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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS -- August 22, 1963 -- Five Trust Territory Medical Officers and two graduate nurses are scheduled to depart for Honolulu on September 3, 1963, to participate in a five-and-a-half month refresher course for medical officers and graduate nurses of the Pacific under the auspices of the East-West Center. The initial course, which will run from September 1963 to February 1964, is sponsored by the Institute for Technical Interchange, East-West Center, University of Hawaii in cooperation with the Department of Public Health, College of Nursing, and leading hospitals in Honolulu.

The five Trust Territory doctors are Dr. Jose Chong, District Director of Public Health, Marianas District; Dr. Masao Kuningai, District Director of Public Health, Palau District; Dr. Bernard You of Yap; Dr. Harananga Sonis of Truk, and Dr. Elvel Preterick of Ponape. The two nurses who are both from Palau are Mrs. Josepha Oiterong, Chief Nurse of the Palau Hospital and Mrs. Katey Temetuchl, Graduate Nurse.

This special program is the first of a series of courses in a continuing education program for medical officers and nurses from the Pacific countries. In the first course there will be six medical officers and six graduate nurses in attendance. Various institutions in Honolulu will be cooperating closely with this new program of the East-West Center. The Department of Public Health and the College of Nursing, University of Hawaii, Queen's Hospital, Leahi Hospital, Kauikeolani Children's Hospital will be involved. The medical officers will stay at Queen's Hospital while the nurses will live at Leahi Hospital. Lectures, clinical training, observational tours, in-service training all will be part of the five-and-a-half month program.

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