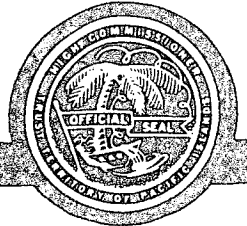


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### CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA INTERIM COMMITTEES VISIT PONAPE

Marianas

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Feb. 16 . . . The members of the Senate and House Interim Committees of the Congress of Micronesia who traveled to the Eastern districts returned to Saipan after spending one week in Ponape District. The members of the Committees of both houses of the Congress had earlier spent one week each in Truk and the Marshall Islands Districts.

Truk

Ponape

During the one week visit in Ponape, the members of the two Interim Committees met and discussed territory-wide programs and problems with the District Administrator and his staff, members of the Ponape District Legislature, council members of the Kolonia Municipality, Peace Corps staff and volunteers and business leaders of Ponape District. Visits to Metalanim and Uh municipalities were also arranged.

Marshall's

Yap

Major problems and program areas brought to the attention of the members of the Congress of Micronesia were the progress status of the Ponape airfield construction; the feasibility of extending water and electricity to the people in Kolonia and adjacent communities; improvement of roads and designation of primary, secondary and tertiary roads; attendant problems in existing tax laws, and the need for an over-all economic development program for Ponape. The question of Kusale becoming the 7th administrative

Palau

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district of the Trust Territory was not discussed, inasmuch as the Congressmen could not find any field trip ship to take them to Kusaie.

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