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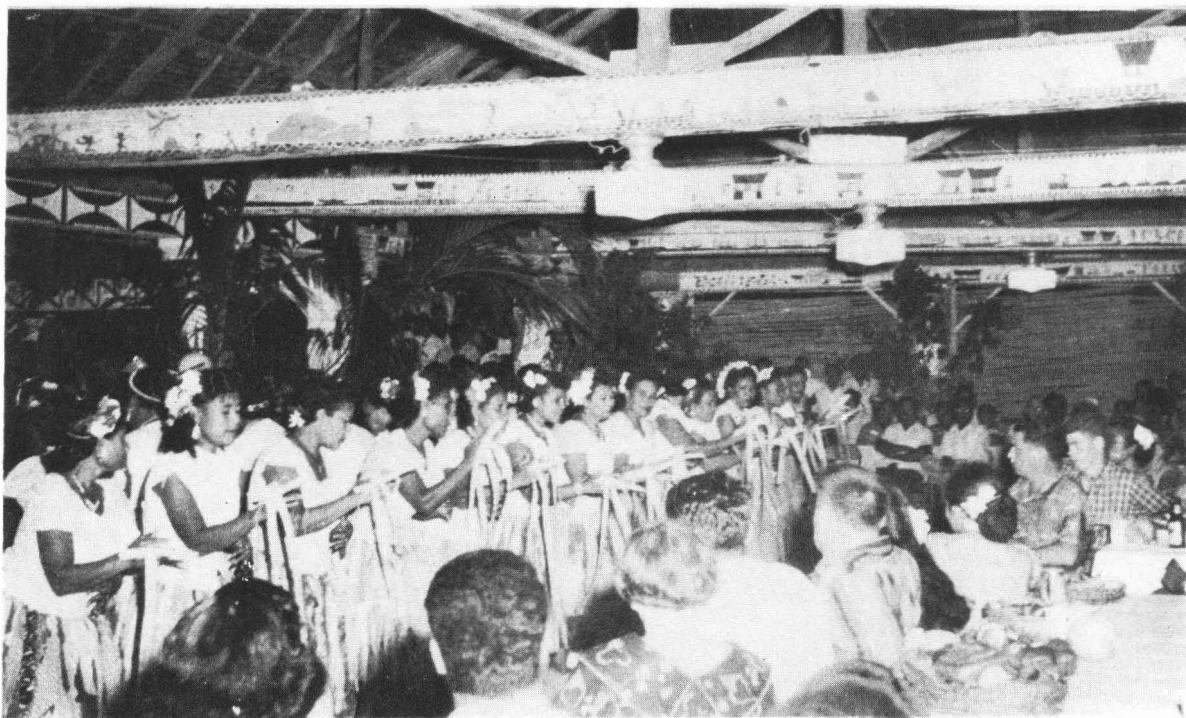
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"Trukese Navy" - Canoes in holiday regalia greeted the Secretary of the Interior upon his arrival in Truk. (Page 26)



*HISTORIC PALAUAN DANCES were performed by the "Ngaraek" of Palau at a feast honoring Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory Delmas H. Nucker, Mrs. Nucker, and other members of the official party. "Ngaraek" (Necklace) is the Koror middle-aged women's society. Members of the young women's group assisted in performance of the dances. The hand-carved, hand-painted storyboards above, are part of the structure of the Palau Community Center where the feast was held.*

## Dances Honor Distinguished Visitors

*[Editor's Note: Appropriate versions of ancient chants accompanied the dances. Some of the verses, translated, appear below. The Secretary's visit to Palau is described on page 24.]*

### I. "THE CALL OF OBAK" (led by Emaimelei Bismark)

Obak is the name of a Palauan bird whose song is sweet and is associated with the coming of good news. "The Call of Obak" is a special dance performed only by women of the noble clans to commemorate a specially happy occasion. The song tells in admiration of the Obak bird which lays its eggs in scattered locations along the shore yet cares solicitously for each nest, here an analogy to the United States government and its far-flung responsibilities.

### II. OULILD - "DANCE OF WAR" (led by Sechedui Asao)

### III. OULILD - "IN PRAISE OF OUR GUESTS"

(led by Dirratuchoi)

"Come all Palauans and rejoice for our patron;  
The Secretary of the Interior has arrived today.

He is come.

What can we do or say in greeting?

His visit is for the good of Palau.

What eloquent farewell speech can we make?

We have no eloquent speech.

We just bow to him, thanking him for coming."

### IV. BELULECHAB - "A REQUEST FROM THE HEART" (led by Dirratuchoi)

"Indeed we are fortunate you have come to  
visit our tiny island -

Now that you have seen it, please find a  
way to make us your people forever.

I worry that you may change your word, for  
I want to be one of your people forever.

It is good that you are here; let us make our  
Promises so strong that no man can break them.

This is my farewell to you, my dearest dear,  
Let us always keep waiting each for the other."



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U. N. DAY MESSAGE

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, MR. JOHN DOUGLAS LLOYD HOOD (AUSTRALIA), TO THE TRUST TERRITORIES ON THE OCCASION OF UNITED NATIONS DAY, 24 OCTOBER 1957.

On the twelfth anniversary of the United Nations, I am privileged in my capacity of President of the Trusteeship Council, to extend to the peoples and the Governments of the Trust Territories the greetings of the Council.

The International Trusteeship System established by the United Nations has now operated for almost eleven years and, it is gratifying to note, has operated well. At the beginning of this year, the Trusteeship Agreement for Togoland under British administration was terminated, the objectives of the International Trusteeship System having been achieved in that Territory. Great progress has also been made in the other Trust Territories in the political as well as the economic, social, and educational fields.

Charters Presented During Secretary's Visit

TEN YEARS - POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT

Culminating a decade of hard work dedicated to assisting the Micronesian people climb the ladder of political progress, the months of July and August 1957 were notable in accomplishments.

First of the municipalities in the six Districts to become incorporated was Metalanim, Ponape District, which was granted its charter on July 26, 1957, only one day prior to Moen Municipality in Truk District, whose charter was signed by the High Commissioner on July 27. Koror in Palau District was granted its charter a month later - on August 26. The actual presentations of these municipal charters, as well as that of the Truk Congress, took place during the visit of Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton, and all were celebrated with rounds of festivity.

Still others are coming along. The Jokaj (Sokehs) Municipality Charter was approved by the High Commissioner on August 26, 1957, and returned to Ponape District for presentation to the municipality. Papers for the chartering of Ebeye and Majuro in the Marshalls and of municipalities in several other districts, are in the process of being drawn up for submission to the High Commissioner.

As for District charters, the Olbiil era Kelulau of Palau became the first advisory body in the Trust Territory to become incorporated when it was granted its charter by the High Commissioner in January 1955. Truk District, which had been functioning with an Atoll Council and an elected Advisory Committee, joined the chartered ranks on July 26, 1957, when the Truk District Congress was officially recognized. Both the Marshall Islands Congress and the Ponape Island Congress, which have been functioning as advisory bodies, are making progress toward evolution into district-wide congresses.

Thus these are truly significant days in Micronesia as one after another, the municipalities and districts take the step toward political maturity by becoming formally chartered bodies with the powers of legislation.

I wish to take this opportunity to point to the un-failing interest which the United Nations attaches to the well-being of the peoples of the Trust Territories and to assure them that the United Nations, in cooperation with the Administering Authorities concerned, will spare no effort in promoting their progressive development toward the noble objectives of the International Trusteeship System.

OFFICE OF THE BEDUL OLBILL  
Olbiil Era Kelulau  
Palau District

Resolution 29, Special Session July 4, 1957

WHEREAS the Palau Congress was inaugurated on July 4, 1947, under the authority of the US Naval Military Government of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS the United States of America did agree by ratification on July 18, 1947, of the Trusteeship Agreement between the United States and the United Nations to promote the development of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands toward self-government; and

WHEREAS toward this end the Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. D. H. Nucker, of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands on the fifth day of January 1955 granted the Palau Congress a Charter giving legislative authority to that body in the Palau District;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Olbiil Era Kelulau, in Special Session assembled on July 4, 1957, this day being the Tenth Anniversary of the inauguration of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, does hereby officially express its profound gratitude

TO THE UNITED NATIONS for its desire and effort to promote to the utmost the wellbeing of the inhabitants of the non-self-governing peoples of the world;

TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT for its diligence in observing its obligations under the Trusteeship Agreement with respect to its administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands;

TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for carrying out so faithfully the policies and objectives of the United States Government in promoting the economic, political and social advancement of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory and for having allowed the people of the Palau District another step toward self-government by chartering the Olbiil Era Kelulau era Belau.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the Olbiil era Kelulau also extends its gratitude and appreciation to the people of Palau for their co-operation in having so patiently and understandingly nourished the Olbiil era Kelulau from its cradle of political infancy to its present state where, although it has not yet attained full political maturity, it is ever progressing toward gaining more experience and greater ability in government.

