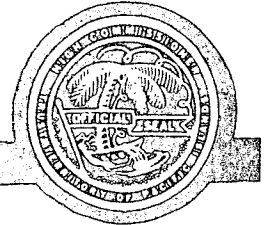


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### TRUST TERRITORY MEDICAL OFFICERS ATTEND SEMINAR ON MENTAL HEALTH BY SPC

Marianas

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,

Apr. 12 . . . Two Trust Territory medical officers are attending a two-week seminar on mental health problems being held in Noumea, New Caledonia by the South Pacific Commission. Drs. Alexander Panuelo, Ponape, and Benusto Kaipat, Saipan, left the last of March for the seminar that is scheduled for April 3-14.

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Ponape

During the seminar, major emphasis will be placed upon the study of the mental and behavior disorders associated with economic and social change occurring in the Pacific territories. A report with recommendations will be prepared by the participants and consultants of the seminar.

Marshalls

The seminar resulted from the suggestions of three South Pacific psychiatrists during an informal consultative meeting in May, 1966. A three-week course was planned for health educators, teachers, social welfare workers, etc. Approved by the Commission at its 29th session in October, 1966, the course was developed into a two-week seminar for a high level of professional workers in the field.

Yap

Palau

Participants will include an education officer from Fiji, a medical officer each from American Samoa, Papua and New Guinea, the two medical officers from the Trust Territory, and doctors, nurses, social workers, and pastors from New Caledonia.

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Five consultants have also been invited to attend. They will represent the medical department of Papua and New Guinea, the school of public health at the University of Hawaii, the medical department of Fiji, the office of government psychiatry in New Caledonia, and the executive office for social development of the South Pacific Commission.

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