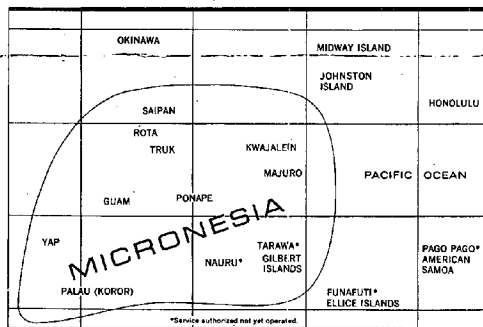


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Continental Air Micronesia inaugurated service to Tinian on August 2. Two trips a week are scheduled to the island in the Marianas District which has a population of approximately 1000. Each Tuesday, Flight 657 departs Guam at 1:30 P.M. arriving Tinian at 1:53 P.M. and then leaves for Saipan at 2:20 P.M. On Thursdays, Flight 646 departs Saipan at 2:30 P.M., arriving Tinian at 2:42 P.M. and continues to Guam at 3:15 P.M.

Tourist entries in the Trust Territory for the first six months of 1973 are up 40.8% over 1972. During the first six months of this year a total of

27,242 entries were recorded compared to 19,342 for the same period a year ago. Largest gains were recorded in the Marshalls (85.1%), Marianas (48.3%) and Ponape (39.6%). The following is a breakdown of the figures by district.

District	1973	1972	Variance
Marianas	19,318	13,022	+48.3%
Truk	1,956	1,655	+18.1%
Ponape	1,819	1,303	+39.6%
Palau	1,654	1,655	---
Marshalls	1,620	875	+85.1%
Yap	875	832	+ 5.1%
	27,242	19,342	+40.8%

The new Ishiguro Hotel and Restaurant on Majuro has opened six rooms for occupancy with nine additional rooms to be opened in the near future. The restaurant features Oriental, European and American cuisine and is within walking distance of downtown offices and stores. Hotel rates are \$10.00 single or double. Molik Ishiguro is the owner and manager, and the mailing address is P. O. Box 185, Majuro, Marshall Islands, 96960. Construction on another new hotel there will begin soon. Local businessman Ajidrik Bien will be constructing a hotel atop his new warehouse. He has also started construction on a modern movie theatre complete with cushioned seats at graduated levels to assure local movie goer's comfort.

The new ESA Hotel is now open in Colonia, Yap District. Rates are \$8.00 single and \$14.00 twin. The eight unit hotel has boats and U-Drives available for rent.

Tennis buffs will soon be able to carry their racquets to Ponape. Two first class tennis courts are now being built in Colonia.

Senator Bailey Olter's Nan Madol Hotel on Ponape is now about 70% completed and is expected to open about October 1, with 30 modern rooms, a restaurant and cocktail lounge.

The Ginger House Hotel on Ponape has reopened after having been closed for several months.

The new Saipan Continental is scheduled to open its first 84 rooms on March 15 of next year.

