, interisland ship operations (accounts/records), overseas logistic support, port operations, terminal lease/wharfage/dockage, airport operations, airport planning and improvements, transportation personnel in each district, harbor improvement programs.

#### MARIANAS

The District Administrator signed 18 Acts into law and vetoed six which were passed by the 4th Mariana Islands District Legislature during its regular session in February. Also signed into law was the "General Appropriation Ordinance" for Rota Municipality.

Three members of the FAA on Guam visited Saipan to inspect the runway and light system at Kobler Airfield.

Taxes collected in the Marianas totaled \$48,312.

There were 1,014 Micronesian employees on the April payroll.

A Principals' seminar was held by the principals of the schools on Saipan.

A 20-member committee has been formed to conduct the Red Cross Fund Drive.

The Saipan Municipal Council adjourned its 2nd Regular Session on April 6.

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A public hearing was held to review the applications of Hawaii Dredging and Construction Company of Micronesia and Northern Marianas Realty, Inc., which are non-Trust Territory corporations.

#### MARSHALLS

Visitors to the Marshalls District included the Honorable L.G. Sellar, Australian High Commissioner to the Republic of Nauru, and Rear Admiral Morrison, COMNAVMARIANAS. The Admiral observed progress on projects undertaken by the U.S. Army Civic Action Team. He visited Arno Atoll to participate in a school opening ceremony. The Congressional committee on Rongelap and Utirik, chaired by Senator Olympio T. Borja, and the AEC Team, headed by Dr. Conard, visited the District Center and the above atolls. The Congress of Micronesia Budget Committee also visited the District. Captain Lewis Worthing and Mr. Gilmore were here in connection with the rehabilitation of Eniwetok.

District Communication Officer Ridolf J. Aliven and Commsta Chief Earl N. Inks went to Saipan for the communication conference.

George Knight, Power Electrical Specialist from Headquarters, arrived to check and repair the 1,000 KVA transformer and voltage regulator of all generators.

Fire Protection Specialist Thomas E. Brennan was in the District for a regular inspection and to confer with the Chief of Police and Assistant Chief Fireman concerning matters related to the Fire Department.

Tapes sent from the Micronesian Broadcasting Service in Saipan were aired over WSZO and upon the return of the Marshalls Delegation to the Congress of Micronesia interviews were made and aired. WSZO also covered the Marshalls Islands Nitijela session.

George Torassa joined the District Administration staff as Business Advisor.

Adult Education classes continue throughout the Marshall Islands with the exception of Ailuk, Ujae, Utirik Atolls, which completed their programs this month. Fifteen adults on Ujae, 15 on Utirik and 13 on Ailuk completed the program and received certificates.

#### PALAU

Deputy Director of Public Safety Manuel T. Sablan and Captain M. Torres from the Marianas Police Department were in the district to instruct on safety precaution of pistol .38 caliber.

Food for prisoners of the Koror Jail is now prepared at the Micronesian Occupational Center Cafeteria at \$.35 per meal.

The fourth regular session of the Fifth Palau Legislature convened on April 3 and was concluded on April 30. A total of 155 measures were introduced, 95 of these are Bills and 60 are Resolutions. Twenty-seven bills saw enactment while 32 resolutions were considered for adoption.

WSZB News Director Baurino Oingerang conducted interview programs with members of the Palau District Legislature during its April session. All have been broadcast.

Approximately 25 Palauan farmers associated with the Farmer's Cooperative Movement visited Guam, Rota, Saipan and Tinian, accompanied by Extension Supervisor Ichiro Moros, to discuss farm operations on each of the above island.

All schools in Palau District participated in the highly successful three-day school fair. Students displayed friendship and cooperation toward children from other schools. The program included exhibitions, track and field events, evening activities, and speeches.

April was observed as sanitation month and personnel from environmental health visited every municipality. Report of this inspection will be distributed to all chiefs, magistrates, and councilmen of every municipality. All defects and recommendations will be included in the report.

The Ford Engine used to pump water from Ngrikiil Stream was disconnected and reinstalled at Airai Pump Station to increase water to Koror. Total water consumption was 18,028,350 gallons. Some 149,000 gallons were delivered to the Continental Hotel by a tanker truck.

#### PONAPE

The Micronesian Claims Commission assisted claimants in Pingelap, Mokil, Ngatik, Kapingamarangi, Sokehs and Net Municipalities. The Commission announced the issuance of its first compensable claim from Ponape District. The claim was considered as Decision No. 2 in the territory. An initial payment of \$1,000 was issued to Mrs. Ignacio John of Parem by Commission Chairman Ben Greer.

A total of 245 persons entered Ponape District of which 157 were tourists.

Heavy rainfall put us back to normal water operation. Estimated water consumption within Kolonia Town for the month was 19 million gallons. Two U.S. personnel arrived to assume their new posts: Herbert Sneed, Equipment Specialist; and H.M. Chamberlain, Utilities Superintendent. James B. Olsen, the former Acting Public Works Officer has been terminated.

Parents of students at Ohmine School donated enough money to purchase a deep freeze for the school luncheon program.

Kenneth Rehg conducted a two-week workshop with the project staff and the education staff members. Workshops were conducted at Wone, Pehleing, and Sekere. The workshops were great success. There is an attempt to try out environmental lessons in the district. A joint effort in ecological environment is being sought.

The Third Regular Session of the Third Ponape District Legislature concluded its session on April 12 with a total of 12 bills and 15 resolutions adopted. A supplemental appropriation bill was submitted to the District Administrator and was signed into law. Due to the insufficient time to complete action on some of the major bills introduced, a special session was called by the Legislature. The two main subjects discussed during the special session were the General Appropriation Bill and the bill making legislators full-time members of the Ponape District Legislature. At the end of the special session, District Administrator Leo A. Falcam delivered his closing remarks to the law makers with emphasis on the various bills introduced by the Administration with greater emphasis on the legislation on full-time legislature.