/s/ Roman Tmetuchl  
Roman Tmetuchl  
Bedul Olbiil

/s/ Andres Demei  
Andres Demei  
Melechesei Olbiil





*SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FRED A. SEATON BEING PRESENTED WITH A MARSHALLESE LEI as he arrives at Majuro in the Marshalls, during his tour of the Trust Territory. Schoolteacher Tamar from Langor Island is placing lei around his neck. At the left, High Commissioner Delmas H. Nucker is receiving a lei from Ruth, teacher of Rita Village. In foreground, with wreath in her hair, is Betra, teacher from Lae. Behind the Secretary are Associate Solicitor A. M. Edwards of the Department of the Interior (partially hidden) and the Secretary's son, Donald P. Seaton. At extreme right, also with wreath, is Miss Leola P. Tise, secretary to the Secretary. With camera is Byron Bender, Acting Educational Administrator for Marshall Islands District.*

## PICTURESQUE MARSHALL ISLANDS GIVE SECRETARY SEATON HIS FIRST GLIMPSE OF TRUST TERRITORY

THE PALM-SHADED, PICTURESQUE Marshall Islands offered to Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton his first glimpse of the Trust Territory as his plane glided gently down over the smooth runway at Kwajalein.

The date was Sunday, August 18, the time shortly before 10 p.m. In the party accompanying him were the Director of the Office of Territories, Mr. Anthony T. Lausi; the Associate Solicitor, Department of the Interior, Mr. A. M. Edwards; the Secretary's secretary, Miss Leola P. Tise, and Mr. Seaton's sixteen-year-old son, Donald. Mr. Lausi had visited the territory before, but for the others, it was a first time.

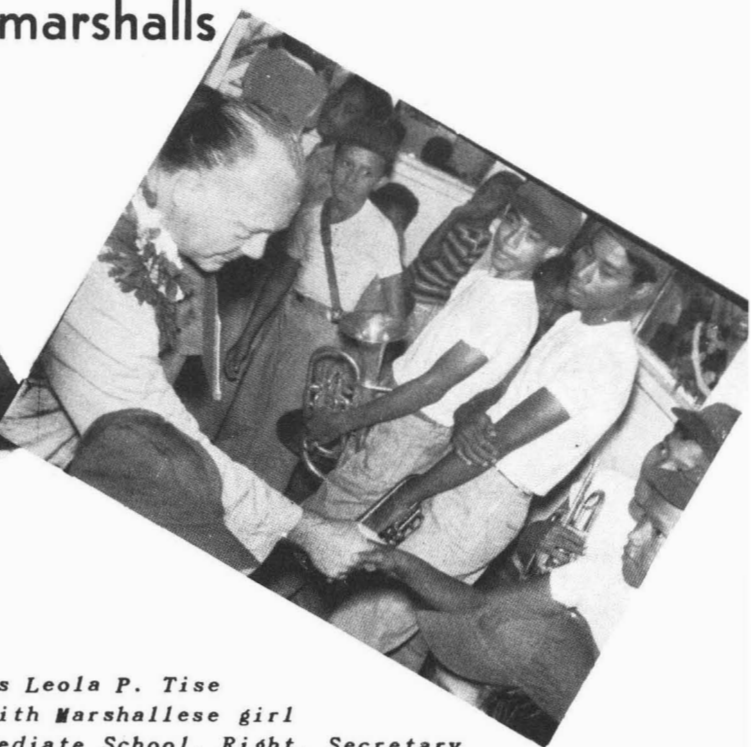
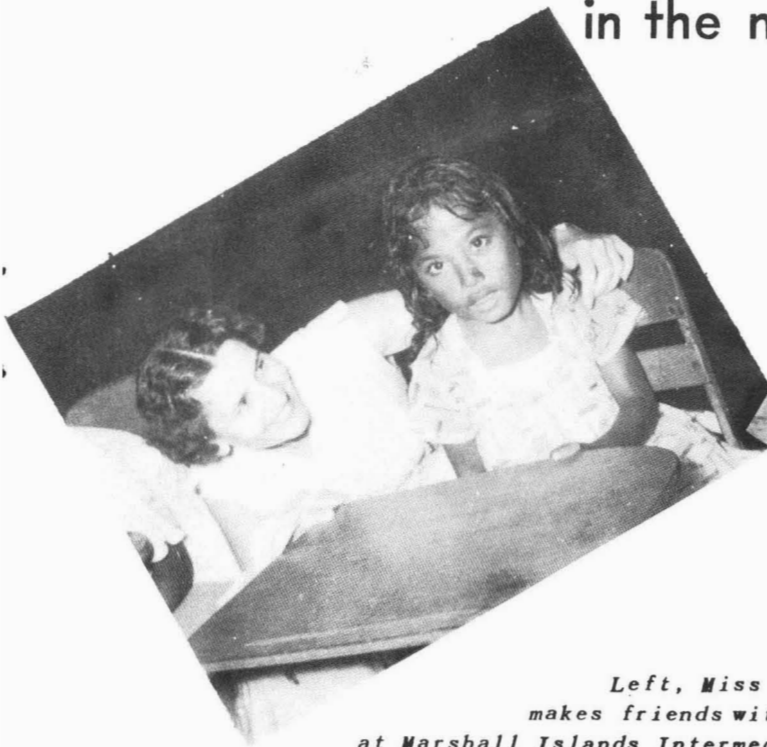
The significance of this tour of the districts and islands of the Trust Territory by a member of President Eisenhower's Cabinet, is far-reaching. To

the inhabitants it was one of the most important events in their lives. Mr. Seaton came as a representative of the President himself, bringing greetings from the Chief Executive of the United States. This knowledge - that the President knew they existed and was concerned with their problems - heartened them and made them happy, as various Micronesians remarked during the course of his tour.

At the airstrip to greet the Secretarial party were the High Commissioner and Mrs. Delmas H. Nucker, who had arrived by Trust Territory plane that morning. Mr. Seaton and the Nuckers were quartered at the Commanding Officer's house in Kwajalein. The next day the group visited Rongelap Atoll, where the original inhabitants, plus added relatives and belongings, had returned to take up life anew only six weeks earlier after living for

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## in the marshalls



*Left, Miss Leola P. Tise makes friends with Marshallese girl at Marshall Islands Intermediate School. Right, Secretary Seaton shakes hands with members of the Catholic Mission Band at airport.*



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three years on the island of Ejit. The move to Ejit was necessitated by accidental "radiation fallout" on Rongelap, and the return was made possible by the "all clear" word from scientists who have been making regular checks at Rongelap.

The District Anthropologist, Mr. Jack Tobin, who is in charge of District operations for the Rongelap people, and two officers from Naval Station Kwajalein, accompanied the party to this small island of the Northern Marshalls. The officers were Comdr. Jipson, Executive Officer, and Lt. Comdr. Marks, Liaison Officer for work in connection with the Pacific Proving Ground activities, both of whom, from the first planning until final return of the people, had taken an active part in the Rongelap resettlement.

Because Rongelap has no air landing facilities, the trip there was by boat. The atoll magistrate, other local officials, and most of the population greeted the Secretary, the High Commissioner and the others as they stepped ashore. During inspection of the completely new village built for them by the AEC and Joint Task Force Seven, the dispensary, the schoolhouse, the miniature radio

station and the church, all were visited. The Secretary talked with the individuals in charge of these activities, and later stated that he was favorably impressed with the installations and the manner in which the Rongelap people were maintaining and improving their village.

Back in Kwajalein, the High Commissioner gave a dinner that same evening in honor of the Secretary, his party, and officials of Naval Station Kwajalein. The next day at noon, on schedule, the Secretary's plane arrived over Majuro. A severe rainstorm prevented a landing for approximately thirty minutes, thus the planned welcoming ceremonies were reduced to an honor guard of the District Constabulary, and the presentation of leis by the Marshallese. Band music by the local Catholic Mission was impeded by the rain, but a few numbers were played from the shelter of the landing-strip hut. The wives of the District Administrator and Assistant District Administrator had prepared luncheon for the visitors, and members of the Marshallese Congress Hold-Over Committee also were invited. During this period the Secretary was oriented as to the problems and accomplishments of the Marshallese people.

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## "I'll Take The Islands"

"LIVING IN A CITY is interesting and pleasant, but after my experience, I think living in an island is better."

Thus spoke Public Health Nurse Jesus B. Etmol of Yap upon returning from attending a two-month course in Health Education at Noumea, New Caledonia, under joint sponsorship of the South Pacific Commission and the World Health Organization.

The broadening influence of travel and study abroad was never better demonstrated than in the case of young Mr. Etmol and his fellow-Trust Territory companions in the training course, Dr. J. T. Villagomez and Bilimon Lekmal.

One from Yap, one from Saipan, one from the Marshalls — they went away as health trainees — they came back men of assurance, with new perspectives, new appreciation of their own cultures, new ideas and visions of what needs to be accomplished in their respective districts.

With broad waves of their arms in greeting, big smiles and hearty handshakes, the three returning trainees showed both a new friendliness and a new sense of responsibility stemming from their trip to Noumea.

Interviewed at Guam en route to Yap, Mr. Etmol spoke of his hopes for his home district of Yap. "I see the need of some progress for my people, but not to the extent of the big cities I visited, such as Darwin, Brisbane, Manila.

