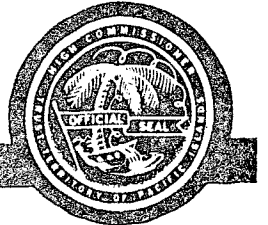


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### TESL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD FOR TT EDUCATORS

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, May 3 . . . Hoping to construct a basic policy for "Teaching English as a Second Language" (TESL) in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, educators from each of the territory's six districts will meet May 8-13 on Saipan, Mariana Islands.

Truk

Sponsored by the Territory's department of education, the conference will host about 11 persons who serve as English language specialists. Mr. Gregory Trifonovitch, English language specialist for the territory, is chairman of the conference.

Ponape

Each person has been assigned two projects to complete which will be reviewed during the conference. One is the complete overview of the TESL program in each district, and the second is a professional paper to be read on some aspect relevant to TESL. Sample titles which have been received are "Current TESL Programs in Okinawa and Japan" from Harold Crouch, Truk District, and "Miami (Fla.) Linguistics Readers" from Mrs. Joan Emmett, Marianas District.

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The conference will also hear Mr. George A. Pittman, language teaching specialist from the South Pacific Commission who has been touring districts of the territory and observing and assessing language instruction programs.

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