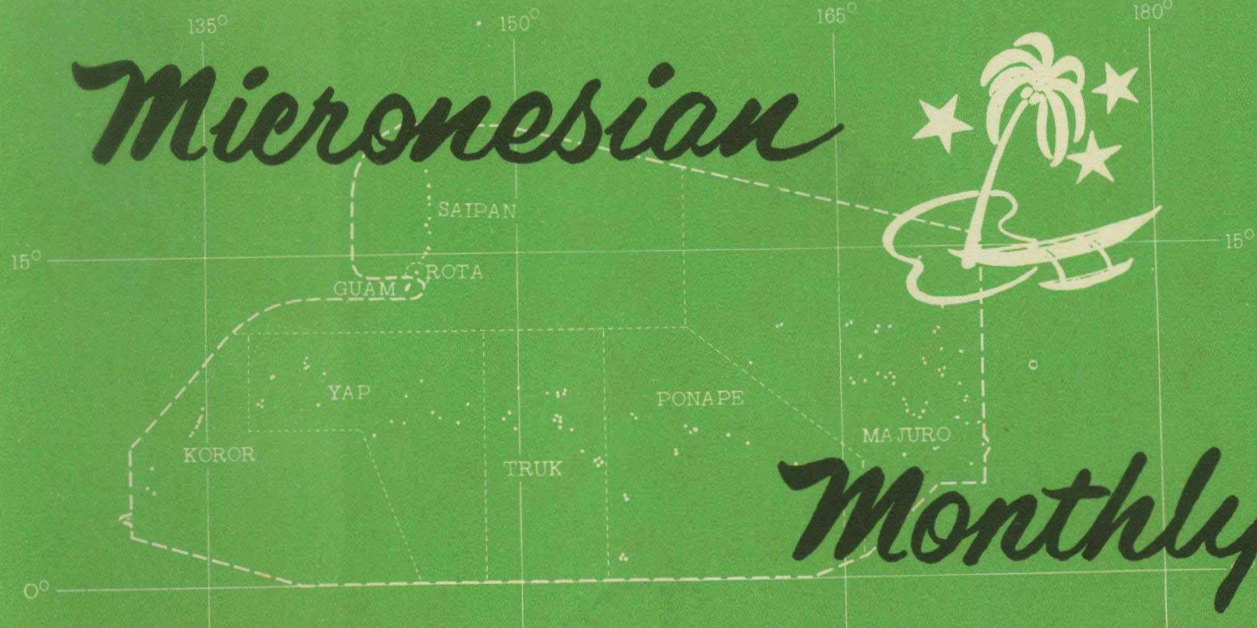


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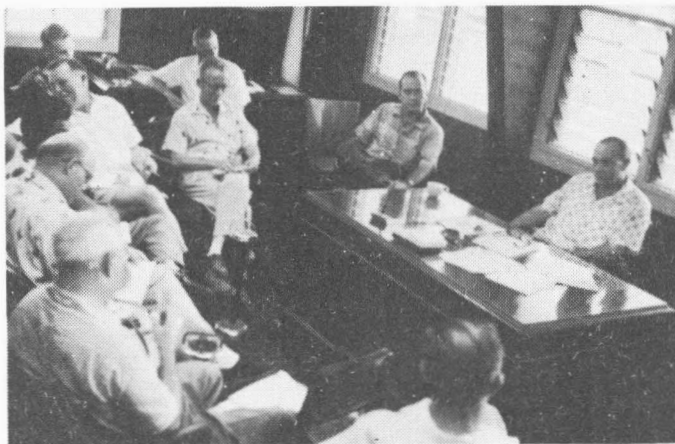
THIRD ANNUAL DISTAD CONFERENCE

The large desk was the focal point in the spacious room. Arranged in a semi-circle directly in front of it were six chairs with names taped on the backs. Behind these and filling the remainder of the room were other chairs, a large table in one corner and a divan in another.

It was 9:30 a.m. on August 29th. People began filing into the room with papers in their hands, notebooks, pencils, pipes and cigarettes. Acting High Commissioner D. H. Nucker sat at the large desk; each of the six District Administrators filled the chair designated for him in front of Mr. Nucker; other visiting conferees and the headquarters staff settled themselves around the room. The Third Annual Distad Conference was about to begin.

If the conference had a central theme, it was that of a search for the specifics by which good working attitudes are created and maintained. In fact, Mr. Nucker in his opening remarks said in part: "We are here to discuss various subjects in order that we may understand the District Administrators' thinking; that they understand ours, so that there will be a common denominator found in the handling of problems. We should all work under a certain 'umbrella' of thinking which by reason of each participating in the development of that thinking, will permit us to make decisions all pointed towards the same end result. Each of us should be able to bring to any problem a common knowledge of our basic policy..."

"This conference has been called to discuss that which we have done in order that we may properly judge what we are doing in order to help determine how we shall best do what is yet to be done. We should develop future programs on the basis of present knowledge which we have gained from past experience..."



CONFERENCE IN FULL SWING



Specific accomplishments for FY 1955, accomplishments to date for FY 1956, and things to be accomplished for the remainder of FY 1956 were summarized by the Acting High Commissioner.

"We have continued our efforts to move forward. On a building in Washington there is a sign which reads: 'The past is prologue.' A common joke going around is that a person see-

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ing the sign asked a taxi driver, 'What does that mean?' The taxi driver replied, 'You ain't seen nothing yet!' What's past is prologue. We are going to talk about the future...

"I have tried back in Washington to create understanding, knowledge, respect and belief in our program... We are here primarily for security reasons. In the interest of such security, we are responsible for the well-being of the Micronesian. Accordingly, it is our responsibility to permit the development of their self-sufficiency - politically, economically, and, in fact, in any way possible. I would like to emphasize certain words in that sentence - To permit the development.' We should, in order to discharge our responsibilities and permit their development, acquire the Micronesian's respect for the American. We must have the Micronesian's cooperation...

Upon conclusion of his opening remarks and general comments, the Acting High Commissioner called on Dr. Allan Smith, Staff Anthropologist, to discuss attitudes and relationships. This presentation will be printed in its entirety in the next issue.

The Conference was conducted informally although there was an agenda which was adhered to closely in order that each department would have time to present its particular problems and suggestions. After each presentation, the Distads and Staff members were then free to criticize, speculate, analyze, make suggestions and recommendations for the benefit of the group. The objective was to define operating and administrative problems as clearly as possible and after bringing them into focus, to indicate the degree of action which might be taken now and in the future to solve these problems.

The approach used was essentially practical and was designed to reach as many conclusions as possible not only in fixing policy, but in the determination of operational techniques.

There follows a condensation of the primary subjects discussed at the conference and the conclusions reached.

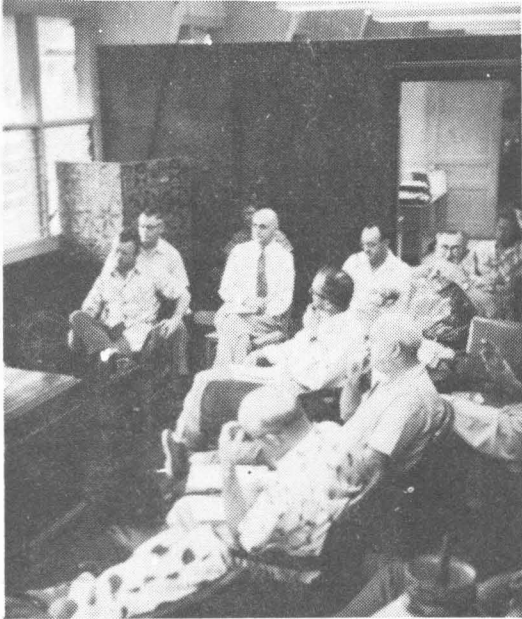
Construction

Difficulties arising from conflicting interests between construction personnel and District Public Works personnel resulted in the determination that an individual will be appointed in each district to be responsible insofar as the construction program is concerned. Upon evidence that this individual and

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COVER PICTURE

District Administrators at Guam T.T. Headquarters for the Third Annual Distad Conference. Standing, L-R Donald Heron, Palau District; Maynard Neas, Marshall Islands; Henry Hedges, Ponape District; and Willard Muller, Truk District. Stooping are Edward Kobayashi, Rota District; and Robert Halvorsen, Yap District. A job well done is the cause of those happy smiles - the Conference had just ended.



