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COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD RAISES COPRA PRICES

SAIPAN, M.I. (MARCH 24)...At its quarterly meeting in Saipan Monday, the Copra Stabilization Board members unanimously voted a \$10 increase in copra prices in the Trust Territory according to Chairman George Taggart.

The new prices, to be effective April 1, will be \$130 per short ton for Grade One copra and \$120 and \$110 for Grade Two and Three, respectively. This is the third time the Board has voted a boost in copra prices within the past eight months. Previous increases were made in June and September 1964.

Taggart said further increases in the Copra Stabilization Fund, which now has assets of more than three quarters of a million dollars, in the last two quarters enabled the Board to vote for increase in prices. He also indicated there is a good prospect of a continued trend of better copra prices in the world market during the next quarter.

All copra produced in the Territory is marketed in Japan by the Atkins Kroll (LTD, Guam) under a contract with the Copra Stabilization Board. Copra producers in the six districts of the Trust Territory earned more than 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ million dollars during fiscal year 1964. The Copra Stabilization Fund is maintained to assure copra producers a steady income in the face of rapidly fluctuating world prices.

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SIX MICRONESIAN WOMEN SELECTED TO ATTEND EW BUSINESS COURSE

SAIPAN, M.I. (MARCH ~~16~~¹⁷)...Six Micronesian women have been selected to attend the East West Center Business Education Training Course scheduled to begin May 1, High Commissioner M. W. Goding announced this week.

Through classroom discussions and on-the-job training, the participants will have an opportunity to improve their skills and efficiency in teaching of business subjects or in their secretarial positions.

The Trust Territory selectees are Virginia Demapan and Lucia R. Sablan of the Marianas, Ritok Clement and Agnes Domnick of the Marshalls, Secundina Sugiyama of Palau, and Rosita Mori of Truk. Most of the participants are on the secretarial and clerical staff of the Administration in their respective districts.

They are scheduled to leave Kwajalein for Honolulu on April 30 in order to meet the opening date of the course. The four-month refresher course will end August 31, 1965.

Six Micronesian women attended a similar course last year.

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