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MACKENZIE CALLS PALAU MAGISTRATES FOR A CONFAB

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS,  
(MARCH 23)...The Palau District Magistrates Conference, which convened  
March 14 at the call of District Administrator J. Boyd MacKenzie, was  
concluded March 18, with participants claiming "a very successful"  
five-day meeting. All municipal chief executives, except magistrates  
from Sonsorol and Tobi Islands, were in attendance.

In his opening address to the conference, Boyd MacKenzie, who  
became District Administrator last fall when he was transferred from  
Truk to Palau, said that his reasons for calling the conference were to  
learn from the municipal executives their problems and desired programs,  
to inform the magistrates of the Administration's programs and future  
plans, to discuss and coordinate with the magistrates possible legislations  
to be submitted to the Spring Session of the Palau District Legislature,  
and to know "individually and socially each magistrate."

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The Palau Magistrates Conference, originally an annual affair, has been inactive for the past four years. MacKenzie told the magistrates that he proposes to reactivate the annual meeting as it is important to exchange views and to discuss district programs and problems with a spirit of mutual cooperation.

Key members of the Public Works, Public Health, Agriculture, Education, and Supply Departments as well as other Administration activities participated in the conference to discuss programs and activities of their respective departments. All elementary school principals, who were also holding their annual conference in Koror, also were invited to participate in the conference and discussed those topics pertaining to elementary education in Palau District. The District Political Affairs' staff also took time to explain to the magistrates the duties and responsibilities, as well as limitations, of municipal governments as prescribed in Public Law 1-6, adopted by the first session of the Congress of Micronesia and approved by the High Commissioner.

The conference also discussed the relationship between district and municipal governments as defined in Public Law 1-6, machinery for achieving mutual cooperation between the two levels of governments,

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municipal capital improvements, such as municipal administrative buildings, municipal roads, docks and channels, and school transportation system, elementary schools lunch program, public health, recreation and park facilities, and water and electricity system. Under economic development heading, such topics as coconut industry, produce marketing, and fishing development were discussed. The overall municipal tax structure was also discussed during the last day of the conference.

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