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EDUCATION

Advanced Education--Trust Territory Education Assistance Grant applicants numbering 262 were selected from a total of 588. Grants ranging from \$300 to \$1,000 for the 12-month year will be awarded.

Documents relating to the proposed Student Loan Fund established by the Congress of Micronesia were drafted for review and necessary changes by the Department of Education and the Manpower Advisory Council's Committee on Operation, Organization and Evaluation.

Miss Agnes Conrad, Hawaii State Archivist, was on Saipan from June fourth through the fifteen. During her stay she conferred with the Deputy High Commissioner, the Acting Director of Education, the Assistant District Administrator, Marianas and appropriate employees of all departments with interests in the preservation of historical materials in keeping with one of our Library Services and Construction Act projects. A major emphasis was given to the needs of the Congress of Micronesia, however, Her report is expected shortly.

Elementary and Secondary--The first monthly "Review of Special Education" was printed and distributed throughout the Trust Territory and the United States.

We received Grant Notification of \$42,025 for Part D. EHA for 1973-74 School Year from July 1, 1973 through August 31, 1974. This money will be used for the training of personnel.

FINANCE

Finance and Accounting Division--Representatives from eastern District Finance Offices received two weeks' training in all phases of finance and accounting activities at headquarters. The participants were Daro Malone from Truk, Atto David from Ponape, Barwell Langrin and Fred Kaos from Marshalls.

Pete Reyes, Payroll Section, and Juan Tenorio, ADP Division, returned to Saipan from training in Southern California. They studied and observed computerized systems of payroll and personnel management for possible implementation in Micronesia. San Diego County, City of San Diego, San Diego Gas & Electric Co., Orange County and North American Rockwell, Inc., provided valuable assistance and information.

HEALTH SERVICES

Medical Administration--The Department of Health Services has had meeting with Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, architectural engineers of Los Angeles, relative

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to preliminary schematics of the new Ponape Hospital. We have also reconvened the selection board for the new Yap Hospital and have met with the architects and engineers for their initial proposal.

Dental--Dr. Juan Ch. Reyes, Dental Officer, has returned from his WHO fellowship training in New Zealand. Two dental nurses, James Magtamag from Yap District, and Veronica Modraisau, from the Marshall Islands, also completed their WHO training in New Zealand and have returned to work in their respective home districts.

The District Chiefs of Dental Services held a conference at Headquarters with the Director and his staff regarding the overall dental health program.

Communicable Disease Control--An outbreak of hepatitis cases in the Marianas, Marshalls, and Kusaie has been closely followed. It is subsiding in the Marshalls and the Marianas. Water specimens were taken in the Marianas, but the results indicated that the water was not the main method of transmission.

Environmental Health--The Environmental Protection Board received a total of \$75,000 Federal grant for water pollution control program. This is the first time Federal monies have been made available for pollution control in the Trust Territory. A similar grant application for \$96,000 is pending EPA Region IX approval.

The month of June was proclaimed "Village Environmental Cleanup Week" for the districts of Palau and Saipan. Environmental health personnel were available to the villages to offer needed assistance.

Mr. Steven Pardieck, Sanitary Engineer from E.P.A. Region IX, spent one week in Saipan to assist Headquarters Environmental Health and Public Works personnel to conduct a Need Survey for Wastewater Treatment Facilities. As a result of the survey, a construction grant application for Ebeye treatment facility is being filled with E.P.A. Region IX. A list of construction priorities was developed.

Mrs. Margie Falanruw, Mr. Omer Roller and Mr. Sebastian Ongesii, of the Environmental Health Division, participated in a South Pacific Commission seminar on "Environmental Conservation" on Guam from May 31 to June 9.

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Public Information--The division published two regular editions of Highlights, daily releases for Micronesian News Service, weekly summaries of MNS in both print and tape-recorded formats, and one monthly report. Aside from the routine publications above, the division also produced a special edition of Highlights containing selected public documents from the recently concluded Marianas Status Talks. This special edition received the normal distribution of 10,000 copies.

The 1972 Annual Report to the Secretary of the Interior was completed and sent to the Print Shop for reproduction. The document was sent to the Navy on Guam for printing.

The division funded printing for 1,000 copies of the 1973 U.N. Visiting Mission Report. Wide distribution was made throughout the territory.

Information Specialist Guadalupe Borja traveled to Ponape to participate in the Catholic Mission's political education seminar. The Chief of the Division traveled to New York to provide coverage of the annual hearings before the U.N. Trusteeship Council. Information Specialist Jon Anderson traveled to Guam to interview that Territory's Governor, Carlos G. Camacho, for the Micronesian Reporter.

The Division helped to coordinate the travels within the Territory of a photographic/journalist team from the National Geographic Magazine. The team traveled to Truk. The Division also helped to coordinate travel of Time Magazine Tokyo Bureau Chief Herman Nickel to several of the districts. In addition, Division personnel escorted Drama Critic/Journalist Richard Watts of the New York Post during his brief visit to Saipan.