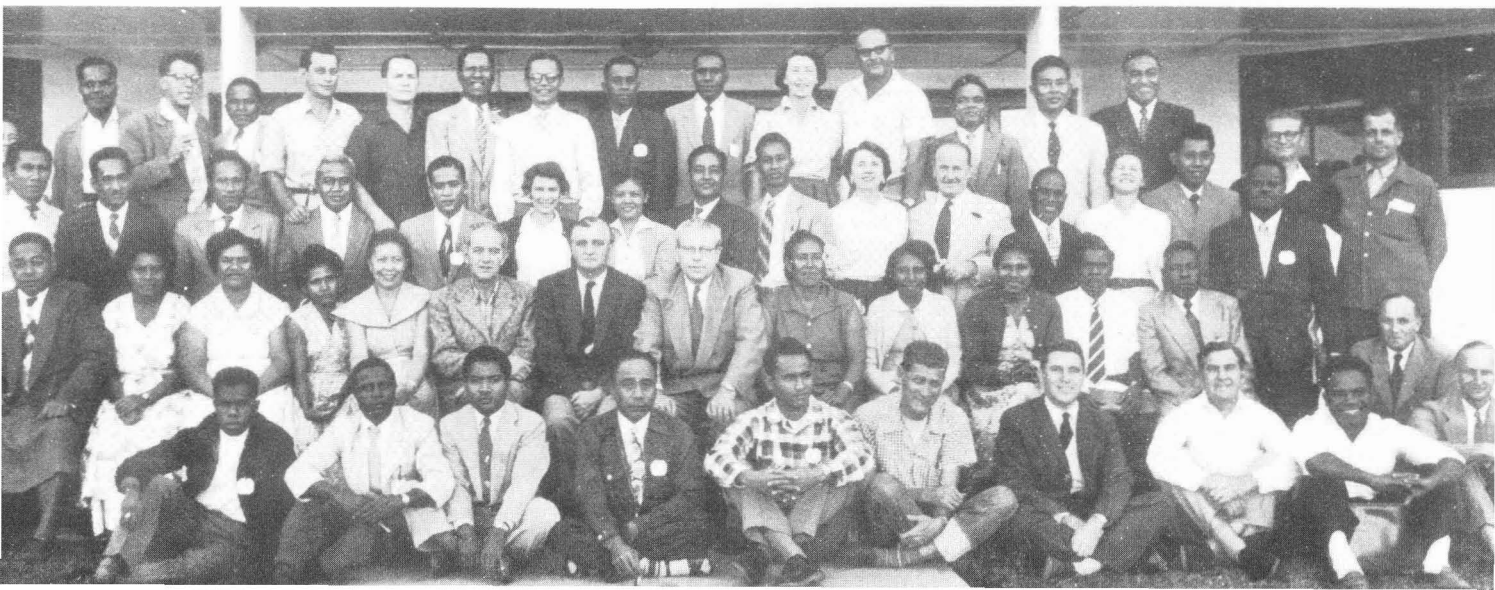
"The traffic, especially in Manila, is terrifically heavy, and the honking of horns almost drives you wild," he said. "This course in Health Education, however, is one of the best things that could have happened. I hope we can have this type of training in the Trust Territory in the future, so that more of our people may be able to attend.

"It is not a course of lectures, but a course where we find out our problems and discuss how to deal with them, taking into consideration the economy, educational status and general conditions in the different islands.

"I think in no other course would you find training as practical to the islands as in this course. One of the best parts was in the planning program where we considered how to get our programs into effect successfully, working through the proper channels in order to obtain the fullest cooperation.

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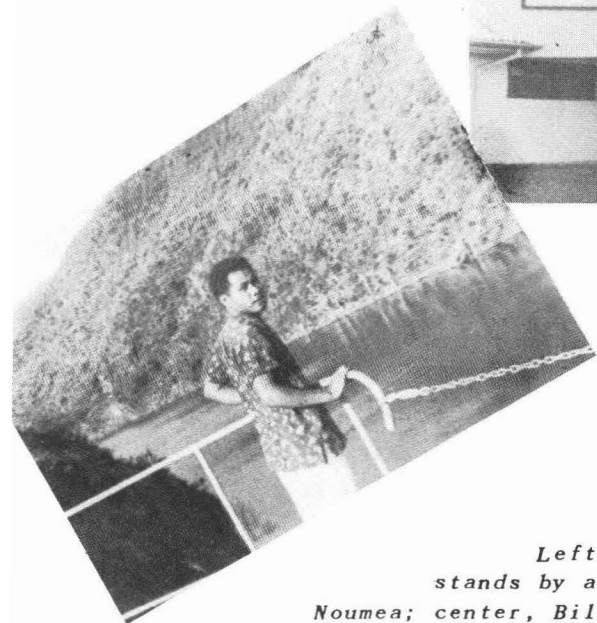
*STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT HEALTH EDUCATION COURSE - Below, front row, third from center, Jesus B. Etmol, graduate nurse, Yap District; third row, fifth from left, Dr. Jose T. Villagomez, practitioner, Saipan; third row, seventh and eighth from left, Mrs. Olivia S. Guererro, Public Health Education Supervisor, Guam, and Leon F. C. Guererro, Sanitarian, Guam; fourth row, second from right end, Bilimon A. Lekmal, Sanitarian, Marshall Islands.*







AT NOUMEA



*Left, Jesus B. Etmol of Yap stands by a dam which provides water for Noumea; center, Bilimon A. Lekmal of the Marshalls stands in front of South Pacific Commission Building in Noumea, where Health Education course was held; right, group of Health Education trainees--l. to r., a bus driver; Leon F. C. Guererro, Guam; Mr. Lekmal; Siosifa A. Fanamanu, Tonga; Evertius Romney, Papua and New Guinea, and Stanley Reveag, New Hebrides.*

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"Also being with the people from other islands with conditions similar to ours, talking with them and sharing experiences and problems, was a great help. Most of the other islands representatives have had longer experience in health education than we of the Trust Territory, so that the association was our gain. And our faculty was the best."

"Now that we are back, I only hope that I will be able to assist in bringing better health and sanitation to my district. But I know that it must be slow. To force it or rush it would only make for confusion, and we would lose more than we would gain."

As for other aspects of the trip, Mr. Etmol remarked that one could hardly be starved in Noumea, because the people have breakfast in the morning, tea at 10 o'clock, luncheon at noon, tea again at 3 o'clock, and dinner in the evening. "Everybody and everything stops for tea," commented the young man from Yap. "Sometimes I wonder about it, but I realize it is part of their culture, so I don't want to criticize it."

The coffee and the French bread were two "stoppers" for Mr. Etmol. The coffee was so strong, he

drank tea instead, and the French bread - the crust was very hard, he said, and it made a loud, crunchy sound as he ate.

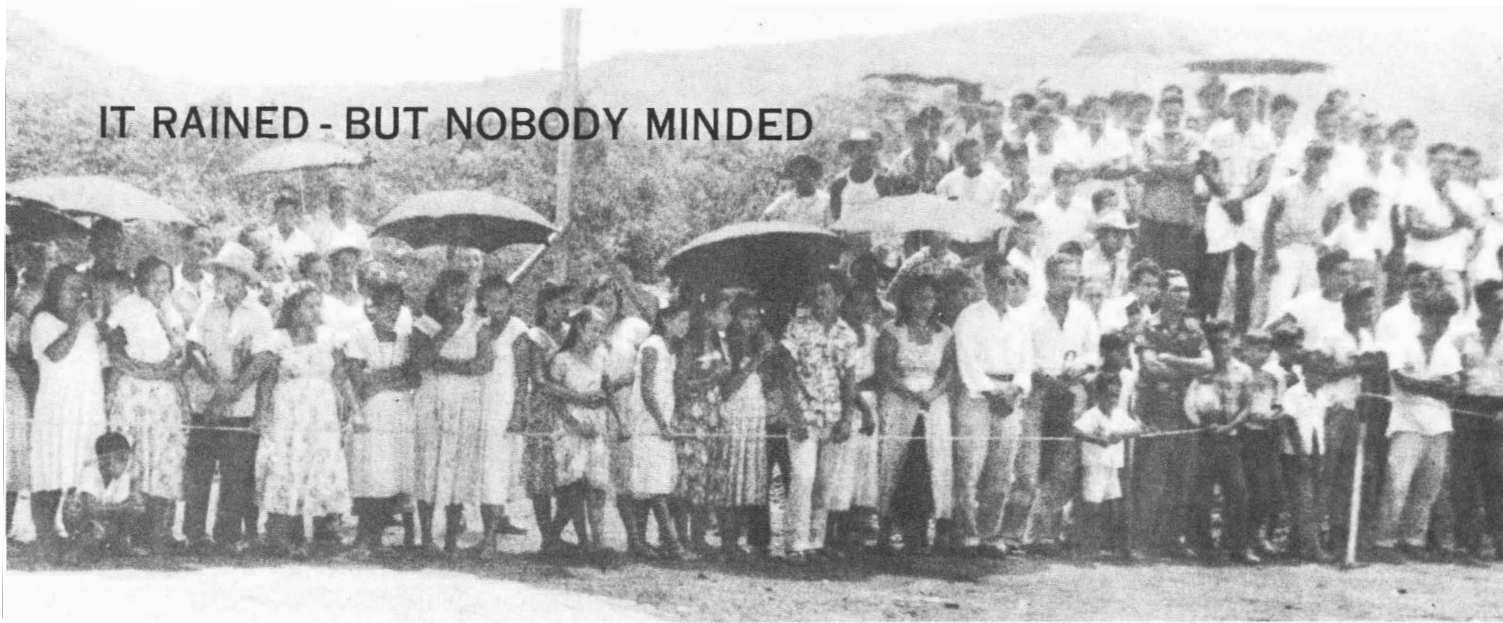
The three from the Trust Territory were among 41 students enrolled in the Health Education course. Whereas the English-speaking students were familiar with certain recreational activities such as volley ball, the French-speaking - those from Noumea and New Hebrides, for instance - knew nothing of these games.

