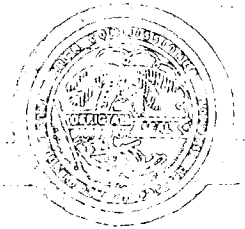


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PEACE CORPS ROUNDUP

MICRONESIAN LANGUAGE INFORMANTS DEPART FOR HAWAII

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Aug. 11 . . . On August 7 fifteen Micronesian Language Informants from three districts departed Guam for Molokai on the Island of Hawaii, where they will work for three months teaching American Peace Corps volunteers the Palauan, Chamorro and Yapese languages. They will live and work at the Peace Corps Camp which will house approximately 250 trainees.

The camp will be divided into six separate subdivisions simulating each of the six Micronesian districts. In each camp Micronesian languages will be spoken most of the time.

In addition to teaching languages, the Micronesian teachers will help explain the history and culture of Micronesia.

Those who left on August 7 for Molokai are:

MARIANAS: Nicholas Palacios  
John Cepeda  
Antonio Reyes Sablan  
Maria Sablan  
William S. Reyes  
Rudolfo Sablan  
Jesus Concepcion

Palau: Margie Blailles  
Jonathan O. Emil  
Isac Ngircheluw  
Kazumoto Rengulbai

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Falau: Luke Bekebekmad  
Emul Ramarui

Yap: Eupharasia Datinag  
Dominac Falmog

#### HOUSING FOR VOLUNTEERS UNDER WAY IN TERRITORY

Plans are now underway in each district to provide adequate housing for the Peace Corps staff which will include the District Director, the District Deputy Director, the head Peace Corps physician for the district, and clerical help. The Yap Cooperative Association has begun construction of two new homes that will be leased by the Peace Corps; on Truk existing local houses will be leased and some new construction started; housing on Saipan and Palau has been earmarked for Peace Corps use. During the next two weeks the Peace Corps Coordinator on the Community Services/<sup>staff</sup> will travel to the Marshalls and Ponape to investigate available housing there.

The leasing of local housing for the Peace Corps staff is in keeping with the new Trust Territory policy to rent available housing in the local Micronesian communities for use by the Trust Territory staff.

#### REPORTS FROM FLORIDA

Word from Micronesian at Key West, Florida indicates that operations are already under way at that training center and that "the beautiful low islands of the Key are making Micronesian language teachers homesick".

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A few who went to Florida expecting a vacation write back that the 12-hour workday is interesting but arduous and "nothing like the carefree days in Micronesia". All who write are still excited about their new experiences in spite of the hard work.

TT PEACE CORPS HEADQUARTERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN SAIPAN

The entire second floor of the Villagomez new store in Saipan is being converted into a suite of 10 modern offices that will house the entire Headquarters and Mariana Islands District Peace Corps staff. Peace Corps offices are being established in the other districts and a Peace Corps liaison office is being considered for Guam.

TRANSPORTATION FOR VOLUNTEERS BEING PLANNED

Within the next two months, all plans for transporting hundreds of Volunteers to Micronesia will have been completed. William Mullahey and William Snyder, representatives of Pan American Airways, are in Saipan to work out the details with Trust Territory and Peace Corps officials for special air lifts during October and November when the Corpsmen will arrive.

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