The Division received word that the U.S. Army in Okinawa has been given approval to produce a calendar for 1974 for the Trust Territory.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Planning--The Micro Planning Conference was held in Saipan during the week of June 18-22. Those in attendance included the District Planning Officers and the Planner Trainees.

The mapping for the Census was continued. In conjunction with the program, the housing surveys for Ponape District, Majuro, Ebeye, Koror, Babelthuap, Colonia, Rota and Tinian were completed. The survey is continuing in the other portions of the Trust Territory.

Mr. Wade Fox, consultant on Microfilm Information System continued his work in designing the Microfilm Information System.

Contract Construction--The primary effort of the Contract Construction Division during June was to process bids and participate in the award of construction contracts in order to obligate CIP funds prior to June 30, 1973.

Over five million dollars in construction CIP funds were obligated during the last two months of the fiscal year. The following major construction contracts were awarded during this period: a. Kusaie High School; b. Kusaie Dock Facility; c. Kusaie Water System; d. Saipan Water System; e. Ponape Road and Bridges; f. Isley Airport Design Amendments; g. Isley Airport Construction - Stage I; h. Ponape Power Plant; i. Yap Power Plant; j. Yap High School Buildings; k. Outer Islands High School Dormitories; l. Koror-Airai Channel Bridge Design Amendments; m. Ponape Hospital Design.

Operations and Maintenance--Electrical Specialist George Knight visited Wichen River Dam and water treatment site in Truk for information necessary to install a generator building and power lines to service these facilities.

The revised Trust Territory Safety Manual is completed; awaiting final approval by the Chief of Operations and Maintenance.

The new telephone technician is now on board and has made a survey of the telephone system in Majuro, Ponape, and Truk.

#### RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Agriculture--A draft form of the Trust Territory Plant and Animal Quarantine Baggage Declaration was made during the month. The draft was sent to the Chief of the Division of Agriculture for review.

Ponape District becomes the first District in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to export eggs to its sister Districts. On June 22, 1973 an initial shipment of 180 dozens of eggs was exported to Truk. The following week on June 29, 1973 another shipment of 150 dozens of eggs was sent to Truk. Truk District has also agreed that Ponape supplies her 150 dozens of eggs on a regular weekly basis. There were 15,044 pounds (\$2,639.38) of fresh produce exported to the Marshalls and Guam during this month from Ponape.

Economic Development--Palau East Coast Farmers Cooperative Association was chartered by the High Commissioner.

CUNA Agreement for Professional Services was finalized; Wm. O. Wright auditor will commence examinations in the Marshalls on July 2nd.

In support of Public Law 5-21; the District Fisheries Act of 1973, the following were prepared and sent to the districts: (1) Statement of Understanding (Identifies Officials); (2) Regulations for Authority; (3) Job Description for Manager; (4) Public Radio Program (Question and Answer Dialogue);

Foreign Investment--During the month, the following made inquiries relative to investment in Micronesia: Dong Ah America Corporation, general contractors; Island Beach Fun, catamaran leasing; Earthlife club, hotel; Citicorp Credit, financing; and Marianas Pacific, Inc., real estate brokers.

The following business permits were issued: Pacific Basin Hotel and Development Corporation to construct a 50-room hotel on Pagan in the Marianas; Swinerton and Walberg Co., construction in Yap; Thomas J. David (Saipan), Inc. architectural and engineering work in Yap.

The Yap District Economic Development Board revoked the business permit of Gunther Mothes Inc. and Star of Yap on the grounds that these companies had never commenced business.

EDLF--There were 25 loans approved during this month with total amount of \$240,808.00. Out of 25 loans, 3 were approved as Bank Guaranteed for store inventory.

Lands and Surveys--Kozo Yamada, Chief, Division of Lands and Surveys, accompanied by Assistant Chief, Lands and Surveys, Maynard Neas and Claims and Hearing Officer, Emmett M. Rice, left on June 24, 1973, to appear before the Office of

Micronesian Status Negotiations in Washington D.C., for discussions on Public Land Problems.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Transportation--Mr. Robert M. Laird, Chief Marine Inspection Branch and Mr. Hideo Tell, Assistant Chief, Marine Inspection Branch traveled to Japan to participate in the selection of material and equipment to be installed in the new ship presently being constructed by Dae-Sun Shipyard, Pusan Korea. They also negotiated repair contracts for the MS MILITOB I and MS YAP ISLANDER at Hiroshima, Japan. Enroute they visited LNO Okinawa to inspect tugs and LCM's for transfer to the Trust Territory Government.

Mr. Jorelik Tibon, Transportation Division Scholarship student, has been accepted to attend the Maine Maritime Academy.

#### PALAU

Mr. Besure F. Kanai has been selected to attend the International Police Academy at Washington, D.C., for a duration of five months.

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Legislative Liaison Officer coordinated the 4th Annual Municipal Leadership Conference which was held in the District Legislature building in Koror. Participants of the conference include 13 out of 16 traditional Chiefs, Mayor of Koror and 12 out of 16 Magistrates from various municipalities.

