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PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE IN PALAU

Truk

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, November 6. . . Thirty energetic young Americans arrived in Koror, Palau, today, the first increment of Peace Corps Volunteers assigned to the district.

Ponape

The group trained in Key West, Florida, with emphasis on learning the Palauan language. Six Palauans traveled to Key West as language informants for the three-month course.

Marshalls

The 30 Volunteers will serve as teachers. Nine will be assigned to schools in the district center, and 21 in outlying areas.

Yap

The Volunteers will be housed in Bai-ra-Ek (gathering house of the Koror middle aged women's club) until Thursday. Four days of orientation have been scheduled by local community leaders, District Administrator Boyd Mackenzie, Peace Corps Area Director Dirk A. Ballendorf and Staff Physician Thomas R. Blackburn.

Palau

On Thursday morning the Volunteers will depart with their hamlet chiefs to their assigned communities.

Assistant District Administrator Thomas O. Remengesau is the Trust Territory Government Peace Corps Coordinator for Palau and

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has worked with Mr. Ballendorf on advance arrangements for the arrival of the Volunteers.

Mr. Ballendorf arrived in Koror in August. Dr. Blackburn joined him in October and assisted in establishing a Peace Corps office in the district center.

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