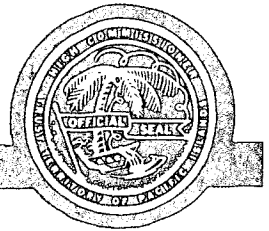


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SPECIAL JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

Truk

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Jan. 20 . . . A Special Joint Planning Advisory Committee consisting of members from the executive and legislative branches of the Trust Territory Government has been established by the High Commissioner.

Ponape

According to its Chairman, Deputy High Commissioner Martin P. Mangan, the purpose of the Committee is to initiate a program of long-range planning for the Territory and to consider means whereby existing organizations, the Congress of Micronesia and others, could contribute to planning without creating a new specialized organization.

Marshalls

Planning groups generally are responsible for giving voice to the goals and objectives of the community, gathering information in order to decide priorities and coordinate various programs and estimating how best to institute change, given various limitations on the rapidity with which growth may be attained.

Yap

The Committee is scheduled to meet the third week in February.

Palau

Members of the Planning Advisory Committee who were appointed by President of the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia Tosiwo Nakayama and Speaker of the House of Representatives Bethwel Henry are: Senator Hiroshi Ismael, Ponape; Senator Isaac Lanwi, Marshalls; Senator Francisco Palacios, Marianas; Representative Luke Tman, Yap;

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Representative Jacob Sawaichi, Palau; and Representative Soukichi Fritz, Truk.

Members of the Committee appointed by the High Commissioner are:
Eusebio Rechucher, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Resources and Development, Vice Chairman;
William A. McGrath, Director of Land Management, Committee Coordinator;
Howard Waite, Chief Engineer;
Antonio C. Tenorio, General Engineer;
Leslie Arentzen, Director of Budget and Finance;
Francis B. Mahoney, Community Development Officer; and
James Leonard, Economic Development Team.

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