The turn-over ceremony for the temporary rehabilitation project of the Airai Airport of Palau District was held during the month. The rehabilitation project which included the paving of the runway was completed by the special Navy Civic Action Team with the assistance from the Headquarters and District Public Works, Department of Transportation and Communications and the Micronesian Occupational Center.

#### RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Land Classification Section in the District Land Management Office has completed the Residential and Commercial Building Survey in Peleliu and Angaur Municipalities.

Mr. Lee Holmes, President of the Holmes Management Company in Guam visited the Land Management Office in seeking information regarding the number of houses in Koror. The information is needed for a possible T.V. operation in Koror.

#### EDUCATION

The highlights of the month were graduation exercises in all elementary and high schools including private schools. Ceremonies were attended by most of

Education Department staff.

Fourteen (14) elementary classroom teachers, and seven (7) interns from the Community College of Micronesia completed their training and received their certificates.

#### HEALTH SERVICES

Dr. Anthony Polloi departed on June 12th, to New Zealand for six (6) months training in Pediatrics under World Health Organization Fellowship.

#### COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

A Cable from Rep. Patsy Mink, Congresswoman, Hawaii, U.S. House of Representative informed Palau CAA Executive Director that PEDC grant has been signed on June 30, 1973, in the sum of \$249,000.00 for economic development ventures in Palau District. The grant was submitted to OEO National Office in Washington, D.C. late December 1972, requesting the sum of \$289,499.00 in Federal Funds. Details concerning the grant will be made available as soon as they are received.

#### PONAPE

##### LEGAL AFFAIRS

Land Commission--Prepared, registered and issued 22 Certificate of Titles to land parcels situating in Lelu Island, Kusaie Municipality, Ponape District. Kusaie Registration Team negotiated a total of 21 land parcels and planted 78 concrete monuments to property corners and constructed 231 concrete monuments. Acting Senior Land Commissioner made an official visit to Kusaie to present the first Certificate of Titles to 22 land owners in Kusaie. This of course, is the first time in the history of Kusaie that the land owners are given titles.

##### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Legislative Liaison--The Office completed a total of six (6) elections within various municipalities of this district. Public Affairs has initiated a Political Education Program over the local radio station. The program is an attempt to inform the public on all the bills that were approved by the District Administrator and became laws. It also includes bills which were disapproved.

##### EDUCATION

A total of seventy nine students graduated this year from Ponape Islands Central School (PICS). The commencement was held in the early part of this month. District Administrator and Congressman Resio Moses were honored guests and guest speakers at the exercise. A total of one hundred fifty (150) students out of the 460 applicants are able to be admitted to PICS.

## RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Tourism--Records show that the number of tourists entered Ponape this month has far exceeded any other month during this year. A total of 308 tourists and 146 of other types. Total estimated revenues collected during this month was \$36,720. Three additional cottages previously reported under construction at Hotel Pohnpei are now completed and are in service. The District now has a total of 79 hotel rooms.

## YAP

Administrative Services--Messrs. Charles Earl and Kohne Ramon from the Headquarters Personnel Department spent a week in Yap at the latter part of May and early June administering an examination to the District Census applicants. Forty-two applications were received in the district center and thirty-one in Ulithi. Of this total, 22 district center applicants appeared in the District Legislature building to take the examination while 23 took the same in Ulithi. Of the total of 45 applicants taking the exam, 25 successfully passed it and will be considered for training for the District Census Program scheduled to be conducted this summer.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Third Yap District Legislature, First Regular Session was officially opened on June 11 marking the beginning of a 30 consecutive calendar days session. New officers elected are as follows: Joachim Falmog, President; Joseph Tamag, Vice-President; and James Mangefel, Secretary.

## EDUCATION

Both Outer Islands High School and Yap High School held their graduation exercises during the month. The main speaker at the OIHS graduation ceremonies was Congress of Micronesia Senator Petrus Tun. There were also a number of guests from Guam and the District Center. Sixty-two graduates represented the largest number of graduates in the history of Outer Islands High School. Guests at the Yap Island High School graduation included Congress of Micronesia Representative Luke M. Tman, Chief Andrew Roboman who represented the Yap District School Board, District Administrator Leonard Aguigui, and many other local dignitaries. 47 seniors graduated before a crowd of about 1,500 persons. Highlights of the evening were six traditional dances performed by the various communities on the island.

## RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Agriculture Quarantine Inspectors inspected all van containers on board the M/V Mini Limit which came from Palau and found 45 giant African Snails inside nine of the vans. Further inspection is still carrying on at the surrounding areas.

A new Business Advisor for Yap arrived during the month to assume that vacant position within the District Economic Development Office. He is at present

serving as the division Acting Officer in the absence of Acting Economic Development Officer Otoichi Besebes who recently transferred back to Headquarters.

A total of 48 tourists visited the island which constitutes a decrease of 18 visitors from last month's figure. Tourism legislation was submitted to the District Legislature for consideration.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Yap finally got enough rain to fill the empty water reservoirs. Another problem developed when the 50 hp motor on the main pressure pump burned out. A diesel driven pump has been moved and installed in the lines at the water plant. Water pumped during the month were 3,558,600 gallons.