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## SPC AGRICULTURALIST MAKES EDUCATION SURVEY

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Mar. 15 . . . J.A. Sutherland, consultant on agricultural education for the South Pacific Commission, visited the Trust Territory on the last leg of a 25,000-mile journey through the island territories of the Pacific area surveying agricultural education.

While in the Trust Territory, Mr. Sutherland made an overnight trip to Ponape where he visited the Trust Territory Farm Institute and the Ponape Agriculture and Trade School in Metalanim, two of the 14 major centers of agricultural education on his itinerary. He also met with district education officials.

Prior to this he had conferred with the Assistant Commissioner for Resources and Development and Community Services and the Acting Director of Education at Headquarters in Saipan as well as the Marianas District Administrator and his staff.

In Guam, Mr. Sutherland conferred with Department of Agriculture officials.

Mr. Sutherland departed for South Pacific Commission Headquarters at Noumea, New Caledonia, on March 3.

His survey of agricultural education in the Pacific will be published and may serve as a basis of **discussions on South Pacific Commission** 

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territories' agricultural training with the United Nations and other interested agencies. It will also be a working paper for the South Pacific Commission technical meeting on agricultural education, tentatively scheduled for August and September 1967 at Noumea.

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