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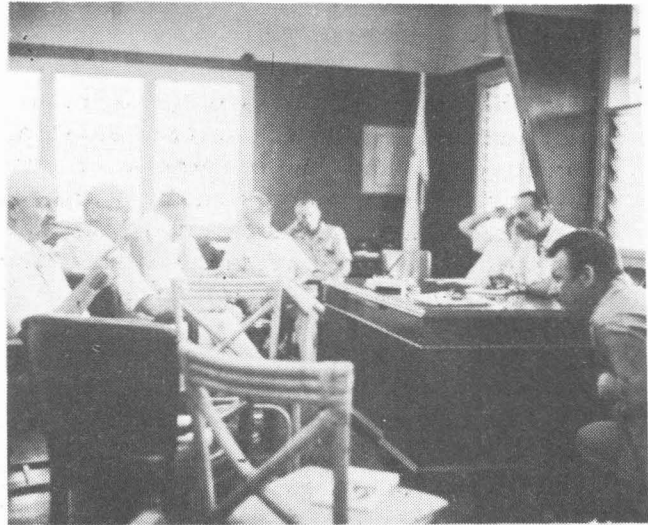
the Public Works Officer of the District cannot easily resolve their problems, then the matters in question will be presented to the District Administrator for settlement.

It was conceded on employee housing construction that cement block should be used in all districts with the exception of Yap where cement is more feasible because of the lack of aggregate. After each Distad has had the opportunity to study and discuss with his staff a 3-bedroom house plan which was given him, he will submit to the Headquarters Public Works Officer his comments as to the appropriateness of the plan, along with suggestions for revisions in order that a plan may be made that will meet the approval of the majority. Also, he is to start selecting sites for the houses. (New houses should be started in each district by January 1st.)

Communications

Improper use of the radio telephone and the need for limiting its use to official business was discussed. The need for educating Headquarters and district personnel in the use of the radio telephone was emphasized.

BELOW: GIVING IT BACK



Commerce

Suggestions for controlling the harvesting of undersized trochus were: (1) develop a set of automatic penalties prior to next harvesting season; and (2) educate the Micronesians in the conservation of the limited supply of trochus. Mr. John McGowan Fisheries Management Biologist will be requested to study the status of the trochus situation with a view to making specific recommendations on the harvesting of trochus for the coming season in order to adjust the present program and reap the most benefit in each district from the potential of trochus harvest. He will also work out a system of transporting the existing beds to new sites at different islands.

It was the unanimous opinion that the most important single factor in developing increased copra production is regularity of shipping, followed by advance warning as to when the next ship will arrive; for grading of copra, grades 1, 2 and 3 will be defined by headquarters in conjunction with Atkins-Kroll. Upon completion of this material, it will be sent to the Distads for distribution in all copra producing areas in their districts.

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Agriculture

Emphasis on subsistence agriculture, development of better existing cash crops, and development of new cash crops are the primary aims of the Agriculture Department which has become a full department under the direction of Staff Agriculturist Jack Wheat.

Techniques of planting, harvesting, processing and the requirements of shipping of cacao, an experimental economic product in the Trust Territory, were discussed and it was agreed that personnel should be sent to cacao-producing countries to familiarize themselves with these techniques. Until such time as this information is amassed, there will be no planting of cacao in isolated areas on any large scale.

A study is to be initiated on the economic feasibility of growing pepper in the islands, taking into consideration cost factors, marketing, and shipping, in order to make recommendations as to what policy the administration should follow in developing a pepper product, if the survey shows it can economically be done.

Land and Claims

It was suggested and unanimously agreed that a training school for Micronesian surveyors should be established at Ponape for a term of three months at a time.

The contemplated types of leases to be put into effect were reviewed. A form lease is to be prepared which will provide space for covering special conditions and which will provide a forfeiture clause.

On evaluation of land, it was deter-

mined that annual rental rates should be set on the basis of 6% evaluation on the current appraisal value of the land, subject to departures as justified.

It was resolved that the principle of returning land to the last known former owner should be followed when not in conflict with the law established policy, or the best interests of the area concerned.

Accounts and Budget

The Comptroller is to advise the District Administrators of sizeable obligations made at headquarters against district funds; the Statement of Status of Allotment Accounts will continue to be sent to the District Administrators in the future; the preparation of the Budget Allocation for Fiscal Year 1956, and future years, by departments and activities shall be continued.

A committee was appointed to discuss and develop recommendations concerning the responsibilities and the flow of authority for the operation of the district hotels, and to make recommendations as to the per diem policy which the Trust Territory should put into effect. The problem of the per diem rate for intra-district travel shall also be considered.



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Supply and Property Accounting

Closer cooperation between the District Supply operation and the Headquarters Supply Warehouse relative to requisitions and follow-up on GSA orders is desired. For purposes of simplicity and maintenance of adequate stock with respect to common use items, a system should be developed which will permit ordering of these items by the Supply Officer in each district for issuance to the various activities within the district. The GSO will notify the District Administrators occasionally of surplus stocks of materials, equipment and supplies on hand which have not been regularly requisitioned and which are in plentiful supply in order to move useful supply items now at the warehouse to the districts. Each district will be advised by the GSO of the date cargo receiving will be stopped at the Commercial Port before the departure of a vessel on its scheduled voyage to the district.

Property Accountability:

Emphasis is to be placed upon the property accountability program. Each Distad will be responsible for the pertinent sections of the Administrative Procedures Manual. He will advise of the needs in his district and request information to clarify points not understood in order that headquarters may in turn make certain that a complete property accountability system within each district is achieved.

Personnel

No department head or official of the Trust Territory Government shall make any commitment to a potential employee or an actual employee with respect to his hiring or change of em-

ployment without prior approval of the Personnel Department.

Each Distad agreed to give impetus to the incentive awards program to the end that suggestions will be forthcoming.

Discussion moved on to the subject of vocational training programs and it was agreed that each District Administrator would undertake consultations with his public works staff and submit recommendations to headquarters as to the best method of instituting a vocational training program in this field. The matter will then be further discussed and studied at headquarters and the Distads will be notified of the final course of action which shall be taken.

Education

The discussion on Education developed common acceptance of the following points:

That the Distads should work more closely with the District Directors of Education and that they in turn should make certain that the Distads are, at all times, aware of any changes to be made in the educational program.

That there is not the need for the formalization of outer island schools to the same degree that there may be at the district center. In view of the desire not to upset the present balance in the outer island communities, all District Directors of Education will clear with the District Administrators any changes in the present program which they desire to put into the outer island schools.

That there is a constant need to review the type of education being taught in the districts to the end that such education will be pointed towards useability, after completion of formal schooling; that education for educa-

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CONFERENCE TEAM: Front row from left to right, Don Heron, Palau Distad; Hank Hedges, Ponape Distad; Will Muller, Truk Distad; Executive Officer, Al Hurt; Acting HiCom, D.H. Nucker; Waynard Neas, Marshalls Distad; Hal Halvorsen, Yap Distad; and Ed Kobayashi, Rota Acting Distad. Middle row from left to right, Carl Kunz, Staff Communicator; Bob Robson, District Attorney; Chief Justice E.P. Furber; Dr. R.E. Gibson, Director of Education; Wesley Ross, Director of Public Safety; and Jack Wheat, Staff Agriculturist. Back row from left to right, Ed Lee, Acting Personnel Officer; Marvin Pickard, Land and Claims Administrator; Chief Counsel, Joe Putnam; Public Works Officer Ray Howland; John Spivey, Contracts and Program Officer; Emil Strench, Budget Officer; Comptroller G. C. Vittetoe; and Bob Wion, Assistant General Supply Officer.

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tion's sake, while excepted in our communities, should be pointed to education for use by Micronesians in their community.

Law Enforcement:

Each District Administrator shall inform headquarters of his decision as to whether the sheriff shall report directly to the Administrative Officer or the

Distad and upon receipt of this information in headquarters the organizational charts will be amended accordingly.

A vigorous discussion on a training school for members of the Constabulary developed the following decisions: that such a school should be started at Truk as soon as is practicable which will emphasize the training of members of Constabulary in the techniques of prosecution of cases; that this school will be under the guidance of the District Attorney who will be supported

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and aided in the teaching program by the Director of Public Safety; that there will be started in each district, as time permits, a program of training of the Constabulary at the district level which will emphasize law enforcement techniques along with public safety and methods of fire prevention; that the district program of training, under the direct responsibility of the Director of Public Safety, will be aided and coun-



Acting Hicom D.H. Nucker, Letty McClure, Ray Howland and Dr. Gibson "Relaxing" after wind-up of the Distad conference

selling by the District Attorney; that the selection of individuals to attend the Truk training school shall be limited to two from each district. These shall be selected by reason of common agreement between the District Administrator, the District Attorney and the Chief Counsel.

Judiciary

In order to effect desirable changes in the Trust Territory Code and existing laws, the District Administrators and the Judiciary should submit to the High Commissioner suggestions which they believe will produce benefit for all



"I meant to bring up the fact....."
Relax, Boys, the conference is over

of Micronesia. Upon receipt of these suggested changes, the High Commissioner will hold discussions with the Judge, Chief Counsel and with the party suggesting the change in order that there can be a common agreement as to the need for and the nature of the change to be made.

