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## ORIENTATION PROGRAM IN HAWAII PLANNED FOR TT EDUCATORS

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, May 3 . . . New educational staff members for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands will be attending a four-week orientation and training program this summer at the East-West Center, University of Hawaii, in preparation for their duties in the Micronesian islands. The session will run from July 31 to Aug. 28 in Honolulu.

Ponape

A similar project was held last summer as the Trust Territory Department of Education co-sponsored a seven-week program with the Center for 40 teachers going to the Marshalls, Truk, and Ponape districts. This year's session will cover the entire territory so that the Marianas, Palau, and Yap districts will also receive personnel trained in the summer program.

Marshalls

Yap

Approximately 30-30 persons representing principals, supervisors, teachers, and other educational staff members will attend. The Center will provide housing at the Mid-Pacific Institute dormitory for single persons and married couples with no children. Families will have to provide their own housing.

Palau

The English Language Institute of the University's Linguistic Department will handle the instructional program with a stress on methods

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for teaching English as a second language. Other aspects of linguistics applicable to the Trust Territory islands will be taught.

Two hours of instruction in the language of the districts where persons have been assigned will be conducted every morning. Persons in their respective language classes will also have opportunities for periods of consultation with language informants and for listening to tapes of the languages during afternoons.

Evening sessions are being scheduled for viewing slides and movies of the various districts in order to acquaint the educators with customs and the living and working conditions in the territory. Dr. Leonard Mason, University of Hawaii anthropologist with working experience throughout the Pacific, will also give a one-hour lecture each day of the session on the cultures of the Micronesians.

The Trust Territory Department of Health will conduct discussions on health, foods, and sanitary conditions in Micronesia.

Mr. Gregory Trifonovitch, English language specialist for the Trust Territory, will be working with Mr. James Hubbard, project director of the program for the East-West Center. Mr. Trifonovitch will be at the Peace Corps training camp in Udot, Truk district, before leaving for Hawaii on July 29. Six language informants, one for each district, will leave the camp with him to work in the session.

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