"We taught them volley ball - the other students and the whole Commission. They all seemed to enjoy it, especially the girls who formed a team to compete with us."

Returning all the way by plane via Brisbane, Darwin, Manila and Guam, the trip took Mr. Etmol ten days, the long period being due to layovers waiting for plane connections. To the Marshalls was even longer - twelve days for Mr. Lekmal, while Dr. Villagomez reached Saipan in seven days.

As they set out on the final lap of their respective trips home, each of the three expressed enthusiasm for the course they had completed and eagerness to put their new knowledge into practice.

## IT RAINED - BUT NOBODY MINDED



*It was raining - but the crowd stayed on to witness the presentation of the Metalanim charter, and the unveiling of the cornerstone plaque of the new Pacific Islands Central School.*

### SECRETARY SEATON VISITS PONAPE

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

*Of the many special events which transpired during Secretary of the Interior Seaton's tour of the Pacific area, probably none had more portent for the future of Micronesia than two events which took place in Ponape District: the presentation of the first municipal charter to be granted in the six districts of the Trust Territory, and the unveiling of the cornerstone of the new PACIFIC ISLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL. The following story gives an account of Mr. Seaton's participation in these special events, as well as the other activities in which he shared while at Ponape.*

IN THE TRUST TERRITORY it rains and it rains.

And it rained and it rained when Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton came to Ponape. But no spirits were dampened, for the people, Americans and Micronesians alike, are somewhat accustomed to the rain in Ponape.

The Secretary's party arrived at Ponape dock about four in the afternoon of August twenty-first. They were greeted by the Insular Constabulary, led by Sheriff Alek Saburo, and a crowd of some two hundred Micronesians. The Catholic Mission choir sang a song in honor of the visitor's arrival. Mrs. Agnes Saburo, wife of the sheriff and president of the Ponape Women's Association, presented the Secretary with a flower head lei. Next each visitor was given a head lei by members of the Ponape Women's Association. In spite of the rain the people still stood and waited out their curiosity.

That evening a dinner was held at the home of the District Administrator and his wife. Many people, both Micronesians and Americans, were invited and the Ngatik people were asked to dance. The Metalanim band was there and played a few numbers during the dinner. Then the Ngatikese, with Carl Kohler as leader, started to dance. Both men and women dancers wore flower head leis and coconut leaf necklaces, and the women had on bright colored dresses while the men wore native skirts of coconut leaves. They danced many dances, some of them so old that the words of the songs were in the ancient Ngatikese language which no one now understands. At the end of these dances each dancer gave his head lei to Mr. Kohler, and he in turn presented them to the distinguished guests. Everyone enjoyed this evening's entertainment so much that the crowd of onlookers grew even larger than the one at the dock.

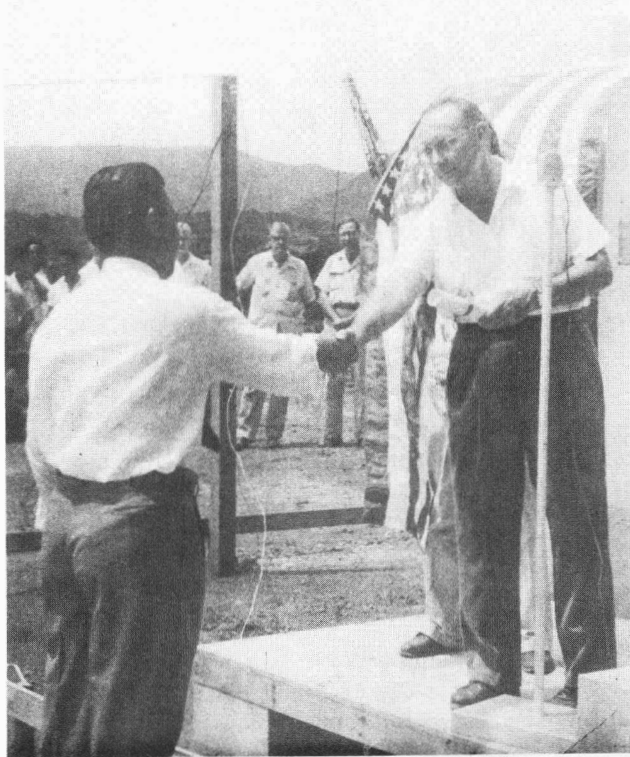
The next morning after breakfast the party went on a brief tour of the base and made an inspection of the various installations. They spent the most time at the Ponape Agriculture Station where Mr. Ed Iwaniec, District Agriculturist, and his assistant, Mr. Leo Migvar, showed them around.

After this inspection they all went up to the site of the Pacific Islands Central School. The Ponapeans and others from this district were there to see the unveiling of the cornerstone of the new PICS - about seven hundred people altogether. When they arrived the band played again. Everyone was happy because the rain had stopped and the sun was shining.

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The granting of a charter to Metalanim preceded the unveiling of the cornerstone plaque. The District Administrator, Mr. Henry M. Hedges, introduced the guests: the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, the Secretary of the Interior; Mr. Anthony T. Lausi, Director, Office of Territories, and Mr. A.M. Edwards, also of the Department of the Interior. He didn't have to introduce our friend, the Honorable D. H. Nucker, High Commissioner, because he has been to Ponape several times before. Each of the visitors gave a short speech as he was introduced to the people. Gaius Etwin interpreted for them. High Commissioner Nucker gave a very nice speech and, in conclusion, he handed the Metalanim Municipality Charter to Samuel Hadley, the chairman of the charter committee. The people of Metalanim have been working on this charter for



*Metalanim in Ponape was first municipality to receive charter. High Commissioner D. H. Nucker presents document to Samuel Hadley.*



*PONAPE AGRICULTURAL STATION--Tea is shown growing in the foreground, coffee in the background, and vanilla, climbing the forked tree trunk. Secretary Seaton, facing camera, talks with District Agriculturist Ed Iwaniec.*

a long time. Since it is the first charter to be granted to any of the municipalities of Ponape District, all are happy about it.

All of the speeches given were enjoyed but the most exciting was the one by Mr. Seaton, especially the part saying that President Eisenhower sent his greetings to the people of Ponape District. We are very proud to have the greetings from such an important man and we hope also to have his promised help. In addressing the crowd, Mr. Seaton congratulated the people of Ponape on their progress in government. He then spoke about education and the new PICS School being built in Ponape. He emphasized that education, while important, was not by itself the total answer for a successful life - that family life and church life, plus the ability to properly use what one learns by reason of education, are the essentials to good living and good health.

--Kun Sigrah





*PONAPE DISTRICT - Samson Alpet, who gave up his post in the Education Department in August 1957 to accept a Trust Territory scholarship for study in Hawaii, was one of the organizers of the Fishing Co-op.*

## Fishing Co-op Gets Going As M-6 Sets Things Humming In Metalanim

IN THE PONAPEAN LANGUAGE are six particular words which begin with the letter M - six words akin to the "Heart, Hand, Health, and Head" of the 4-H Clubs which are established throughout the United States - and these six words form the basis for the Group of M-6 which has started things humming in one of the sub-divisions of Metalanim.

The six words beginning with M are monge, the Ponapean word for head; mongiong, meaning heart; marain, education; makelekel, sanitation; minimin, cooperation, and mour, life. These are the ideas and the aspirations, the foundations upon which the Group of M-6 is based. With these principles as its guiding standards, the M-6 members have set out to accomplish many things for their area, and in a short time, they have indeed achieved much in the way of economic, social and political progress.

For one thing, they have established the Lipinsed Fishing Co-op, which has proven itself and is making money; they have organized an adult class for

men, and one for women, in both of which the participants are learning new and time-saving methods of doing their daily work, while at the same time they are getting a general education; they have built an adult schoolhouse, and have established a quarterly newspaper to disseminate the news and purposes of their organization. More than all this, they have become neighbors and friends, and are working together cooperatively for the benefit of all.

This part of Metalanim is adjacent to the Metalanim Plantation. Metalanim is divided into six groups or sub-divisions, with various numbers of sections, five or more in each group. The groups might be compared to congressional districts - each has a congressman elected by its residents, of whom there are no less than three hundred in each group. Total population in the Metalanim area is approximately 1,800.