Commissaries and Shipping

Discussions of stevedoring and cargo handling methods in the Trust Territory point out the fact that the Administration has determined that it will proceed, district by district, in solving this problem.
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lem. A contract is now being negotiated with the Western Carolines Trading Company, looking towards their being the first company to take over the responsibility for these services.

On commissary practices in the districts, it was determined that each Distad will obtain a listing of current retail prices of 50 basic commodities available for sale from local commissaries and will require commissary operators to give satisfactory evidence of wholesale costs of these items.

A personal report from each Distad on the commissary operation in his district is desired giving his personal beliefs as to the fairness of the prices



Executive Officer, Al Hurt lets hair down (literally) to Gerry Vittetoe while Jack Wheat looks on at end of Distad Conference

charged and making any recommendations that he believes will result in better commissary operation in his district.

Mr. Nucker closed the conference on September 2nd. His concluding statements are highlighted by the following remarks:

"...The past week has affected me quite strongly. It has been impressed upon me by reason of the past week's exchange of information and ideas that each of us - I know I have - should better realize the magnitude, diversity, complexity and importance of our responsibilities in the Trust Territory. We are a government. We have responsibilities covering almost every phase of government from the township level through the federal level, as we know it in the States.

"My opening statement and the opening remarks by Allan Smith reflected the kind of thinking and the broader views we are seeking to accomplish and indicate the need for American personnel to recognize that Micronesians are men and women of stature. They are human and they have a way of living which was satisfactory before we arrived on the scene. We must honor that way of life, but must, of necessity, from time to time, permit changes to take place and should bring them about through earning the respect of Micronesians for Americans. I ask that you treat Micronesians as men and women of stature and earn their respect...

I have been impressed "with the number and types of problems we have in the Trust Territory. 'I have been very mindful of the comments of the staff members who have led the discussions and have been very proud of their ability to lay before the District Administrators their respective problems and to explain their reason for being. In short their knowledge of their specialities is very evident

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The Diaper Brigade and



The Kindergarten Set

The Trust Territory Nursery and Kindergarten opened its doors in August to the complete satisfaction and delight of mothers who live in the Trust Territory compound, as well as those who occasionally visit Guam from the District Centers, and who can now do that much needed and longed-for shopping knowing that their children will be well cared for, trained, lunched, "socialized" and "rested".

The Center is open five days a week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and takes care of children from 6 months to 5 years of age. Mrs. Steve Riddle, Supervisor, has been able thus far to accommodate a few children of mothers who teach school and has received many expressions of gratitude from them for having a place to leave their children while they are educating other children.

The daily schedule of the Nursery and Kindergarten consists of the following:



Toddlers learning the Arts and Crafts under the helping hands of Mrs. Riddle, Supervisor

7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Receive children for the day - free play period.

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Preschool training period which includes music, arts and crafts, educational toys and directive training (i.e., teaching children to follow directions), for a nursery group and a kindergarten group.

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"I have been very proud of the District Administrators. I am proud of them because of their willingness to accept new ideas, their very evident desire to run a better district and to improve each and every operation in the district; their desire to acquire understanding of the Administration's attitudes with respect to relationships within and between departments, and above all the relationships towards the Micronesians. I have been quite proud of the willingness of the District Administrators to work with the Headquarters staff and the staff's willingness to cooperate to help the District Administrators to do a better job."

NOTES ON MOKIL AND PINGELAP

by Margaret Hill

(Peg Hill started working for the Trust Territory in August, 1950, during the Navy Administration. She was a Teacher at PLITS on Moen, Truk. In June, 1952, she was transferred to Ponape, first as a Teacher in the Intermediate School, then as one of the Teacher Trainers of Ponape District. The latter position has taken her on numerous field trips in the outer islands of Ponape District, one of which she narrates below. Her sensitive, intimate and refreshing coverage of this trip comes as close to depicting what it's like "out there" as anything the editor has read. Due to lack of space, the Pingelap part of this article will be printed in the next issue).

I spent two months on Mokil Atoll last January working in the Elementary School with the four teachers. Kilinton is an old man while Nelson, Anes, and Ishiro had just completed our 4 months teacher training course. In between times and in the evenings we worked on a standard spelling for the Mokilese language; before this practically nothing had been written in this language. I helped the young teachers do some translating and to write some original text book materials which will be printed in our print shop on Ponape as will the Mokilese legends and stories.

When the field trip ship came again on March 7, I went on as far as Pingelap Atoll and remained there working with those teachers for four days while the ship went onto Kusaie and returned.

The following extracts are a few of the "high lights" from my diary. Also I would like to call your attention to one thing (Editors, please note!) and this is that we "Robinson Crusoes" of the Ponape District Education Department don't bother with such luxuries as electric lights and radios. Nor do we have bi-monthly communication with the District Center. I had been there for six weeks before the small ship, The Lucky, arrived with mail and news from the home front. Also a couple of years ago I spent three months on Nukuoro and had no contact of any kind with the outside world during all that time.

Mokil, Sunday, January 9

This morning the small boat landed Nick (my black cocker spaniel), me, and all my belongings at the beach near the dispensary. I knew that nothing had been done about fixing up my living quarters (a 10 by 25 foot room in the dispensary building) because the ship had arrived ahead of schedule. But only when I had carried my bags up to the building did I discover, to my distress and embarrassment, that a family, consisting of many grown-ups and one small sick baby, was occupying my future quarters! Kilinton stood by and said nothing while I tried to figure what to do. Finally I remembered the school office, a room 8 feet square with coral gravel on the floor and iron bars on the two tiny windows and on the door (no lock on the door, however!). Said office was filled with school desks and benches as the children were still having Christmas vacation, but we moved these to the adjoining schoolroom leaving only the big desk. Then the boys set up my wooden bed and I put a mat over the coral and brought in my aladdin lamp and one bag. The rest of my things were stacked in the schoolroom where we also put up my kerosene stove. Here I shall live until Wednesday when the patient will be discharged so the family can move out and the work group start to remodel my room. I shall have to get all my water by dipping it up in a measuring cup through the small hole in the top of the water tank, (this last went on for ten days before they finally put the faucet in).

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Wednesday, February 2

Today was a holiday on Mokil. Kilinton explained that the Mokilese have only three real holidays: Christmas, New Years (when they have their canoe races), and the second of February. I thought rapidly but all I could remember about February second was that it is Ground Hog Day and somehow I didn't believe that the Mokilese celebrate that. And they don't. It is (shades of the good old missionaries) Christian Endeavor Day! Kilinton was vague as to just why it is so called but said that I would see. Frankly, even now I'm still confused!

The first thing on the agenda was a kamadipw (feast). Anes was to come down and get me about 8 in the morning. Knowing my Micronesians, I was sure they would be late, but reluctantly arose at 6:30 and was just drinking some coffee and fruit juice when he arrived - early. So I hurried and, taking advantage of a lull between showers, we walked up to the village, (the school and dispensary are located at one end of the island some distance from the village proper). To my surprise, as we approached the church, we met many people; the women in lavalavas, men shirtless and barefooted, and the small children naked. All were returning to their houses laden with huge coconut leaf baskets heaped with food. No one offered me any and I felt foolish, also hungry because the food looked and smelled delicious. When we got close to Kilinton's house he came out and said flatly that I was too early; church was at 9:30. The boys had told me there would be different church services all day but at 7 in the evening there would be a song contest (I later termed it an endurance contest!) along with the regular evening service and I had promised to go then.

Anes left me to go home and eat so I strolled on through the village returning by the lower road which goes along the water front. I took a picture of the child's grave near the house of Olsen's son. It is protected by a little building with a pointed roof and decorated by thin streamers of bright colored cloth and paper hanging down on the inside. When I was here before, we walked past it one evening and a woman and two children were sitting out in this little house. They had a lantern and the woman was sewing while the children looked at a book. Kilinton has a small grave yard connected with his house; the front room of the upper story is built out over it.

Under each house I passed were the members of that family, all happily eating and each one smiled and returned my greetings. Most Mokilese houses are neat wooden frame buildings but they are built high off the ground and underneath is an open sided room with a coral gravel floor covered with mats. This apparently is the "living room" for the family while their sleeping quarters are in the house above.

Just after I arrived home and was debating which C-ration can to open an old woman came with a fried fish a couple of pieces of breadfruit and a baked banana. Later Jimiai, my little trader, ran over with some more fish and breadfruit. I gave him some gum in return. He amuses me because whenever he is hungry he thinks of something to bring me so I will give him a cracker or a cookie.

