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CONFERENCE ON SECONDARY EDUCATION CURRICULUM

SAIPAN, M.I. (APR 2)...A University of Hawaii Education Survey Team arrived in Saipan March 30 for a series of meetings on secondary education curriculum development with the Director of Education, District Educational Administrators, and other members of the Trust Territory education staff.

The team was sent by the University of Hawaii at the request of the High Commissioner who asked that such a team be sent to the Trust Territory to conduct a research study on secondary education curriculum development.

Dr. M. Roseamonde Porter heads the Education Survey Team from the University of Hawaii. She said the report and recommendations of the team will be used as the basis of developing a sound secondary education curriculum most suitable to the needs of the Territory. Dr. Porter further added that, in this connection, the Team is preparing a proposal to be submitted to the United States Office of Education requesting a grant which will enable the University of Hawaii and the Trust Territory Administration to jointly undertake a cooperative research in developing and coordinating secondary education curriculum for the Trust Territory district high schools.

Dr. Porter heads the Elementary Education Department at the University of Hawaii. She also chairs the Committee on Education in the Pacific Islands.

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Other members of the University of Hawaii Education Survey Team are Dr. Teruo Ihara, Assistant Professor and Campus Coordinator of Thailand and Pakistan contracts on vocational education; Dr. Torlef Nelson, Assistant Professor of Secondary Education and Director of Secondary Intern Program; and Mr. Carl J. Daeufer, Assistant Professor and Supervisor of University High School.

Each member of the Education Survey Team has been assigned to visit one of the districts in the Trust Territory to make on-the-spot survey and research on secondary education problems. Following conferences in Saipan Dr. Porter will visit Ponape District, where she is particularly interested in the Micronesian Teacher Education Center directed by Miss Mary Reddin, a professor from the University of Hawaii on loan to the Trust Territory under a special contract. Dr. Porter is the University of Hawaii Campus coordinator of the contract for MTEC. Dr. Ihara will visit Palau and Dr. Nelson will visit Yap while Mr. Daeufer will visit Truk. The members of the team will all meet in the Marshalls and fly back to the University of Hawaii.

The Trust Territory participants, in addition to Director of Education Robert E. Gibson, are District Educational Administrators Heinz Meyer, Marianas; Dwight Heine, Marshalls; David Ramarui, Palau; Paul McNutt, Ponape; Peter Hill, Truk; PIGS Principal John E. Barry; Marianas Hopwood High School Principal Richard Stanger, and Miss Beth Matthew, Teacher-Supervisor of the Marianas District.

The conferences in Saipan are scheduled to end Monday, April.6. The Team expects to be in the Trust Territory for approximately a month.