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MICRONESIAN VICE-PRINCIPALS TO ATTEND SEMESTER COURSE IN HAWAII

Marianas

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, June 1 . . . In an effort to offer Micronesian educational administrators initial or refresher training in administrative skills and methods, the Institute for Technical Interchange of the East-West Center, University of Hawaii, has planned a refresher education program in Honolulu for working Micronesian vice-principals.

Truk

A semester project, the program will begin August 7, 1967, and close February 15, 1968. Initially, the program is being offered only to Trust Territory personnel in response to a request from the Territory that special training assistance is needed for its Micronesian public school administrators.

Ponape

"What is needed," reported the Trust Territory officials, "is a refresher education program for working Micronesian educational administrators in new methods and contemporary philosophy of elementary and secondary education."

Yap

They said that in some cases the administrators have had no additional training beyond their basic formal education and have had little or no chance to take initial or refresher training in administrative skills.

Palau

Training will be conducted at the University of Hawaii and at public schools in Honolulu within the State of Hawaii Department of Education.

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The project is patterned after the University's Administrative Internship Program which is a requirement for those seeking vice-principal's credentials in Hawaii's public schools.

During the program the participants will be placed at local intermediate and high schools in observing and carrying out administrative duties under the supervision of principals. In addition, they shall meet one day a week in seminar sessions with university professors. The object of this training approach, according to Vice Chancellor Y. Baron Goto of the E-W Center, is to arrange close contact in continuing visits, observations and actual experience in a public school for each Micronesian administrator.

The Trust Territory government will provide transportation to and from Honolulu. The East-West Center will pay per diem expenses, housing accommodations, health and medical insurance, book allowances and all other training expenses.

Eight participants have been selected by the Trust Territory to attend the semester training program. They are Jesus Manglona Concepcion, Marianas; Birash Joash, Marshalls; Sadang O. Ngiraetherang, Palau; Wilhelm Rengil, Palau; Augustine H. Moses, Ponape, Jonas Shrew, Kusaie; Masasinge Eis, Truk; and Vincent Morgan Untaman, Yap.

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