Later Ishiro appeared to tell me the evening service was going to start at four thirty instead of seven. So I started out early this time. I met the people, dressed in their best, strolling

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along down the road away from the church! Several wanted to know if I was just strolling around and when I answered, "No, I am going to church to listen to the singing. Do you know when it will start?" They all smiled happily and said, "Saikinte" (not yet.) I wanted to call it quits and come home but instead wandered down to one of the little fish ponds on the edge of the lagoon. There I sat on a stone smoked a cigarette and watched the many colored fish. At length I heard the sowi; on Mokil they blow one of the big helmet shells to summon the people to church. So I walked on up to the church. There they again said "Saikinte" that the sowi was just to warn the people it was time to get ready to come to church. So I sat on the bench and looked at the church and the small children stood around and looked at me. Finally the minister arrived and led me inside and up to one of the front pews.

I sat (alone on my bench) close to the window. There were many babies and small one-to-three year olds wandering around or crying and being snatched up by anxious mamas and carried out. One little boy just able to walk strutted about proudly in an obviously new suit; a little shirt and long trousers made of bright red flowered Japanese kimona cloth. His head was shaved and the trousers kept slipping so his bare, round little belly stuck out. On the bench in front of me (apparently reserved for the special singers) was a flat-faced homely little woman with a very new baby. The tiny thing was carefully wrapped in a couple of thin big towels and wore a charming little long sleeved, high necked, embroidered gown made out of flowered outing flannel. The mother had a baby bottle and after a while she fed the baby and laid her on

the floor to sleep. The women, dressed in short shapeless dresses of thin white or light colored material were all barefooted. I have noticed this on all the islands; on Sundays most of the men wear shoes but none of the women do. These men, dressed in long trousers and wearing white or aloha shirts, might have passed for dark skinned Americans.

...The Bible readings by individuals and the group singing went on and on. To my mind this singing isn't as good as that of the Ngatik people nor of the Nukuorans. Several songs were started by one woman with such a high shrill voice that the first time I gave a jump because it seemed as if the cry were coming from the balcony at the back of the church. It grew dark and someone lighted a pressure lantern and hung it on a wire which stretched across the front of the church. Finally the readings stopped and then apparently spontaneous singing, individual or duets, started. At this point Olsen left his place on the men's side and came over to sit beside me and explain about the songs. I was amused because this was the first time I've seen a Micronesian sit on the "wrong" side of a church, (the men always sit on the right, and the women on the left). He, the father of one of my former PICS students, is such a charming old fellow and is my favorite Micronesian. These songs were in different languages (all hymns, of course). After one girl had finished I was surprised to learn from Olsen that her song had been in English! At long last there was a pause - I held my breath for fear someone else would stand up - but no, it was the end. After the final prayer we got up and went out to find the night bright in the light of the moon.

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Toksen Chin of Koror, Palau Islands, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, this past June. The 23-year-old youth had to carry a dictionary for his first six months to translate the lectures of his professors. Present to witness his graduation was his sponsor Cdr. Layton Horner of York, Pa., former District Administrator of the Palau District under the Naval Administration of the Trust Territory Islands.

A major in Political Science and History, Toksen's name has appeared on the Dean's List of honor students each semester. He was active in Beta Beta Beta, national honorary Biology society, and was a member of the French Club, International Relations Club and the Economics Club. Toksen also took honors in athletics while attending Bethany College.



Toksen Chin

Toksen Chin was born September 12, 1931, on Peleliu Island of the Palau Group, Western Caroline Island. After completing six years of elementary school on Angaur Island, he enrolled in the Palau Middle School on Koror Island for three years. Before he was able to graduate from this school, his education was interrupted by the war. Toksen was always at the head of his class scholastically.

In 1947, Toksen enrolled in George Washington High School on Guam. He graduated in 1948. He then worked for about three years as a clerk in a number of departments in the Palau District Administration. In 1951, Commander Horner made the arrangements which enabled Toksen to enter Bethany College.

Toksen's father, Ten-wen Chin resides in Peleliu and when seen recently expressed deep pride in his son's accomplishments. He has two sisters residing in the United States both of whom are married to American citizens. Three of his sisters are enterprising dressmakers in Koror and another owns a local restaurant. His brother, Tokai, is the general foreman for the Palau District Public Works Department and is a member of the Palau Board of Education.

While Toksen's plans for the next year are fluid, he does plan to attend graduate school for another year or two before returning to the Palaus.

Acting High Commissioner, D.H. Nucker sent a commendatory letter to Mr. Chin congratulating him on his achievements and his worth as an ambassador of his people.

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Almost forgot - part of the day's celebration is the "converting of Christians". A "Christian" is one who does not drink nor smoke and who goes to the daily (6 A.M.) prayer meeting. Also only such "Christians" are allowed to attend the second church service on Sunday morning. Today the people all marched around the roads of the village and then inside the church where all those wishing to become 'Christians' went up to the front. And I missed all of this! Later, teacher Anes told me that he almost went up and joined. I said, "If Miss Hill weren't here to keep you supplied with cigarettes, you probably would have."

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Acting HiCom Nucker (left) at the airport with Dr. and Mrs. Allan H. Smith on the morning of the Smith's departure.

STAFF ANTHROPOLOGIST RESIGNS

by Alfred M. Hurt
(Executive Officer)

The resignation of Dr. Allan H. Smith from the position of Staff Anthropologist of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was accepted with reluctance by Acting High Commissioner D. H. Nucker.

Dr. Smith came with the Trust Territory on August 1, 1954, on loan from Washington State College for only a year. The longer he stayed, the more indispensable he seemed to become. He had a rare ability, if not genius, for applying his thorough academic training in the Study of Man to the solutions of problems in the field of government administration. He looked into the core of a situation. In his analysis and recommendations for action there was both thoroughness and balance. The end product was that of a disciplined mind operating with precision in a familiar field. His understanding of the problems and by-products of mixing several cultures in the delicate relationship of the governed to those who govern helped the administration again and again to avoid a difficult situation. He was able to follow the interrelation of political, social and economic events as they were presented in tangled combinations for the consideration of the administration.

With tact and modesty, Dr. Smith won to his side and his way of thinking the essentially tough-minded District Administrators and their staff members who must of necessity find practical solutions for everyday problems. As a social anthropologist, he operated



effectively in an essentially administrative atmosphere, but took to it, apparently, like a duck to water. In the reflecting pool of administrative problems, he appeared, like the swan, (to borrow a phrase from Ogden Nash), "to swim while sitting down."

To say that we shall miss him is a gross understatement, but in a sense we will never have to do entirely without him so long as his methods and techniques are remembered here. We wish him luck wherever he goes and the success which he so richly deserves.

Trudy Smith made her presence no less felt and was appreciated in the compound and in the Territory by her warmth, wit, understanding, general all round ability, and readiness to serve in situations, that came along. Together they combined, in the months that they worked and lived with us, to improve the quality of our work and enrich our lives.

The Smiths departed Guam September 6th. Mrs. Smith wore a lovely red lei made for her by Koma Tanaka. Acting High Commissioner D. H. Nucker, the writer, Dr. Smith's secretary - Terry Schmidt, and a host of other friends, were at the airport to bid them Aloha.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

BESTOWED ON NUCKER

by Thelma Gorman

It all began during a recess in the midst of the Distad Conference. The Communications Forces suddenly rocked the premises with exultant whoops, then forthwith charged upon the convening dignitaries waving a Dispatch that to all intent out-preceded any precedence, and midst gasping incoherent phrases thrust the all important document upon Executive Officer Hurt. He read the following:

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FM INTDEPT/OFCTERRITORIES
TO HICOMTERPACIS GUAM
INT GRNC

BT

FOR NUCKER X PLEASE RADIO
WHETHER YOU CAN BE PRESENT
TO RECEIVE AWARD AT HONOR
AWARD CONVOCATION TO BE
HELD IN INTERIOR AUDITORIUM
SEPTEMBER 12 X ADVISE ALSO
WHETHER YOUR WILL HAVE
GUESTS FOR CEREMONY AND
FURNISH THEIR NAMES X
FROM ANTHONY T LAUSI
BT

The beaming, bounteous, "That's Our Boss" expressions were dimmed only by the realization that all of us would not be able to witness first hand the bestowing of the honor award upon Mr. Nucker. It later developed that Mr. Nucker himself would not be present due to pressing commitments at Headquarters.

