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UN MISSION CONCLUDES TOUR OF TRUST TERRITORY

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Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Mar. 17 . . . The 1967 United Nations Visiting Mission today concluded its five-week inspection tour of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, administered by the United States under a trusteeship agreement with the United Nations.

Guam

Headed by The Honorable Angie E. Brooks of Liberia, the Mission visited all the major islands in the Territory and met with members of the Congress of Micronesia, district administration officials, members of district legislatures and municipal councils. Numerous public meetings were held by the Mission in order to obtain a territory-wide perspective of the activities, conditions, progress, and problems in Micronesia. After completing its tour of the other districts, the Mission returned on March 15 to Saipan, the provisional capital of Micronesia, where it held a three-day wind-up conference with High Commissioner W.R. Norwood and members of this staff.

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While noting there was still room for further improvement of the area, the Mission noted with satisfaction the general progress achieved thus far in various fields of endeavor. It also noted the efforts and interest of the Administration in achieving the objectives of the Trusteeship Agreement. The Mission also was quite impressed with the work of the Congress of Micronesia and

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its Interim Committees, with which the Mission met on the first day of its arrival in the Territory, February 12.

At the conclusion of the conference, the Chairman of the Mission, The Honorable Angie Brooks, on behalf of the other members and the secretariat, thanked High Commissioner Norwood, members of his staff, both at the Headquarters and the districts, and all the people of Micronesia for the "splendid cooperation, assistance, and hospitality which made the tour of the Trust Territory successful."

The Mission departed Saipan this afternoon for Guam, enroute to United Nations Headquarters in New York, where it will compile its findings in a report to be submitted to the Trusteeship Council in May.

Dr. Angie Brooks, Assistant Secretary of State of Liberia, was Chairman of the nine-member delegation. Other members were The Honorable Pierre J. Basdevant of France, The Honorable Richard N. Posnett of the United Kingdom, and The Honorable Kenneth H. Rogers of Australia.

Secretariat staff members on the Mission were Dr. Najmuddine Rifai (Syria), Principal Secretary; Mr. Richard W. Wathen, Political Officer; Mr. Bhagirathan R. Devarajan, Economic Officer; Mr. Henry Astwood, Administrative Officer; and Miss Norma Chai, Stenographer.

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