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LIBBY JOINS HQ PH STAFF

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
(FEBRUARY 8)...The appointment of Ernest Libby, who arrived in Saipan last week, as Medical Equipment Technician on the Headquarters Public Health Staff was announced this week by High Commissioner M. W. Goding.

In welcoming Mr. Libby, Acting Assistant Commissioner for Community Services Francis B. Mahoney said: "Mr. Libby's appointment is expected to contribute a great deal to the Territory public health program. As a Medical Equipment Technician, he will be responsible for installing new medical equipment and providing continued maintenance to other types of specialized medical equipment already in the various district hospitals.

Mr. Libby's first major assignment will be to install three new X-ray machines already waiting at three district hospitals. He will be assisted by Kosang Mizutani of the Marshalls, who has been serving as X-ray technician.

Mr. Libby is not new to the Trust Territory, having been to the Marshalls three times as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission team to conduct medical surveys of the people of Rongelap who were accidentally exposed to radioactive fallout in 1954.

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QUARANTINE LIFTED

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
(FEBRUARY 4)...The Resources and Development Department stated that radio communication was received from David D. L. Flores, Director of Agriculture Government of Guam, that the quarantine against oriental fly host crops from Saipan and Tinian was removed effective February 3.

This decision was based on the fact that the recent re-occurrence of the oriental fly on Tinian (from an undetermined source) on September 23, 1965 has been considered to have been brought under control. The eradication of the oriental fly in this case was accomplished by the male annihilation method by the Trust Territory Government with with the co-operation and assistance of the USDA Fruit Fly Investigations Division in Honolulu, which is headed by Mr. Loren F. Steiner.

No fruits or vegetables which are currently produced in the Marianas District are authorized entry into the other districts of the Trust Territory. No Melon fly host crops grown on Rota are allowed entry into Saipan or Tinian, and no fruits or vegetables grown on Guam are authorized entry into the Trust Territory.

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The public is requested to cooperate with the Agriculture Division quarantine authorities in preventing the entry of the melon fly now remaining on Rota and Guam into the Saipan-Tinian area and other Districts of the Trust Territory. All melon fly host fruits and vegetables from Rota or Guam must not be taken into other areas of the Trust Territory.

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