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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII HEALTH TEAM CONDUCTS FIELD WORK IN TRUST TERRITORY

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The nursing students, who are candidates for Master's degrees in Public Health, have been assigned to a specific district where they will spend about eight week's in health education and data collection, including a community survey, hospital and other health facility descriptions, hospital patient data, and manpower survey. Their district assignments are as follows: Miss Benita Brothers to Ponape; Miss Shirley Slater to Yap; Mrs. Sharon Sutter to Palau; and Miss Penny Watson to Truk. Dr. Glover is in the Marshalls where she will serve as a physician in addition to developing improved methods of continuing education for Micronesian medical practioners.

The students are also serving in the following areas: patient education in the hospital; workshops on the development of health education materials; workshop for elementary and secondary school teachers on the inclusion of nealth education in the general curriculum; in service

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education programs with health personnel; media workshop or development of specific educational materials from local materials; medical selfhelp or first aid training course. The content of the activities, moreover, will center about communicable diseases, personal hygiene, and basic nutrition.

According to Dr. William M. Peck, Director of Public Health, this type of program is a good example of continuing cooperation between the University of Hawaii and the Trust Territory Government. It is certainly conducive to lightening human bondage and is a means of up-lifting some of the health conditions in the Territory, he added.

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PCV TRAINEES EN ROUTE TO TRAINING AT UDOT, TRUK

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, June 27.... Some 210 Peace Corps Volunteer / on board two World Airways 707 Jet charter flights from Oakland, California, arrived Guam on Monday, June 28, and on Tuesday, June 27, on their way to their training site on Udot Island in Truk Lagoon.

Approximately 160 trainees who arrived on Guam on Monday's charter flight immediately boarded two TT DC-4 charter flights: heading for Udot. The remaining 40 to 50 trainees transited Guam to Udot on Tuesday. The establishment of the Peace Corps Training Center on the island of Udot in Truk District marks an historic undertaking in the Peace Corps program. This is the first time the Peace Corps will train Volunteers in the country where they will serve after the completion of their training.

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