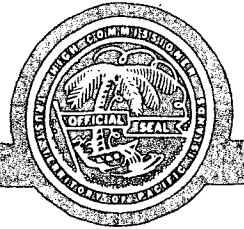


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Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Jan. 20 . . . The Trust Territory Department of Education opened a general conference today in the Theater Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. Following introductory remarks by High Commissioner W. R. Norwood and Assistant Commissioner for Community Services James E. Hawkins, the conference plan was presented by Conference Coordinator and Director of Education J.R. Trace.

Ponape

The Conference then began work on the major item on its agenda-- preparation of the budget. Other major items include a discussion of the Micronesian Teacher Education Center by its Director, Dr. M. Roseamonde Porter, and a presentation of Office of Economic Opportunity Programs, including Operation HeadStart, by Jack J. Rosenblum, Field Representative for Territories of the Community Action Program of the OEO.

Yap

Other topics on the agenda will include the school construction program, the scholarship and vocational training programs, a review of Peace Corps operations and Federal programs, as well as plans for the summer of 1967.

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In addition to headquarters Education Department staff and district directors of education, major participants in the Conference include: Assistant Commissioner for Administration Joseph F. Screen, Community Development Officer Francis B. Mahoney; Deputy Peace Corps Director for Micronesia Robert Burns and Westinghouse Overseas Representative John A. McColgan.

Headquarters Education Department staff include: Deputy Director of Education George M. Perdew; Trade and Technical Specialist Fred J. Muhleman; Linguist Gregory J. Trifonovitch; Certification and Recruitment Officer H.A. Ambrosius; Scholarship Officer Lawrence T. Burback; Library Services Specialist Daniel J. Peacock and Federal Programs Officer Wallace R. Hall.

District Directors of Education include: Howard L. Kerstetter, Marianas; Heinz E. Meyer, Marshalls; Samuel Murphy (vice D. Ramarui), Palau; John E. Barry, Ponape; Peter J. R. Hill, Truk; and Harry K. Uyehara, Yap.

The Conference will adjourn January 27.

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