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One of the most active of the six groups is Group Five and the elected congressman who represents this group is Samson Alpet, a member of the education staff in Ponape District, who is currently studying in Hawaii on a Trust Territory scholarship. Mr. Alpet is youthful, slight, and a beehive of activity. Until departing recently for Honolulu he had a program tight with engagements and obligations. In addition to his teaching work at the District Center, each weekend he would go to Metalanim, a three to four hour boatride, where he (1) attended to his responsibilities as a member of the Congress; (2) helped to organize and carry on the activities of M-6; (3) supervised the new fishing cooperative which is the outgrowth of an adult education program and (4) taught the adult class of men.

Those who have ventured out to new land as homesteaders, have demonstrated by their very act of pioneering an initiative and a desire to make conditions better for themselves and their families. Therefore it was not surprising that a group of homesteaders should demonstrate particular interest in an adult education program. When such a program was started at Metalanim in 1955 by Stewo Pelep, principal of the Intermediate School, immediately Group Five took up the challenge and wanted to do more. When Mr. Pelep left for his studies in community development at the University of the Philippines, Samson Alpet was the one to whom this responsibility fell. And activity has continued to spiral upward under his guidance. Shortly before Stewo Pelep left he and Samson got together and planned the M-6. Officers elected at that time were Madias, president; Pernel, secretary; and Oratio, treasurer.

Shortly thereafter, the women of Group Five decided there was need of education for women - so, through the offices of the Ponape Department of Education, Mrs. Rose Makwelung, teacher and organizer of Ponapean women's clubs, was invited to come to Metalanim and meet with the M-6 women and all the women of Group Five to teach them and help them organize a club. Out of this effort the Women's Association of Group Five was formed.

About this time it became recognized that copra was almost the only source of income for the families of Group Five - and a need for traditional funds for the families to augment the copra income was felt. After considerable discussion and deliberation, it was decided that fishing was the

answer. But the lack of refrigeration posed an obstacle. A solution was suggested - to ask the Administration for a big electric refrigerator, to be paid for out of the earnings from the fish they would catch.

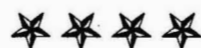
Through the District Administration in Ponape a three-ton-capacity refrigerator was provided, and the M-6 Group selected one of their members to be operator of the refrigeration plant. He was sent to Kolonia for training. A snag developed, however, largely through misunderstanding of the purpose of the refrigerator, and it was not until June that this was ironed out. But finally understanding came, and an enthusiastic Lepinsed Fishing Co-op with forty members was organized. Officers elected were Sakies, president; Erus, secretary; and Palu, treasurer.

Capital was needed with which to buy gasoline for the engine of their "whale boat" which is used both for fishing and to transport the fish (kept frozen until a sufficient quantity is available) to the District center, so each of the forty Co-op members contributed five dollars as capital for the new venture.

The first shipment of fish to Kolonia consisted of five hundred pounds, and an additional one hundred and sixteen large crabs. Within one hour all the fish were sold, and most of the crabs; the remainder of the crabs were stored in the refrigeration plant at Kolonia. The second trip brought in over five hundred pounds of fish, which the Lepinsed Co-op purchased from the individual fishermen for five cents a pound, and sold at eight cents per pound, realizing a gross profit of three cents per pound.

Not least, but possibly most important of M-6's achievements, has been the construction of an adult schoolhouse, recently completed through the cooperative efforts of the men and women of Group Five with M-6 members taking the initiative. Land for this purpose was given by Nahnpei, a member of Group Five. Still another step of progress has been taken with the start of a small newspaper published every three months, through which M-6 disseminates the progress it is making, and explains the goals and purposes of its various enterprises.

Only thirty in number, the mighty little band of "M-6" has proven an example of what initiative enthusiasm and vision can do in Micronesia.





*CHARTERS of the Truk District Congress and of Moen Municipality were presented during visit of Secretary Seaton to Truk. Napoleon Defang addresses gathering assembled for presentation ceremonies. The Secretary is seated at table, center; High Commissioner Nucker, who presented the charters, at table, right, and District Administrator Roy T. Gallemore, in front of doorway.*

## TWO CHARTERS PRESENTED IN TRUK

"THE WORLD IS A GARDEN created by God who has planted everything in it."

It was Magistrate Petrus of Truk District speaking, and the large gathering at Moen was for a triple celebration: first, to meet and greet the Secretary of the Interior, the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, upon his first visit to Truk; second, to receive from High Commissioner Delmas H. Nucker a charter granting the new Truk District Congress the power of legislation; and third, for the municipality of Moen in Truk District to receive its charter of incorporation.

Some three hundred people were assembled in and around the Moen Municipal Building for the presentation meeting and the feasting to follow. The date was August 23, 1957 - exactly one month after the Truk Magistrates' Conference had requested that the Truk District Congress be formally organized and chartered. So fast it had happened! But the shortness of the time between the request and the granting was no indication of the amount of work which had been expended in getting the people and the charters ready for this step.

### Colorful Ceremonies Mark Secretary Seaton's Visit

The first speaker was District Administrator Roy T. Gallemore, who, following an opening song in Trukese, introduced the High Commissioner. Serving as interpreter throughout the meeting was Napoleon Defang of the Truk Education Department.

Udot Island's Magistrate Muarecheong, chairman of the Magistrates' Conference, representing the thirty-nine magistrates of the Truk District, accepted the Congress charter from Mr. Nucker, saying: "In the past Chiefs' conferences, we always were trying to get a majority vote among the chiefs, and the people whom the chiefs were representing, to approve the congress to be established.

"Now we are very happy that our charter is granted to us, which means that our Truk District Congress is born today. We will all be very cooperative, working together to run our Truk District Islands as well as can be."

It was after this, in accepting the Moen Municipal Charter, that Magistrate Petrus described the world as a garden created by God.

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*MEN OF WICHAP VILLAGE, Moen Island, Truk District, are carrying ceremonial breadfruit bowl on long poles over their shoulders, in repetition of a traditional Trukese ceremony in which they compete with another similar team from the same island.*

*The two teams chanted rhythmically, using an old language known only to persons of high rank. The ceremony was carried on outside the Moen Island meeting house in connection with the presentation of two charters in Truk District.*



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#### **"FIRST HARVESTING"**

"Today is a day of first harvesting for Truk District and for Moen Island," he said. "We see the farmer, Mr. Nucker. He planted two big beautiful trees to give us shelter. Let us hear the names of these trees that have been planted for us under America's Trusteeship Agreement with the United Nations. One tree is the Truk District Congress Charter; the other is the Moen Municipal Charter.

"Mr. Nucker has planted these trees. Our responsibility is to see that they grow well. Then, later on, we may see the beauty of what we have tended, and may take future comfort under their protection.

"Let us not fail in our responsibilities."

In response, the High Commissioner carried on the thought of trees growing in a garden:

"Continued good will, and earnest efforts of reconciling different points of view, along with constant reliance on God's guidance, will be necessary for good growth of these trees. Rain and sunshine, in the form of advice and guidance from your administration here, will help the trees to grow, but we all know that too much rain and too much sunshine are harmful to growing things. The more you rely on yourselves, and think through your problems of government - getting along with as little help as possible from the Administration - the better. It will be there to turn to, as needed.

"Moen's example of calling in the leaders from other municipalities is a wonderful example of democracy. The willingness to share with and help others is the basis of good government. It is necessary to growth and progress."

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Mr. Seaton recalled and described the original Constitutional Convention held in Philadelphia, saying that when Benjamin Franklin was asked what he had given the people in this constitution, he replied he had given them what they willed, and that it was only as good as they had made it.

"It was a small group, representing those first few states, working hard to get a basis for living and working together," Mr. Seaton said. "Some had to give up their ideas about how their new government should be; all had to make compromises to get together on a plan that would be workable for all."

He pointed out that the two charters being granted - for the District and the Municipality - were similar to those which would be granted to a republic - and to a municipality in a republic. He reminded his audience of a comment made some years ago: "Any people can have a republic only as long as they earn it."

Acknowledgment was made to Educational Administrator Thorwald Esbensen and his staff, as well as to the Administration's staff of Trukese assistants, for their careful work on the charters themselves, and for the many political development classes held throughout the District to explain them. Field trips to all islands during the past year have carried Trukese speakers who, using charters, explained to the assemblages the organization of democratic government units. Several mass meetings and many classes in the Moen area were instructed by Mr. Esbensen himself.

"Too much cannot be said for all these efforts of both the Trukese and the Americans to provide a sound basis for this taking on of a democratic form of government," said Mr. Nucker.

"Americans have grown up with the secure idea of government of the people, by the people, for the people: it is one we hope to make yours, as well."

All Trukese people were urged not to consider these charters as mere pieces of paper, but to read each word for themselves, and study out the duties and responsibilities of each part of self-government.

#### MODEL SCHOOL VISITED

The idea of a man's religion backing his government was discussed by Mr. Seaton in his morning visit to the elementary Model School.

"Never forget that education can only be applied to your life in good ways if you are always conscious of God, and pray to him to guide you," he said to the young students.

John Singleton of the Education Teacher Training Department and fourteen Trukese teachers were in charge of the session at the school. On their large world map Mr. Seaton traced his trip through all the Trust Territory districts and United States territories.

Mr. Nucker cautioned the children to study hard and learn all they could, for none knew now what his responsibilities ahead might be. "I would have studied harder if I had known I might become your High Commissioner," he said.

