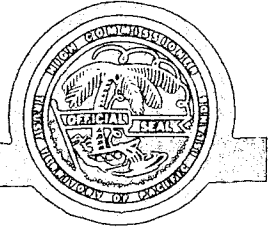


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### PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES TO BE HELD BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Truk

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,  
Jan. 5 . . . A conference of community development officers, adult  
education supervisors, and Peace Corps Volunteers in related activities  
has been called by Community Development Officer Francis B. Mahoney for

Ponape

January 9-11. The conferees will meet with Jack Rosenblum, Territorial  
Field Representative of the Community Action Programs Division of the  
Office of Economic Opportunity, who will instruct them concerning

Marshall's

the drafting of community action proposals for presentation to that  
agency. The Conference will also discuss the organization of a community  
action agency in each district center and the establishment of operation  
Head Start (for pre-schoolers).

Yap

Essential to the extension of the Economic Opportunity Program  
(Poverty Program) to the Territory is the establishment at the "grass  
roots" level of district community action agencies as well as a coordinating  
agency at the Headquarters level to provide technical assistance. These  
agencies are expected to be representative of community institutions

Palau

concerned with improving health and living conditions of the people. The  
Office of Economic Opportunity requires that one third of the governing

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body of every such agency must be democratically selected representatives of the deprived sectors of the population of the community.

Participants in the conference include:

Marianas--Francisco Chong, community development; Thomas Sheehan,  
PCV;

Marshalls--Mary Lanwi, community development; Michael Birdsall, PCV-  
Majuro; Tony Mondello, PCV-Ebeye;

Palau--Isaac Ngiracheluolw, community development; Gerald Craddock,  
adult education;

Ponape--Leneard Santos, community development; Howard Lerner, PCV-  
Ponape; Robert Doan, PCV-Kusaie;

Truk--Ermas Siales, community development; Don Haun, adult education;  
James Graham, PCV.

Yap--Joseph Ayin, community development; Clarence Ames, adult  
education; Dell D. Wehling, PCV.

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