The general concensus was that something should be done-and it was!! Approximately forty-five members of the Headquarters staff, and other visiting personnel, converged upon the Pan-criteria Restaurant to do him honor. Mr. Hurt gave the introductory speech which proclaimed that since we had been unable to fare forth to Washington

to witness the big occasion, we had gathered to substitute our own honor award ceremony. That after consulting the world's most renowned designers of jewel-encrusted medals, etc., the staff had originated one of the most outstanding medals ever beheld. He forthwith pinned upon a somewhat stunned, but game, Mr. Nucker a decoration about ten inches in circumference that bore traces of aluminum foil, yellow and blue crepe paper, cardboard backing, lettermans insignia, vast quantities of scotch tape, blue reams of ribbon and



Replica of "Beautiful" Badge presented to Mr. Nucker by Headquarters personnel

the letters "TT #1". At this point Luisa Ada, Claire Hurt, Helen Lee and Yours Truly proceeded to the piano where Ed Lee beat out the opening bars to the following refrain which bore a striking resemblance to the recently re-born "Davey Crockett":

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"The Song of D. H. Nucker"

Born in Terre Haute in Nineteen Seven
Completed Garfield High at the age of eleven

Brown Business College and the State
Penn...(Oops! mistake, last line again.)

Brown Business College and Pennsylvania State

Realized his worth and his grades were great.

DEEHAICH DEEHAICH NUCKER. The
TT's Honored Gent

He wandered o'er the shores and accounted for oil

And then placed his oars with Government toil

Price administration and the
UNRAAAAAAAH

Added to the strength in the well known
Nucker jaw

DEEHAICH DEEHAICH NUCKER, The
TT's Honored Gent

Johnson in Alaska then gave a call
The railroad they were building was about to fall

He balanced their budget and managed it all

Then returned to Washington in deeds
his stature tall

DEEHAICH DEEHAICH NUCKER, The
TT's Honored Gent

'Twas then that Interior hearing of his
deeds

Said that's the man this job surely
needs

The Office of Territories made him the
Exec

And sent him through the TT to make
a helpful check

DEEHAICH DEEHAICH NUCKER, The
TT's Honored Gent

And now as you all know, it wasn't very
long

Till he became the reason for writing
this song

He's been our Acting High Commish
since 1954

We honor him this evening, and will
forever more

DEEHAICH DEEHAICH NUCKER, The
TT's Honored Gent

The resounding waves of applause
that met the above tender musical (?)
selection brought tears of joy to Mr.
Nucker's eyes and it was several mo-
ments before he could find the words to
express his feelings of appreciation. He
then gave a wonderful description of
what occurs in Washington when the
awards are made.

The entire evening was enjoyed by
all and was later described in length by
Miss Cynthia Olsen of Radio Station
KUAM here on Guam on her program
of local events.

The following official copy of the
citation notice was received and reads:

CITATION
FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
DELMAS H. NUCKER

in recognition of outstanding adminis-
trative service in the Department of
the Interior.

From 1942-44, Mr. Nucker was Board
Operations Executive with the Office
of Price Administration. He later
served for two years in an executive
capacity with UNRRA in the Far East.
In 1947 he was appointed to the staff
of the General Manager of the Alaska
Railroad, and in 1950 he became Exe-
cutive and Administrative Officer of
the Office of Territories. In May 1954
Mr. Nucker was made Acting Deputy
High Commissioner of the Trust Ter-
ritory of the Pacific Islands. Three
months later he was appointed Deputy
High Commissioner, the position he now
holds. While with the Office of Ter-
ritories, Mr. Nucker performed in an
outstanding manner his duties that
covered activities essential to the suc-
cessful administration of our Terri-
tories and possessions. Especially

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noteworthy was the survey which he conducted in Puerto Rico for the purpose of recommending a program to achieve the successful liquidation of the Puerto Rico Reconstruction Administration. His sound judgment and ability led to his appointment as Acting Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands where there existed a need to organize and supervise the move of its headquarters from Hawaii to Guam. So effectively did he accomplish this task that he was asked to accept the position of Deputy High Commissioner. In less than a year, Mr. Nucker brought about greatly needed administrative improvements. In the summer of 1955, he was appointed Special Representative of the United Nations for the Sixteenth Session of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, at which the report of the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was considered. Mr. Nucker acquitted himself admirably and was highly commended for his splendid contribution with regard to our country's position with respect to Trusteeship affairs in the United Nations. In recognition of his outstanding achievements, the Department of the Interior bestows upon Mr. Nucker its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

Douglas McKay
Secretary of the Interior

We know that everyone here under Mr. Nucker, and others directly or indirectly connected with the Trust Territory, takes a great deal of pride in knowing that his efforts, work, initiative, and service have received this recognition. Congratulations from all of us.

During the past year the U. S. Weather Bureau, which operates a surface and upper air observational program in the U. S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, has carried on a weather observer training school for Micronesians at Truk on Moen Island, in the Eastern Carolines. One of the purposes of the school has been to train and develop Micronesian weather observers and to prepare them for taking and recording weather data of all types effectively. Another purpose is to give these young Micronesians a basic foundation so that with a small amount of additional training on the station, they will be able to develop into competent observers who can replace some of the American personnel now employed by the Weather Bureau in the Trust Territory.

Three students each from Palau, Yap, Truk, and Ponape participated in this first class. Recently the twelve men were graduated from the class and have reported for duty back to their home stations. The Weather Bureau is well pleased with the progress of these students in their formal training and is quite hopeful that these graduates will soon develop to the point of fine efficiency.

Another class is planned with the beginning date sometime in August 1955. In this next class it is expected that there will be three students from each of the island groups listed above and four additional ones from Majuro. At this latter location the Weather Bureau has just recently opened a first-order surface and upper air observational station.

Of minor interest these days is the Yankees-Dodgers contests on the baseball diamond of world series fame... Of major importance to Headquarters is the valiant and sometimes violent skirmishes of our own softball teams. The "NUCKER-HEADS", captained by Mr. Nucker, have surged forth in a victorious spurt having defeated the TRANSOCEAN TIGERS and the HAWAIIAN TEAM and losing by a slim margin to Mr. Hurt's Supply "PITIFULS". The recreation field pitted from the effects of the controversy and Liniment sales reaching an all time high.

HELEN (The Voice) LEE and ED playing weekly hosts to the musically inclined and forming a choral group determined to corral all carolers for the X'mas season. So far the RAY UEHARA's, the STAN KANESHIRO's, LUISA ADA, MADELEINE CLEMENTS, SHIG TAMANAHA, BOB SPLATER, HAL (The Star Tenor) ARNOLD, CLAIRE HURT and others have convened and shattered the neighborhood with their pearl shaped tones. Silent Night is not silent any more!

ED MAU up from Truk to put the voice of Radio Guam back on the ether waves after lightning played havoc with the transmitter. Where to get the parts for a BC-610? His determined spirit in the face of many odds earning him the undying sympathy of all of us here. NCS searching along with ED to help us out and the residence radios enjoying programs without "RDO Guam on 7935" blocking them out.

WILMA PICKARD no sooner welcomed to the fold here and all settled in her job at Andersen when MARVIN traipses forth to the Marshalls and gets stranded on Likiep for weeks until finally returned to Guam via MATS facilities.

MARY HAYS deserting the switchboard for the band-vocalist circuit and replaced by VIRGINIA WHEAT... The scenery still very pleasant along with the voice. Jack better not complain about wrong numbers now.

JOE GARRIDO the new assistant in the Mail and Files section and working so quietly and conscientiously hardly anyone realizing he is there. A very much needed and appreciated addition to the department:

ANN KELLER back from her sojourn in Japan beaming with loot and then having the nerve to consistently win the world series pool. Facing animosity if she doesn't continue to wager and annihilation if she continues to win.

PHIL ABALOS filling so many jobs in Finance that we hesitated as to what the current title he is wearing would be. Whatever the task he still remains one of the most cheerful members at all times. We return the attitude on payday.

Glancing up and gathering the glares from the waiting co-workers we shall grab our galoshes and depart gaily with..... HAFDAI...

ROCKERFELLER GRANT FOR
SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

(The South Pacific Commission is an international body grouping representatives of the six Powers responsible for administering territories in the South Pacific - Australia, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, U. K. and the U.S. Its function is to advise governments on problems of public health and social and economic development that are of common concern to territories in the area. Its headquarters are in Noumea, New Caledonia.)

The rhinoceros beetle, dreaded scourge of South Pacific coconut plantations, quailed when news of a Rockefeller grant of \$45,000 to fight the pest was announced by Dr. Ralph Clairon Bedell, Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission.

Multiplying loathsomely in the hollows of rotted logs and other unsavory breeding places, the rhinoceros beetle eats its way into coconut palms and lays waste whole plantations on which many islanders depend for livelihood. Near-panic occurred in the South Pacific when news came in 1953 that it had spread to Fiji.

The rhino is already being stalked by two entomologists of the South Pacific Commission - Dr. R. A. Cumber, working in Western Samoa, and Mr. T. V. Venkatraman, in East Africa and South-east Asia.

