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COOPERATIVE CROP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, (APRIL 5)...A cooperative program for crop development for the Pacific Islands between the Trust Territory and the Institute of Technical Interchange, University of Hawaii, has been announced by M. W. Goding, Trust Territory High Commissioner. The project began on April 1 and will continue through June 30, 1966.

Participants selected to attend the crop development course at the University's East West Center are the following agricultural extension agents: Hilary Dauei, Yap District; Francisco B. Kaipat, Marianas District; Benjamin Fredrick, Truk District; Teruo Rengulbai, Palau District; and Claudio J. Panuelo, nurseryman, Ponape District. According to Manuel M. Sproat, Trust Territory Director of Agriculture, the course will consist of on-the-job training in plant propagation, selection of varieties, preparation of soil, control of insects and diseases, soil fumigation, weed control, field planting, field culture, harvesting, grading and marketing of vegetable crops and such fruit crops as papayas, avocados, bananas, mangoes and citrus.

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The training and direction of the participants will be under Dr. Horace F. Clay, program director for ITI. The on-the-job training will be carried on at several state agricultural department experiment stations in Hawaii.

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