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NEW FIELD TRIP SHIPS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE

Guam

Truk

SAIPAN, M.I. (July 16)...Field trip service in the Trust Territory will be greatly improved with the arrival of two new vessels at the end of the month, according to James M. Cook, Transportation Officer.

Palau

The M/V YAP ISLANDER and the M/V TRUK ISLANDER, new 100-foot, steel-constructed, double-bottom, diesel-powered cargo/passenger vessels will arrive in Saipan approximately July 30. The two 270 gross ton vessels will be assigned to the Yap, Palau and Truk Districts to provide scheduled cargo/passenger service. Both vessels will be operated on a commercial basis by Micronesian interests.

Marshall's

Field trip service in Truk was improved earlier this year with the arrival of the 65-foot, diesel-powered M/V FEIOCH which now services the Truk lagoon. The M/V TRUK ISLANDER is replacing the present field trip ship, the M/V MILITOB, which will be assigned to field trip service in the Marshall Islands.

Yap

The M/V YAP ISLANDER is replacing the M/V ROQUE which services Yap and Palau districts. The M/V ROQUE, a World War II vessel, is being deactivated.

Palau

Cargo/passenger service to the Yap/Palau districts from Guam is provided by the M/V PALAU ISLANDER on a regular 14-day schedule.