#### SONG AND FLOWERS

Flowers, food and song all entered into the Truk people's reception of the Secretary and his party. Groups sang as he arrived at the airport, where the Trukese Constabulary had drawn up honor-guard lines, and where Trukese Magistrates were present to be introduced. Other groups sang at the beginning and end of the charter presentation ceremonies, and school children sang their "Copra Song" at the school session.

Palms and flowers and gaily colored pennons decorated the lines of canoes, boats and jeeps, as well as the Municipal Building. The bright dresses of the Trukese women, along with the "mwar-mwars" (flower wreaths) on the heads of many men, women and children, added color. Magistrates and other leading Trukese were seated in a special group, listening earnestly to all that was said in the ceremonies. They wore white dress shirts, with ties.

#### "FIRST FRUITS"

At the conclusion of the charter presentations, the age-old ceremony of "presenting of first fruits" to the high chief was enacted, honoring Secretary Seaton. Two large groups of people vied with each other in doing the first and greatest honor. Each presented gifts of food in huge wooden food carriers, borne on long poles across the shoulders of several men, who were bedecked in palm-fringed skirts and gay head-dresses. Women and children followed the food-bearers, all chanting of the honor they wished to do their chief.

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## MEET THE STAFF —

### "Micronesian Reporters"

THE MICRONESIAN REPORTER announces the following additions to its staff of "Micronesian Reporters":

John Mangefel and Edmund Gilmar, both of Yap District. Mr. Mangefel has recently returned to his home district after three years of study in Hawaii, first on Trust Territory scholarship, and more recently on a grant from the John Hay Whitney Foundation. He has joined the Education Department in Yap, and has quickly become reintegrated into the activities of his home district. Mr. Mangefel is from Gal Village in the southern Yap Islands. He is a PICS graduate, '53, and has taught at Yap Intermediate School. His hobby is photography.

Mr. Gilmar attended the PITTS Teacher Training School at Guam, and summer school at Truk. He also has had two years at the University of Hawaii, and in 1956 was selected as a delegate to the South Pacific Conference in Noumea. He is on the staff of the District Administration in Yap.

From Palau District are Thomas Remengesau and Mayumi Mersai. Mr. Remengesau had the distinction of becoming the one-hundredth member of the American Society for Public Administration, Hawaii branch, while pursuing his studies in Public Administration at the University of Hawaii on a Trust Territory scholarship. He returned to Palau in July and immediately joined the District Administration staff.

Miss Mersai spent two years at the University of Hawaii on scholarship from the Zonta Club of Honolulu. In addition to courses in education, she has studied art, wood-carving, ceramics and various related subjects, and one of her pictures was exhibited in the University of Hawaii exhibiton at the Academy of Arts in Honolulu. She now is back in Palau serving in the Education Department.

Kun Sigrah, staff correspondent from Ponape District, is originally from Kusaie. He attended PITTS (Pacific Island Teacher Training School). He taught four years at Kusaie, then in 1955 went to Ponape where he is now in his third year as a teacher at the Intermediate School. He is a brother of Joab Sigrah, the Assistant Principal of the Intermediate School, also of Kusaie.

The entire Advanced English Group of the Marshall Islands District Administration, under the guidance of their teacher, Mrs. Takeuchi, serves as representative for the REPORTER at Majuro.

At the Territorial College in Guam, Raymond Ulochong is staff representative for the MICRONESIAN REPORTER. He is from Palau and supports himself while attending second-year college by working five hours a day for a Guam business firm. During his freshman year, as the only Micronesian enrolled at the Territorial College, he brought distinction to the Trust Territory by being one of eleven out of the group of 280 students to make the "honor roll". In order to do this, he "burns the midnight oil" many a night, and also utilizes every moment between classes and in the early morning for study.

In addition to the newly appointed contributors, the Headquarters staff includes Miss Thelma Gorman and Mrs. Dora Lee Ingram. Miss Gorman, as Administrative Services Supervisor, is the one who struggles with a would-be passenger list of thirty and a space capacity of twelve for Trust Territory flights, and even though bumpings often are necessary, says it with a smile. She does the same with her "Gazings" corner. Mrs. Ingram, assistant in the Reports Office, had a bit of journalism in high school and is the one who types the REPORTER copy in form for the printers. She also generally assists in the magazine's preparation and distribution.



*Drinking the liquid of freshly opened coconuts was a feature of the feast given at Yap in Secretary Seaton's honor. L. to r. , Miss Leola Tise, High Commissioner Nucker, Mrs. Nucker and the Secretary.*



*YAPESE FASHION - Many of the guests followed the Yapese custom of sitting on the floor. L. to r. , Magistrates Finiginam and Roboman, members of Yap Islands Council; Edmund Gilmar and Keith Kavenagh of District Administration staff.*

#### DANCES OF LONG AGO REPEATED FOR VISITORS

## yapese feast given at "copra week" dormitory

THE RECENTLY COMPLETED Intermediate School Dormitory at Yap, built by community cooperation with funds from the school's Copra Week activities, was the setting for a Yapese feast served in the traditional manner in honor of Secretary of the Interior Seaton upon his visit to the island made famous by "His Majesty O'Keefe".

This feast, followed by a performance of Yapese dances, proved the highlight of the trip to Yap,

although inspection of the stone money and of the Yap "men's houses" were among the unusual features. The official party also visited the warehouses, Yap Trading Company, and the Commissary. Various members of the Administrative staff and members of the Yap Islands Council met the visitors at the pier and attended a reception at which members of the Council, the Administrative staff, also Weather Bureau and Mission personnel were among the guests.

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*THIS STONE MONEY OF YAP - a great circular disk - is not the kind one takes home. The people of Yap always know where their money is - usually in front of their homes or a community building. Here, Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton touches a piece of money which weighs more than he does. At left is Miss Leola P. Tise, secretary, who accompanied the official party on its tour of the Trust Territory; and at right is Secretary Seaton's son, Donald.*

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The Secretary was particularly impressed with the fact that the new school dormitory where the feast was held represented what could be done in a community through the cooperative, sustained effort of its people, in filling a need - a need which the people themselves recognized and determined should be filled.

Each year the students devote a week to gathering coconuts and making copra, and it is the proceeds from this enterprise that have helped make possible the building of the Intermediate School dormitory.

The feast itself was sumptuous in the Yapese manner, with local foods deliciously prepared. Fish, crab and lobster were among the items served - and guests drank from freshly-opened coconuts in Micronesian style.

The dances were given by Map and Gagil Municipalities. Both those given by the women and those by the men represented dances of long ago. They were the "sit-down" type with complicated, well-performed hand and arm movements accompanied by rhythmic chants and singing.

In true Yapese custom, shell money was given to the presiding chief, and gifts also were presented to Secretary Seaton.

Mr. Seaton commented on the evidence of the desire and willingness of the people of Yap to help themselves, as reflected in their conversations with him, and also from his personal observation of the progress they had made. He said that he was fully cognizant of and sympathetic with their desire not to give up the good things in their culture, and not to try to change too fast into a Western-type civilization.

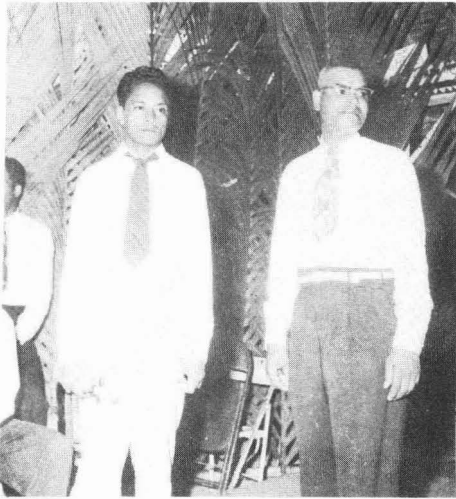
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#### PICS STUDENTS

THE MARSHALL ISLANDS lead, with the largest number of students enrolled when PICS opened this year. Additional students from Ponape District were expected.

Enrollments for the fall term beginning September 1957 included 29 Palauans, 14 Yapese, 11 Saipanese, 3 Rotanese, 19 Trukese, 31 Ponapeans and 35 Marshallese.

## LAND SURVEYORS' SCHOOL



*SENIOR STUDENT Benjamin Mengloi of Palau, left, stands with Instructor Fred A. Robinson at Surveyors' School graduation.*



*STUDENTS OF SURVEYORS' SCHOOL receive Certificates of Achievement on final day. Awards were presented to fifteen who successfully completed courses in surveying and mapping.*

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### Micronesia Is Providing Surveyors To Map And Survey The Land - Fifteen Receive Certificates Of Achievement In School Of Surveying

## ISLANDS NEED SURVEYORS, TOO

ISLANDS HAVE PLOTS of land, too, just as big cities do.

Islands have homesteads, and plantations, and lots, and these all mean that somebody has to "map" them - plot the land to the fraction of an inch - so that the rightful owner may have the full benefit of his land, and the municipality and the government may have the use of what properly belongs to them - no more and no less.

Sending prospective cartographic engineers from Micronesia out to engineering schools abroad would be not only a highly expensive but also a long-drawn-out process. No doubt there will be some, however, who will attain this kind of education, equipping them for top supervisory positions in cartographic engineering.

