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MICRONESIAN DENTISTS TO ATTEND TRAINING IN HAWAII

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Aug. 26 . . . Six Micronesian District Directors of Dental Services, the Assistant Director and Director of the Trust Territory Division of Dental Services are scheduled to leave on September 14 to Hawaii to attend special training and the Hawaii State Dental Association Convention. A Micronesian Dental Convention will be held at the same time.

Participants from the Trust Territory include:

Dr. Molly O'Mara George	Director of Dental Services
Dr. Jack Helkena	Ass't Director of Dental Services
Dr. Juan Ch. Reyes	Marianas District Director
Dr. Enta Peter	Marshalls District Director
Dr. Teoho Oiph	Palau District Director
Dr. Oltor K. Paul	Ponape District Director
Dr. Sasauo Haruo	Truk District Director
Dr. Untun Kadagued	Yap District Director

The Hawaii State Convention will give Micronesian dental practitioners the opportunity for first-hand observation of some of the

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techniques and methods used in modern dentistry. It should also give them a clearer idea of the reasoning behind the public health dental program being instituted here in the Trust Territory.

Arrangements have been made by Dr. George for the dentists to go into private dental offices to observe dental practice and procedures. Other opportunities for observation are being arranged through the East-West Center, the Hawaii State Department of Public Health and other agencies.

During their own meeting, the Micronesian dentists will discuss problems originating in the districts and will try to reach solutions. New preventive techniques under the Trust Territory's public health dental program will be introduced. Preventive techniques are aimed at preservation rather than restoration of the teeth with special emphasis upon the dental problems of children.

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