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FISHERIES TRAINEES RETURNING HOME JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

SAIPAN, M. I. (DEC 8)...Eight Trust Territory fisheries trainees are returning to their home islands just in time for a warm Christmas holiday after completing a three-year fisheries training program in Hawaii under the auspices of the Hawaiian Tuna Boat Owners' Association.

They are Amaran Ludwig of Ponape, Masauo Siray of Truk, Ngiratmab Rengiil, Tiakl Boisek, Ngiraibakes Arurang, Oisewang Keremius, and Sinaichi Wang, all from Palau.

Assistant Commissioner for Resources and Development Paul L. Winsor said the eight trainees will man the 75-foot Hawaiian type tuna fishing boat nearing completion at the Palau Boat Yard. According to Peter T. Wilson, manager of the Boat Yard and advisor to the Palauan Boat Builders' Association, who was in Saipan last month, the completion of the 75-footer, the largest sea craft ever to be built in the Trust Territory, is expected in late December.

The boat, Wilson said, is being built on an experimental basis to determine whether Japanese type or Hawaiian type tuna fishing boat is most efficient and suitable for fishing operation in Trust Territory waters.