In the meantime, something is being done to equip Micronesians to carry on the large amount of map-drawing, topographic surveying, topographic computing and general cartographic work which is required in developing the economy and agriculture of the atolls and islands upon which the people live, to say nothing of those yet uninhabited.

And that something is a Trust Territory Surveyors' School, recently conducted over a three-month period with fifteen students enrolled. All fifteen received certificates of achievement following completion of the course, which was conducted at Koror, Palau Islands, by Surveyor and Cartographic Engineer Fred A. Robinson, and Land Title Officer D. W. LeGoullon.

The training given in this course was of the trade-school type, rather than that which might be offered at a college, since the average schooling of those enrolled was seven grades completed. Practical application with the hands was emphasized rather than theory. It is easier to learn this way. Some lectures and conferences were held, however, with a limited amount of basic theory spaced throughout the course. Although examinations were given from time to time, grading was based principally on performance in actual exercises.

As a result of the school, there now are in the Trust Territory fifteen young Micronesians with a broad basic knowledge of surveying and mapping. This will be augmented by further on-the-job training in their respective districts, and, it is hoped, an

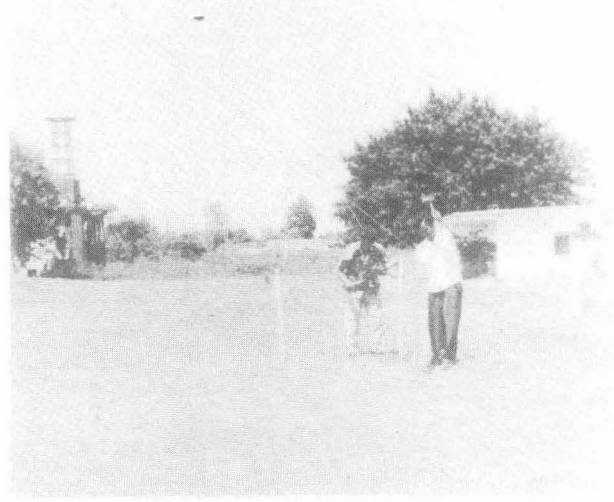
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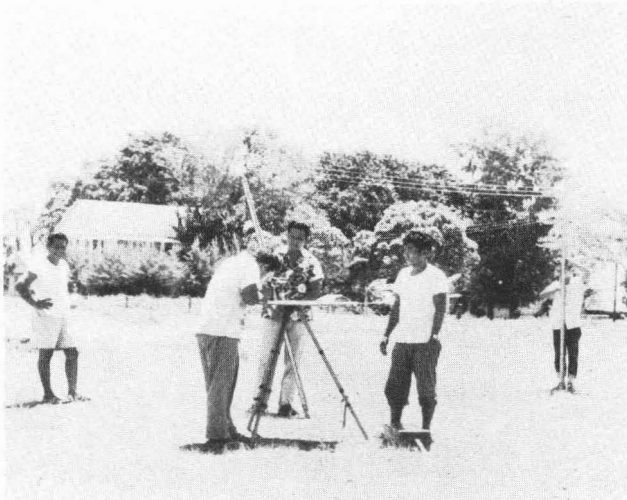
## SURVEYORS' SCHOOL IN ACTION



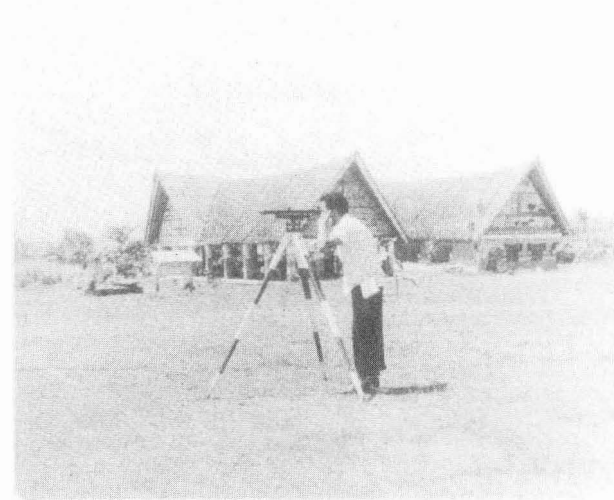
*Students Loochaz of Yap and Singrueo of Truk are setting building points during site location surveys, as part of their work in Surveyor's School.*



*Katchuo of Truk, left, and Taro of Palau are setting construction batter boards for building crews, while George of Ponape assists in measuring building lines.*



*A typical plane table crew with Hendriak of Ponape on alidade, Singrueo of Truk with rod, Taro of Koror as student instructor, Geister of the Marshalls standing by, and Benjamin of Rota holding rod.*



*Ben Manglona of Rota sighting levels for a proposed building site. Scene is in administrative area of the District Center in Koror, with Palau Community Center building in background.*

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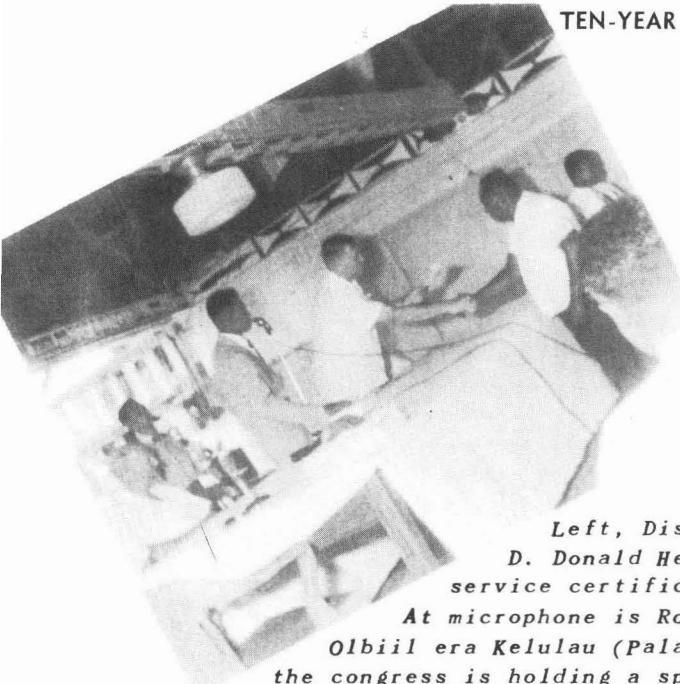
advanced surveying school at a later date. Those who received certificates of achievement were: Ruberio, Sammy, Taro, Luis, Blacheos, Mengloi and Markus of Koror; Loochaz and Ayain of Yap; Singrueo and Katchuo of Truk; Geister of Marshalls; George and Heindriak of Ponape and Manglona of Rota.

Although no women were enrolled in the course, recommendation has been made by the instructor that the feminine gender be included in future training for certain aspects of surveying since, at least

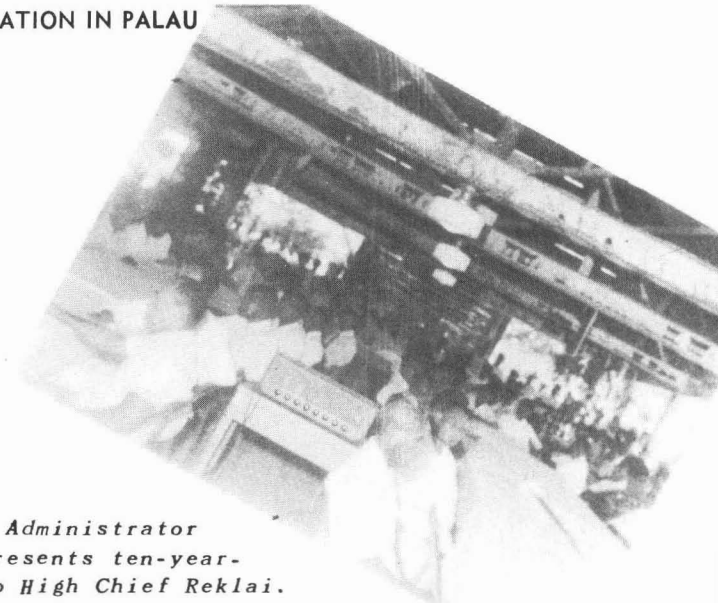
in the opinion of the Cartographic Engineer, women have a natural proclivity for drafting, office computations and related work.

At any rate, the beginning of land-survey training has been made, and Micronesia is richer by fifteen young men who, with no schooling beyond the Intermediate grade and little or no experience in cartography or mapping, have learned enough in three months to do the simple surveying generally needed in the Trust Territory.

## TEN-YEAR CELEBRATION IN PALAU



*Left, District Administrator D. Donald Heron presents ten-year-service certificate to High Chief Reklai.*



*At microphone is Roman Tmetuchl, president of the Olbiil era Kelulau (Palau Congress). In picture at right, the congress is holding a special July Fourth anniversary session.*

Speeches, Contests, Parade and Fireworks  
On The Fourth Mark Ten-Year Anniversary  
Of Olbiil Era Kelulau: Resolution Of  
Appreciation Passed At Special Session

## it was a great day in koror

WHEN A GROUP of Palauans plans a celebration, usually it's an all-out occasion, and so it was on July 4, 1957.

