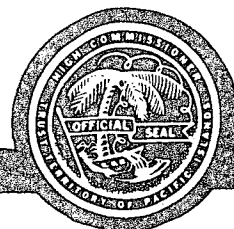


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INTERIM COMMITTEES MEMBERS TOUR MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Feb. 10 Members of the Interim Committees of the Congress of Micronesia touring the Western Districts--Palau, Yap and the Marianas--made a courtesy call on Mayor Vicente D. Sablan prior to holding meetings with the people of the Marianas this week. The Committee toured Chalan Kanoa Elementary School, Hopwood High School, Aslito Agriculture Station, Kagman Agriculture Station, Frank Cruz Pasture and various governmental facilities such as Public Works, Public Utilities, KJQR, District Administration, Insular Constabulary and the Fire Department. Also included in their Marianas itinerary were visits to enterprises such as the Coca Cola plant, Togawa's Poultry Farm, and Santos' Poultry Farm as well as/50-room Micro-nesian Hotel Corporation hotel presently under construction.

The Committee has met with the Marianas District Legislature, the Saipan Municipal Legislature, the Marianas people, and with Marianas District Administrator Peter T. Coleman and his staff.

The primary function of the Interim Committees, when meeting with various groups--legislative or otherwise--was to listen to and discuss problems with the people and to present such problems to the

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Congress of Micronesia in its Third Regular Session in July. Some of the most pressing problems raised in the Marianas, as in the other districts, concern land ownership, taxes levied by three legislative branches of government-- Congress of Micronesia, District and Municipal -- and the future political status of the Trust Territory.

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