The Rockefeller grant will substantially accelerate the SPC research program, aimed at helping governments combat the ravages of the huge rhino-like insect.

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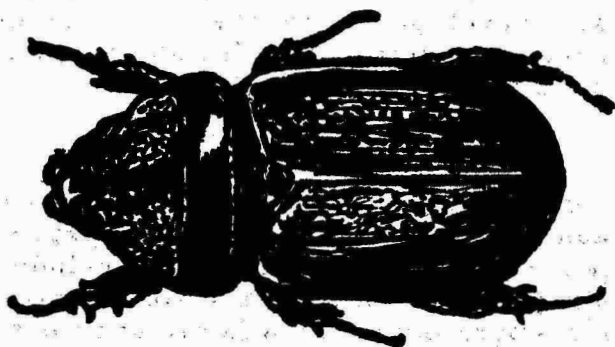
RHINO IN THE
TRUST TERRITORY

Staff Entomologist Robert P. Owen reports that the rhinoceros coconut beetle is the most serious pest in the Trust Territory. Fortunately, the beetle has been confined to the Palau Islands thus far. It has killed over half the coconut trees there.

COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE



ABOVE: Adult Male - Lateral View



ABOVE: Adult Male - Dorsal View

For over four years, the Trust Territory has been waging a battle against this insect under the direction of Mr. Owen. In most parts of the Palaus the serious depredations of the beetle have been stopped through the exercise of a cleanup program aimed at destroying the dead coconut trees, logs and stumps, the normal food supply of the grub stage of the beetle.

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Mr. H. van Pel, Fisheries Officer for the South Pacific Commission, recently visited several districts in the Trust Territory in connection with his position with the Commission and to observe and make recommendation to the Trust Territory Government on the development of fisheries and fishing problems in general.

The importance of fisheries in the South Pacific area, both as a source of economic wealth and a means towards improved food supply of the inhabitants, was recognized by the SPC when it was formed. Mr. van Pel was engaged by the Commission as Fisheries Officer to carry out investigations and other activities in accordance with the Commission fisheries project. In particular, he is required, as a Commission specialist and in consultation with territorial administrations, to assist and stimulate fisheries investigations and development in the Commission area, including inland fisheries and pond culture.

Mr. van Pel was born in Egmond aan Zee, Holland. His early experience in the fishing industry included six years as skipper of a steam trawler operating in the Atlantic and North Sea. From 1932 to 1950 he was fisheries officer for the Netherlands East Indies Government and was later appointed Director of the Bureau of Fisheries, East Indonesia. He joined the Food and Agriculture Organization in 1951 and was sent to Pakistan. Later he went to Liberia to train fishermen there in modern fishing methods. He joined the South Pacific Commission in 1954.

Trust territory officials accompanying Mr. van Pel through the islands were Jack Wheat, Staff Agriculturist,

and John Spivey, Contracts and Program Officer. Mr. van Pel observed the abundance of fish in the waters surrounding the Trust Territory islands visited and the large amounts of shell fish present. He was surprised at the quantity of trochus harvested in these waters each year.

Upon returning to Trust Territory Headquarters in Guam, Mr. van Pel made several recommendations to the Acting High Commissioner for development of the marine resources of Micronesia. Among these were: The development of the market for black lip pearl oyster which was found in every district visited; transplanting of trochus shell so that its benefits will be available to a larger number of the population; and the establishment of commercial fishing with government assistance. Further recommendations will be forthcoming in his final report.

After visiting in Guam and the Trust Territory for three weeks, Mr. van Pel departed for the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Conference in Tokyo after which he will return to South Pacific Commission Headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia.

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Such work, though effective, is tedious and, to some extent, neverending since constant vigilance must be exercised so that new breeding sources for the pest do not accumulate. Parasites, predators and diseases have been introduced into the Palau Islands in an effort to establish a biological control, but without success.

The extensive research work being carried out by the South Pacific Commission gives hope that an effective biological control will be developed to permanently check the beetle.

TRUST TERRITORY OFFICIALS MEET WITH MICRONESIAN TRADING COMPANY MANAGERS

Something different in the way of a Trust Territory meeting occurred on August 13th when representatives of four trading companies from the Trust Territory Islands met with Acting High Commissioner D. H. Nucker and members of his staff, at Trust Territory Headquarters in Guam, for the purpose of discussing and solving many problems common to both parties. Those companies represented were:

Marshall Islands Import-Export Co.,
Marshall Islands District - Mr. K. G. Smith, Manager

Ponape Cooperative Company, Ponape District - Mr. P. S. Kemske, Manager

Truk Trading Company, Truk District - Mr. Henry Chatroop, Manager

Western Carolines Trading Co., Palau District - Mr. Sidney Seid, Manager

Mr. Nucker opened the meeting with a few remarks on some of the problems, desires and plans of the Trust Territory insofar as agriculture, marketing of copra, and shipping in the various districts of the Trust Territory are concerned. "Major emphasis will be placed on construction and the settling of land claims this year also," he said. On the general subject of attitudes in the trust territory, Mr. Nucker said "there are both negative and positive ideas regarding our mission in Micronesia and that somewhere between giving nothing and too much is the answer and what we are ultimately seeking."

Specific items on the agenda were then introduced the first being, "Problems which would arise out of the institution of an income tax within the Trust Territory". The traders agreed that it is time to begin thinking about an income tax program, but asked that such a program be developed by an expert after a proper study had been made, and that they be given adequate notice before any tax plan was put into effect.

"...Intra-island shipping..." was discussed at great length, and while some of this shipping is now being handled by the traders, it is the aim of the Trust Territory Government that wherever possible commercial shipping in the districts be handled by private enterprise. A program of credit support to eligible local trading companies to enable them to purchase their own vessels was discussed in its application to the various districts.

"Participation by Micronesians in the local trading companies" developed the thought that there should be the broadest possible ownership of stock throughout each district in these companies.

Suggestions on "How can copra production be increased in Micronesia?" were: (1) regularly scheduled field trips; (2) more frequent field trips in some areas; (3) radio communications between Districts Centers and the outer islands along with the field trips and trading vessels; (4) better and correct grading practices should be taught to the producers; and (5) increased agricultural extension work as now planned.

Mr. Nucker asked the traders to describe freely any difficulties they might have experienced with the administration, along with their suggestions for overcoming them. Several points were raised along with proposals for improvement. These were adopted. There were no difficulties of major proportion, however. There was general agreement that the administration would endeavor to give the trading companies as much assistance as possible.

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The United Nations is ten years old this year. Commemorative meetings were held in San Francisco on June 26th, the anniversary of the signing of the Charter, and member nations are planning programs for October 24, the anniversary of the Charter's coming into force.

President Eisenhower has urged "the citizens of this Nation to observe Monday, October 24, 1955, as United Nations Day by means of community programs that will demonstrate their faith in and support of the United Nations and that will create a better public understanding of its problems and of its aims and achievements."

Mason Sears, President of the UN Trusteeship Council and representative of the United States on the Council has issued the following message to the peoples and governments of the Trust Territories, to mark this tenth anniversary year of the United Nations:

"In recognition of the Tenth Anniversary of the United Nations the President of the Trusteeship Council is privileged to send the greetings of the Council to the peoples and governments of the Trust Territories.

"During the first ten years of the life of the United Nations the world has seen an unprecedented advance in the affairs of all peoples progressing towards self-government. Many of these

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All subjects were freely discussed and while problems raised were not all solved, many conclusions were reached. Looking toward improved operations, the managers exhibited an evident desire to work with the administration in the development of programs and objectives of mutual interest. They expressed pleasure at the opportunity of getting together and, by common accord, indicated a desire for meetings to be held at least once a year hereafter.

people now belong to countries which have graduated from dependent territories into self-governing independent nations. Some of these newly self-governing peoples have elected stable governments and today wield great international influence. Others, through no fault of their own, have won a shaky independence in which their governments are not yet strong enough to insure their protection against influences which threaten to destroy every vestige of their hard won freedoms. Still others, and these are the ones the Trusteeship Council is principally interested in, are on their way to self-government.

"Taken all together it has been a difficult but most inspiring ten years. Unquestionably there has never been another time in history when so many peoples in the world - especially in Africa and the Pacific - have had to adjust themselves to such great changes in their customs.

"In this great and continuing evolutionary process the paramount task of the Trusteeship Council is to encourage and to assist the Trust Territories in the progress which they are making toward economic vitality and the ultimate goal of self-government or independence under circumstances which will enable them to assume an equal station among the free nations of the world.

"Let us never forget that among the most important events which can happen in the modern world is the birth of new self-governing nations capable of protecting themselves against all internal and external enemies."

The six districts governed by the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands have formulated plans and programs to commemorate and celebrate the tenth anniversary of the United Nations which include bands, speeches, field and water events with prizes, baseball, fairs and native dances.

