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FIRST SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION INCREMENT COMPLETED

SAIPAN, M.I....The first increment of the Accelerated Elementary School Construction Program (AESCP) in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was called complete this week with the scheduled dedication of the Ollei School, Eabelthuap, Palau.

The Ollei School marks the completion of 25 classrooms in seven areas of the Palau District with nearly 1,000 children in attendance.

The completed schools are at Koror, Melekeiok, Airai, Ngiwal, Kayangel, Ngchesar, and Ollei.

The AESC Program was begun last year after a complete reassessment of the educational needs of the Territory. The decision was reached that a more rapid pace of development was needed in construction of school facilities and teacher housing throughout the Territory as well as a different approach to education. From this decision the AESC Program was launched.

Increased appropriations for education provided the initial \$4 million for the construction of 234 elementary classrooms and 104 housing units for an estimated 140 United States elementary school teachers in fiscal 1963.

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Additional education funds were appropriated for 175 elementary classrooms in 1964 with an additional 113 classrooms the following year with plans for a total of 522 classrooms by the end of 1966.

The established goal of the Trust Territory administration, according to High Commissioner M. Wilfred Goding, is to have new elementary classrooms for every public elementary school in the Territory, and except where population does not warrant, at least one United States teacher teaching in English in each public elementary school by the end of 1965.

Special Projects Officer Frank Moulton said work will begin on the second increment of the AESC Program as soon as materials start arriving at the new sites.