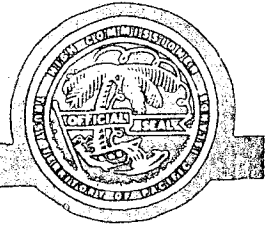


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### TT EDUCATIONAL NEEDS TO BE STUDIED BY STANFORD REPRESENTATIVES

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, May 12 . . . Three individuals from the Stanford Research Institute and three representing Stanford University will arrive in the Trust Territory beginning mid-May to survey educational programs for Micronesian students, announced James Hawkins, assistant commissioner for community services in charge of the Department of Education.

Truk

Ponape

"The researchers will primarily seek out the special needs of Micronesian education", he said. "But they also are to assess the present status of the school system, and to develop plans for viable and realistic programs which can increase the efficiency and quality of Micronesian education within the limits of our available resources," Mr. Hawkins added.

Marshalls

Yap

Requested by the territory's Department of Education as a project to be funded by Public Law 89-10 (Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965), the survey was recently approved by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. John Trace, director of education for the Trust Territory, was named project director. Carl Daeufer, secondary schools coordinator for the territory, is to be the assistant director.

Palau

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Co-leaders from the Stanford Research Institute for the project are William J. Platt and Philip H. Sorensen. Mr. Platt is director of the Institutes' research on education, training, and manpower planning and development activities. Mr. Sorensen is the senior psychologist in charge of research on educational and personnel problems.

Others coming are Leonard M. Henny, Richard Pearce, Frank J. Mahony and John Singleton. Both Mahony and Singleton are former employees of the Trust Territory.

As the Stanford representatives arrive, they will immediately depart to visit specified districts. These include the Marianas, Yap, Palau, Truk, Ponape, and the Marshalls.

During early June, a conference will be held for about a week in Saipan, the territory's headquarters, to discuss the preliminary findings. More visits will then be made to the six districts during June and July with a second large conference called in mid-July.

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