PERSONNEL



CHANGES

Guam

EDITH ROSARIO, the new Secretary in Public Works, will replace GINNY ROSENBERRY when she leaves the end of September to await the Stork. The new girl operating the Bookkeeping machine in Finance is MARY H. SARGENTI. Only other change in this department is the promotion of JOSEFINA TOVES to Fiscal Accounting Clerk. And, speaking of Promotions, KOMATSU TANAKA was "upped" a grade.

Supply have a new clerk-typist in EUGENE T. POTTER; and a new Purchasing Agent who came to them from Ponape in SHIG TAMANAHA. Newcomer to the Legal Department is GLORIA R. WEAVER. ANNETTA B. HYDIE has been promoted to clerk-typist and assigned to work with the Reports Officer. Administrative Services now have EDITH M. MENDIOLA, clerk-typist; JOSE M. GARRIDO, File Clerk; and that nice-voice-on-the-switchboard, VIRGINIA R. WHEAT who replaces MARY F. HAYS.

Headquarters resignations include: GRAHAM W. TEWKSBURY (now in Saipan); JEAN M. TIBBETTS Personnel's secretary gone Stateside; HARUO T. JOSHUA from Supply; and SALLY K. FUJIBAYASHI also awaiting a Stork visit.

Doctors H. E. MACDONALD, EUGENE MELNIKOFF, STUART MARTIN, WILLIAM CONOVER, and CLARK RICHARDSON raised to top steps of their respective grades.

Ponape

Ponape welcomed RICHARD G. EMERICK, anthropologist; RAY G. WEINRICH General Supply Assistant; HARRY ANTHONY, Administrative Officer;

LYDIA K. PETERS clerk-typist; HARRIET Y. WEINRICH, clerk-steno; EDWARD J. IWANIEC Agriculturist; and HAROLD J. FINNEY, Snapper. Resignations were from HAROLD A. BAKER, JACK D. HESS, and BURT TOLERTON.

Truk

Promotions: LILIAN ROBINSON to Fiscal Accountant and BARBARA J. GOSDA to Teacher. DAVID R. EVANS (from Yap) promoted to Teacher. Resignations: Judge JAMES R. NICHOLS, JOHN R. MURPHY, Attorney, and PATRICIA K. MAHONY, Teacher. The new appointment to this District is MILTON H. EBELING, Snapper for Public Works.

Yap

Change of Duty Post for RUSSELL G. CURTIS Education and Training Specialist, from Truk; and FRANKLIN H. MOULTON, Administrative Officer, from Ponape. New appointments include WILLIAM K. KAVENAGH Chief Communicator; LAURENCE K. ANDERSON, Finance & Supply Officer; and the Reappointment of General Clerk ROBERT W. BOWNE. Resignations were received from DR. SHEO-NAN CHEER, Medical Officer, and DONALD R. WALDRON, Snapper.

Koror

IVAN B. MACKENZIE was promoted to Administrative Officer. New surveyor is FRED A. ROBINSON. General Supply Assistant RAY O. BERNET separated.

Rota

CLAIRE N. YOUNG, Agriculturist, resigned.

REPORT ON ASIAN-PACIFIC TUBERCULOSIS CONFERENCE

by Dr. H.E. MacDonald
(Director of Public Health)

On the tenth of August, I left Guam for Manila on the first leg of my journey to the Asian-Pacific Tuberculosis Conference at Sydney, Australia. Like all night flights, the run to Manila was relieved only by the noises of an Air Force officer who snored out of rhythm with the motor noises. On the eleventh of August, I obtained visa clearance into Australia and took a quick look at Manila. Discovered that American cigarettes cost fifty cents a pack and are not in the most plentiful supply. Left Manila in the evening for Darwin, Australia and again flew all night and saw nothing below. Shortly after dawn the steward came with hot tea and I began to realize the British accent in the air service. Darwin is at the northern tip of the continent and still in the tropical zone. The landscape is rather dreary with a scrubby growth of trees and bushes and a few familiar birds. We were grounded all day for airplane servicing and connections with other flights. Snapped some pictures of wallabys, which animal looks like a miniature kangaroo. They were most tame and affectionate and appreciated having their ears scratched. Again at night we departed for Sydney and traversed the continent by dark. Dawn found us approaching Sydney and the dark hills made silver ribbons of the rivers on their way to the sea in the East.

Sydney appeared as any other large city, smoky, close packed buildings, and traffic hurrying in the streets. As we came up to the terminal I saw people wearing overcoats and I knew then my fears of the cold were well founded. The cold wind nearly sent me back into the airplane for the return trip.

The Conference group was quartered at the University of Sydney at Wesley College. There were representatives from Australia, Borneo, Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Fiji, Great Britain, Indonesia, India, Malaya, Nepal, Netherlands, New Guinea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Papua, Sarawak, Singapore, Thailand, Tasmania, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Viet Nam, and the World Health Organization, both Geneva and Manila.

The conference was conducted in English and French and translators supplied the needed help. Meetings began at 9:00 a.m. and continued until 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. each day. They were held in a large lecture hall and were attended by about two hundred attentive and interested people. At tea break and meal times, we gathered in informal groups and discussed and compared ideas.

The general theme of the conference was the Public Health Aspect of Tuberculosis. This was aimed at the protection of the population by B.C.G. vaccine and the discovery of the active cases of disease. All phases of this program were described including the working plan to implement the work, the criteria for vaccination the value of vaccination, and the follow-up on both the vaccinated and the treated cases. Specific treatment was not discussed at any great length at this meeting. Statistics were presented from various countries concerning the vaccination of a total of approximately eight million people.

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Conclusions drawn from the facts learned by these many independent observers firmly established the value of B.C.G. as a protective medium. The informal groups afforded an opportunity to inquire into the details of the operation of the testing and vaccinating. The conference final conclusion left no doubt as to the medical acceptance of B.C.G. vaccine.

The campus of Sydney University is located in the heart of the city but, like all universities, is withdrawn behind walls and fences and lives in relative seclusion. The grass was turning green in patches, the crocus and daffodils had just poked up thru the earth, but the willows and poplar trees had no swollen leaf buds. During the middle of the day the sun made living bearable for those of us who came from the warmer areas. The remainder of the time was just plain uncomfortable. I became the object of ridicule because of my constant shivering and welcomed the day when I could return to the warmth of Guam.

The kind hospitality of the people at Sydney warmed my heart if not my bones. The institution I appreciated most was the hot tea the first thing in the morning; it made me feel I could face another day. Each night I shivered under three blankets.

By now you wonder where the thermometer had dropped to - actually it was only in the mid-fifties at its coldest.

Subscriptions to the Micronesian Monthly are \$2.50 a year to persons outside of the Trust Territory. Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Bob Halvorsen, District Administrator of Yap District, Ray Fujibayashi, and Letty McClure, Reports Officer, presently are busy writing the report to the United Nations on Trust Territory activities during fiscal 1955. With luck, they say, they expect to be able to finish the report by November 1.

Mr. Halvorsen is at the Trust Territory Headquarters especially for the purpose of aiding in the preparation of this report. Upon completion of the draft, it will be sent to the Interior Department for editing and printing, after which it will be presented to the United Nations by Acting High Commissioner Nucker.

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11:30 to 12:30 p.m. Lunch period - prepared by the Center
--good manners are emphasized.

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Rest period (and they really rest!)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free play period. During this time, children are being discharged for the day.

Three employees aid Mrs. Riddle in carrying out the above daily program.

