

TRUK LAGOON BOAT EXPECTED IN SAIPAN

SAIPAN, M.I. (April 14)...The new 65-foot Truk Lagoon boat M/V FEIOCH left ChiChi Jima Monday to begin the second leg of a voyage that is to carry her to Saipan and then on to service at Moen Island, Truk District.

Bill Gerring, temporary Master of the FEIOCH, expects to bring the boat into Saipan's harbor Saturday for refueling before continuing on to Truk.

FEIOCH was launched December 19 in Yokohama, Japan and completed fitting out and underway trials in March. According to Trust Territory Transportation Officer James Cook the FEIOCH will be manned by a crew of five and will cruise at 12 knots. Passenger capacity is rated at 40.

The FEIOCH represents the first in a scheduled series of three new vessels designed and constructed for the Trust Territory Government to provide modern logistics and passenger service within Micronesia. The new vessels, according to Cook, are designed for full pilot house control and will be radar equipped. The two additional vessels are 100 foot long. Construction is being carried out simultaneously in a Far East shipyard with launchings expected in late May.

Selection of a permanent Master for the M/V FEIOCH has not been made as of this date according to Headquarters officials though it is expected that a qualified Micronesian will be assigned the responsibility.

Saipan's residents have been invited to view the vessel upon its arrival.

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TERRITORY-WIDE ADULT EDUCATION SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN SAIPAN

SAIPAN, M. I. (APRIL 12)...The first Trust Territory-wide Adult Education Seminar is scheduled to be held in Saipan from May 17 through 21, with participants from all districts expected to attend according to an announcement from the High Commissioner's Office.

Director of Education John Trace said the Seminar will be under the direction of Headquarters Adult Education Coordinator William V. Vitarelli, who will be assisted by other members of the Community Services staff.

All Adult Education Supervisors on the District Education Staff have indicated they will be in attendance according to Vitarelli. In Ponape and Truk Districts, where there are presently no adult education supervisors, the Educational Administrators of the respective districts have been requested to send delegates to the Seminar so that these districts can also contribute to the development of a unified adult education program in the Trust Territory.

The Seminar will be preceded by a guided tour of the "Capital of Micronesia" sponsored by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. The tour is to be conducted as a trial to determine the kind of tour that may be feasible in the future for tourists. The Seminar participants and other guests will be asked to criticize the tour from the standpoint of tourists and to offer suggestions for improvement according to Chamber officials.

TANKER SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN TERRITORY

SAIPAN, M.I. (APRIL 7)...A 30,000 barrel capacity tanker is scheduled to leave Manila April 17 to provide fuel for Palau, Truk and Saipan according to High Commissioner Goding.

The High Commissioner said arrangements have been made with Mobil Oil Philippines Incorporated) to provide this single shipment from Manila to relieve the critical fuel shortage experienced in the Western Carolines and in the Marianas.

Several oil companies are either conducting, or will soon conduct, a study to explore the feasibility of providing fuel and oil to the Territory on a continuing basis.

The tanker is expected to leave Manila on April 17 arriving on or about April 21 in Palau. Her next port of call will be Truk about April 26 with a final stop in Saipan about May 1. It is expected that the tanker will relieve the critical fuel shortage.

Gas rationing, now being felt in the Marianas, has been in effect in Palau and Truk for several weeks.

When the Saipan Shipping Company charter tanker MT. ARAYAT went aground off Palau last month she was carrying a large shipment of fuel to replenish stocks in Palau. That fuel was lost leaving Koror and other Palau Islands in short supply.

High Commissioner Goding said he was pleased that everyone in the Marianas District was cooperating during this fuel shortage and felt rationing could be ended upon arrival of the Mobil tanker.