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FAST WEST CENTER CONSULTANT TRAVELS THROUGHOUT TRUST TERRETORY

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SAIPAN, M.I. (August 9)...Professor Norman Meller, Chairman of the Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii, is traveling throughout the Trust Territory during August to be available for consultation by district administrative and legislative bodies. He is accompanied by his wife.

Dr. Meller arrived in Saipan, Mariana Islands, on June 26 as the head of a team from the East-West Center, University of Hawaii, which provided technical advice to the members of the newly-created Congress of Micronesia prior to its first session on July 12. The two-week field training session to help the new Micronesian legislators acquaint themselves with legislative procedures was conducted by the Institute of Technical Interchange, East-West Center, headed by Dr. Y. Baron Goto. Other members of the team were: Tom Dinell, director/researcher, Legislative Reference Bureau, University of Hawaii, and Thomas P. Gill, former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, now director of the Hawaii State Office of Economic Opportunity. They were assisted by Mrs. Meller.

The Mellers' tentative travel schedule will take them to Yap and Palau during the early part of August and to the eastern

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districts of the Trust Territory--Ponape, Truk and the Marshalls--during the latter part. They plan to return to Hawaii around September 10.

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