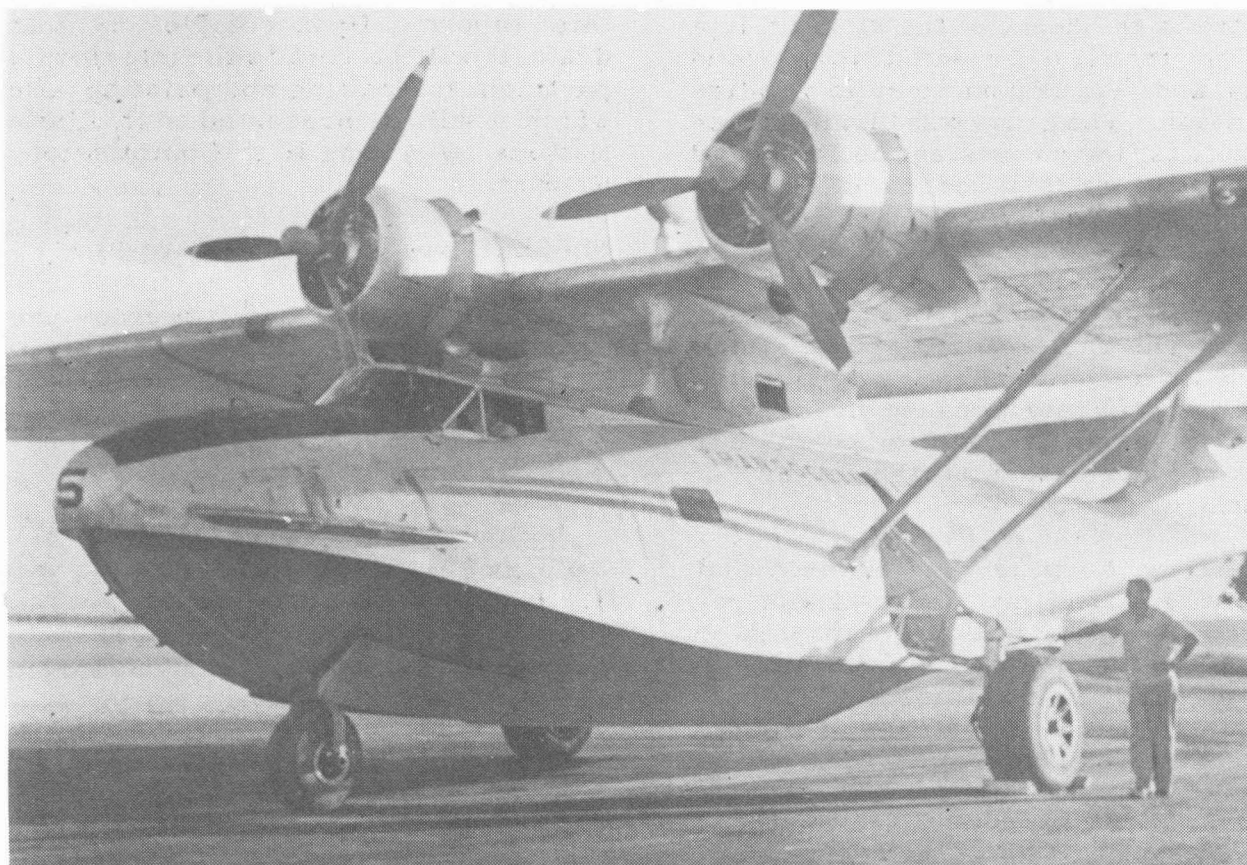
Mrs. Riddle has a wealth of experience in caring for the "wee-ones" having supervised Child Care Centers for the past four years, as well as being a mother herself. She is an attractive, soft-spoken, even-tempered and serene individual - just what the doctor ordered for 35 boisterous and happy children.

(Line sketches in this issue were drawn by Mrs. Kay Hill)

THE RELUCTANT PBY
by Thelma Gorman

Accompanied by the harp and the slow beat of the muffled drum, this reading would undoubtedly evoke cries of anguish from the Disney hinterlands. However, no dirge would be sad enough, or create the proper atmosphere, and we are therefore forced to fall back on nothing more than the printed word. What seems to be weeks ago, an inspired group from Headquarters, full of nostalgic thoughts and

In some archives somewhere this long winged twin-engined, silver-gray aeronautical achievement is known by a number, but somehow she has asserted such personality on everyone who has nursed and alternately cursed in her direction, that one cannot help but feel that there is more than just a piece of mechanism here - and believe me, she is still with us. How



"Reluctance" Last of Trust Territory PBY's - Ike Rowe, TAL employee standing by PBY

armed with the proper photographic equipment, sallied out to yon airport to witness and record first hand the departure Stateside of one of the most tried and true inanimate objects ever to serve the Trust Territory.

many times has the crew anticipating the grueling flying hours ahead, bade everyone a determined farewell and departed skyward. Each time "Reluctance" as we prefer to call our problem child, has returned - a
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cough in the engine - a sputtering of tonsillitis of the magneto - a rasping of the left lung in the spark plug - all genuine symptoms of something radically wrong.

Over and over the crews have assembled on the front lines and the emergency room has been ever ready to carve, cut, and cure these many and varied indications of complications. Despite every conceivable aid of modern mechanical science, "Reluctance" departs, then returns with motorized sputterings of outraged indignation.

Today a thought was expressed that brings a hint of moisture to the eyes of the old timers who once galloped through the skies aboard the old PBY's. It seems almost a certainty that "Reluctance" cannot bear to depart from the scene of all her glory - once she reaches the passing mark of the old routes she relapses with such tenacity that we feel sure nothing mechanical will correct her many ills. BUT, turn that pointed nose of hers towards Truk, Ponape, Majuro, or Yap and Koror and the sky is the limit on a wager that she will purr and prance and perform as in the past. Our sympathies rest with the patient - and the crew - and the mechanical wizards - and Transocean - but deep down we are proud of her.

And we weren't kidding!!! - as proven by the following article from the Guam Territorial Sun:

**CRIPPLED 'CATALINA' FROM HERE
MAKES EMERGENCY LANDING**
San Francisco, Oct. 1, (AP)

A Catalina flying boat with one of its two engines disabled made an emergency landing in the open sea 530 miles southwest of San Francisco yesterday and its four crewmen were taken aboard a freighter.

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The following story appeared in The Korean Republic, Seoul, July 7 1955. on Keiki Tukugawa's arrival in his native Korea. A war fugitive for ten years, Tukugawa was captured on Peleliu Island in the Palau Group of the Western Caroline Islands. The Micronesia-Monthly related the story of his capture in the April-May 1955 issue.

**ROBINSON CRUSOE OF KOREA
RETURNS HOME**

"A Korean Robinson Crusoe, who lived alone for 12 years on a South Sea island, has returned to his homeland 14 years after he departed.

"Pyung Ki Cho, 38, surprised a huge group of reporters and cameramen by showing complete ignorance of Korean and world situations upon his arrival at Pusan Tuesday evening.

"The survivor from Japan's 'expendable items' in the Pacific War did not know the present name of his fatherland, nor of its north-south division.

"Answering a barrage of questions about his primitive life on Peleliu Island in the Pacific Ocean Cho said he missed his son, Po Hyung now 14; and wife Keum Soon.

"When asked what he would do about his wife, who is married to another man, Cho said, 'She can't do that. I'll get my wife back and live with her. Absolutely!'

"Cho was drafted into the Japanese army for labor service in 1942 and shipped to the rocky island with 250 Korean laborers and 20,000 Japanese troops to build airstrips. All the Japanese were killed; only three Koreans remained. One Korean was lost and the second was shot while stealing food.

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Hamilton Air Force Base, whose rescue planes sped to the scene, reported the Catalina undamaged in nine-foot swells. An Air Force rescue plane radioed it appeared the freighter, the Harry Culbreath, was trying to take the flying boat aboard. The Catalina's pilot Capt. Clark Dixon of Danville, Calif. was aboard to taxi the plane alongside the freighter.

The ship, en route from Pusan to gulf ports, was reportedly heading for Long Beach.

In addition to Captain Dixon, the Transocean Air Lines crew which was ferrying the plane from Guam to Oakland, consisted of co-pilot Chris Angelos of Palo Alto, Calif. navigator Bob Adgerly of Soquel, Calif. and engineer Russell Varner of Agana, Guam.

About 1,000 miles out of Honolulu one of the engines stalled. Captain Dixon then was just beyond the "point of no return."

He gradually lost altitude, first dropping to 2,000 feet, then to 1,000 as his speed cut to a little under 100 miles an hour.

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"Cho lived in a small cave. He made pants from empty sandbags he stole from a U.S. post. He made a needle-like tool from an empty can and counted days by throwing pieces of wood in a bottle.

"He wanted to eat rice and Kimchi and to smoke more than anything else. Cho said he did not wave at American ships because, 'the Japanese had said the Americans would cut off your ears and nose and pick out your eyes.'

"With tears welling in his eyes Cho said he would like to see 'the old folks at home' as soon as possible. He collected more than 50 000 yen in Japanese currency as back pay."

ACCOLADES TO CAPTAIN JOHN

The many passengers who place their trust in Captain John Blanchard's expert handling of the controls on our albatross flights will be pleased to know that he has received a very appreciative note of commendation from Mr. Raymond Davis the Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. Together with other equally nice phrases, Mr. Davis says: "Among the many pleasant and interesting experiences we enjoyed while in Micronesia, the trip to Palau was the most colorful, unique and interesting. The knowledge that the plane was being piloted by a man of your long experience and skill brought all the passengers a sense of comfort and security."

'Course, we already knew all this, but it is nice to see that there are others outside our group, especially someone as important as Mr. Davis who not only recognized our Captain John's ability, but took the time out to write him personally and comment upon it.

Nice gesture on Mr. Davis' part and one that makes us even more proud of Captain Blanchard.

If everyone tells you you are drunk, go to bed--even if you are perfectly sober. --Serbian Proverb

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