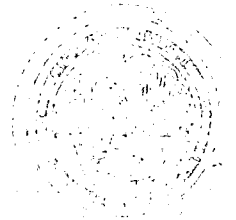


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TEAM FROM NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN TRUST TERRITORY

SAIPAN, M.I. (August 16)...A team of doctors from the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, will be visiting Yap, Ponape and Truk Districts during September, October and November to conduct research.

Drs. Paul Brown and D. Carleton Gadjusek will travel first to Ulithi, Satawal and Ifalik in Yap District during September to conduct influenza immunization of susceptible atolls. This same team conducted a measles study and immunization program in these atolls sponsored by the NIH in 1963 and 1964. It is interesting to note that the work of these doctors with the completely measles free population of these islands helped materially in developing the first truly successful measles vaccine. In much the same way it is hoped that the work of Drs. Brown and Gadjusek with influenza vaccine will result in a major break-through in developing new methods of immunizing against influenza- one of the most prevalent ills of the islands.

They will then travel to Puluwat in Truk District. After that they will attempt to visit Kapingamarangi and Nukuoro in Ponape

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District. Kapingamarangi lies the farthest south of any island in the Trust Territory. The people of Nukuoro and Kapingamarangi are of Polynesian descent, unlike the rest of the Trust Territory population which is Micronesian.

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