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INTERIM COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA VISIT TRUK

Truk

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Jan. 31 . . . Concluding one week of a busy schedule in Truk District, members of the Congress of Micronesia Interim Committees who are traveling in the eastern districts of the Territory left for the Marshalls on January 24.

Ponape

In Truk, the legislators met with the members of the Truk District Legislature, District Administrator Alan M. MacQuarrie and his staff, members of the Moen Municipal Council, and members of the Peace Corps. Discussions were held with magistrates from islands in the Truk Lagoon. The Congressmen visited Udot, Tol and Dublon islands where public meetings were held--interrupted only by banquet-sized luncheons and welcoming songs by local groups and school children.

Marshalls

Yap

The visit of the Interim Committee members to Truk, as in other districts, enabled the people to bring to the attention of the Congressmen problems which their district faces. The Congressmen were made aware of problems in public health, the water shortage, difficulties arising from inadequate logistic support, as well as the need for a vigorous economic development program.

Palau

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These items are expected to receive top priority consideration when the Congress of Micronesia convenes its third regular session in July of this year.

The Congressmen expect to be in the Marshall Islands for one week, during which time they plan to hold meetings with the members of the Marshall Islands Congress, municipal officials and District Administrator Dwight Heine and his staff. They are scheduled to depart Majuro for Ponape on February 1 and return to Saipan on February 8.

Members of the Interim Committees who are touring the Eastern Districts are: Sen. John Ngiraked, Palau, co-chairman; Sen. Olympio Borja, Marianas; Sen. Francis NuuaD, Yap; Sen.-elect Francisco Palacios, Marianas; Rep. Lazarus Salii, Palau, co-chairman; Rep. Bethwel Henry, Ponape; Rep. Atlan Anien, Marshalls; Rep. Soukichi Fritz, Truk; Rep. Manuel Muna, Marianas; Rep. Jacob Sawaichi, Palau; Rep.-elect Daro Weital, Ponape; and Kaleb Udui, Legislative Counsel.

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