It wasn't merely the Fourth of July the citizens were observing, however, although the Stars and Strips flew high in Koror, and to all outward appearances it might well have been an old-fashioned Independence Day affair, with its speeches, its parade and its fireworks display - and a track meet thrown in.

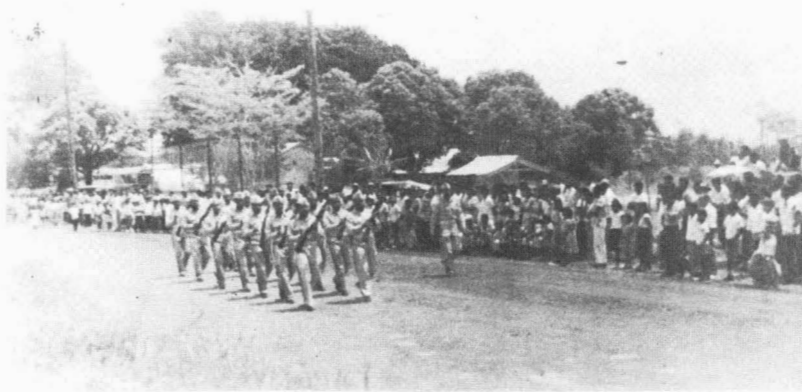
Actually, however, the occasion was the tenth anniversary of the formation of the Olbiil era Kelulau, the congress of Palau District, and to celebrate, the legislators were convened in a special one-day session.

Important as was the occasion, even more significant was the Resolution 29 which was passed by the members of Olbiil era Kelulau that day. Written entirely upon their own initiative, composed in the Palauan language and later translated into English,

this resolution expressed appreciation to the United Nations for its efforts, the United States Government for its diligence in observing its obligations, to the High Commissioner for faithfully promoting the economic, social and political advancement of the Trust Territory citizens, and to the people of Palau for their cooperation. The text of the resolution appears elsewhere in this issue. Copies were forwarded to the U.N., the Secretary of the Interior and the High Commissioner.

As part of the celebration, addresses were given by the Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Eugene R. Gilmartin, Jr.; the Bedul Olbiil (president), Roman Tmetuchl; the District Administrator, D. Donald Heron, who postponed his departure on leave in order to be present, and the Ngiradudul of Koror, Magistrate Rudimch.

In recognition of the event, certificates were awarded to those distinguished members of the Olbiil era Kelulau and the Tebechelel Olbiil (Council  
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*PALAU CONSTABULARY DRILL TEAM performs during tenth anniversary session of the Olbiil'era Kelulau.*

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of Advisers) who had significantly participated in the political development of the district throughout the ten years. Further punctuating the occasion, there was a special exhibit at the Palau Museum, an athletic field day and simulated wrestling meet, a mile-and-a-half long torchlight parade and a two-hour fireworks display.

The Olbiil era Kelulau later was congratulated in a letter from the Secretary of the Interior, the Hon. Fred A. Seaton, for the Congress' expression of appreciation to the U. S. Government.

The Olbiil era Kelulau was the first advisory congress to be established in the Trust Territory after the war and is the oldest legislative organ within the Trust Territory. It meets twice annually in regular session and it is a unicameral body consisting of the chadal olbiil, the elected representatives of all sixteen municipalities of the district, together with the sixteen elected magistrates and hereditary chiefs of these communities and the two High Chiefs of Palau. All may participate in discussions, but only chadal olbiil may vote on resolutions.

The Tebechelel Olbiil is appointed by the Bedul Olbiil with the approval of the congress and the District Administrator, and assists in the formulation of policy, also serving as an advisory liaison between the Administration and the people. It is active throughout the year framing bills for consideration by the congress and implementing regulations already in effect. Two women currently are among those serving on the nineteen-member Tebechelel Olbiil.

## PICTURESQUE MARSHALLS.....

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In the afternoon it was still raining but, Marshallese fashion, the Secretary kept going. He visited the District Hospital in its quonset-hut buildings, and learned details of the department's training program for outer-atoll health aides. He and his party visited the Intermediate School, and later the Secretary, together with Mr. Lausi and Mr. Edwards, met with the High Commissioner, District Administrator Maynard Neas, and other members of the District staff. At this time the Secretary had an opportunity to become more fully acquainted with the problems confronting the Administration and the people in the Marshall Islands District, in their

## COPRA SONG

One of the songs which the pupils sang when Secretary Seaton and members of his party visited the Model School at Truk was "Konun Taka", the "Copra Song".

Sung to the tune of "America", the Copra Song is one of a group published in the "Puken Kon", new Trukese "Book of Song" produced by the District Department of Education.

### COPRA SONG (translation)

Micronesians sell their copra to the trading companies,

Trukese sell their copra to TTC on Moen Island.

The ship CHICOT carries the copra from the Marshalls to Japan or America.

In America they make soap from the copra.

In Japan, too, they make soap, and the food they call margarine.

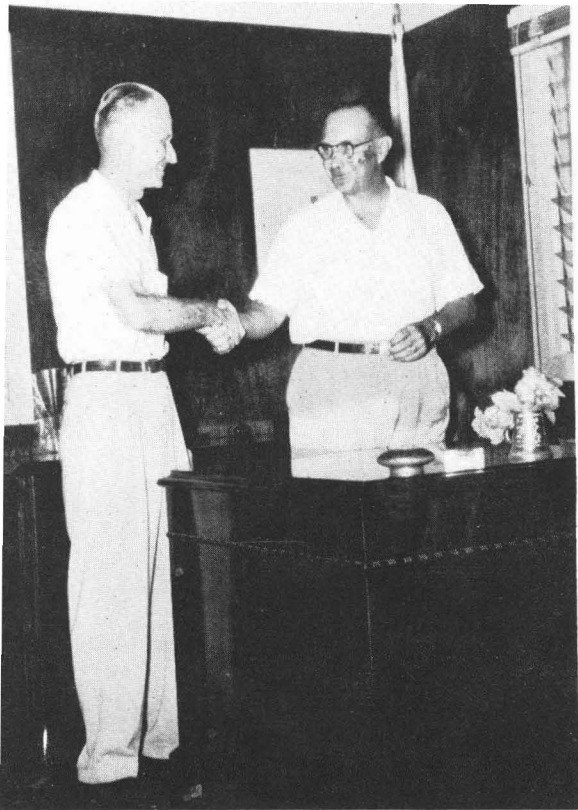
Thus copra is important to all of us in Microensia  
Because we get our income from our copra that they take.

--By Teacher Florence of Pennia Village

joint efforts to make progress economically, socially and politically.

That evening, for the final event of the Secretary's visit in the Marshalls, the clubhouse was transformed into a lush tropical garden by lavish use of local leaves and branches. This transformation had been accomplished by a group of volunteers under the supervision of Miss Norma Edwards. Here the Secretary and party with approximately forty Marshallese were guests of the American community at supper. The following morning the visitors departed for the next stop in their cross-territory tour of Micronesia.





*EMIL STRENCH,  
Budget Officer,  
receives 30-year  
pin from High  
Commissioner  
Nucker in  
ceremonies at  
T. T. Headquarters.*



*MISS LEOLA P. TISE is  
interested spectator as  
awards are presented.*

#### Awards For Longevity In Federal Service Presented Trust Territory Personnel

### Strench Is The "Oldest"

HE RECEIVED A 30-year pin, but in another year and a half it would have been a 40-year pin—that's how many years Emil Strench has been employed in the service of the United States Government. He is the oldest, in length of Federal Service, of any employee of the Trust Territory, and thus it was that High Commissioner Delmas H. Nucker paid special tribute to the Trust Territory's Budget Officer Strench on the occasion of the presentation of service awards to the Headquarters personnel.

The presentation ceremony took place in Mr. Nucker's office August 27, on the morning of Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton's visit to the Trust Territory Headquarters.

The group of 20-year Federal service employees was headed by Personnel Officer Nat Logan-Smith, who almost made the 30-year group with more than 29 years of service to his credit. In the case of all recipients, the High Commissioner gave a personal word and tribute as Deputy High Commissioner Eugene R. Gilmartin made the presentations. Others in the 20-year group were Chief Counsel Joseph C. Putnam; Administrative Assistant Charles S. Bean; Construction Specialist Clarence Patrick and Voucher Examiner Alfred C. Duenas. A 20-year award was presented in ab-

sentia to Director of Property and Supply Neill C. Murphy, Jr., who was in the states on leave.

Both the High Commissioner and the Deputy High Commissioner were represented in the 10-year group, and each presented to the other the respective awards. Others in the same group were Staff Auditor Richard D. Munden; Miss Mae Nangle, Secretary; Jesus P. Sablan, Engineering Draftsman; Luis A. Casil, Headquarters Janitor, and Joseph R. Driskell, Director of Public Safety. Other 10-year men who received awards in absentia were Contracts and Programs Officer John M. Spivey; Chief of Construction and Maintenance Horace J. Leavitt; Comptroller Gerald C. Vittetoe; Assistant Chief of Construction and Maintenance, Emmitt E. Blankenfeld, and Construction Superintendent Michael M. Komatsu.

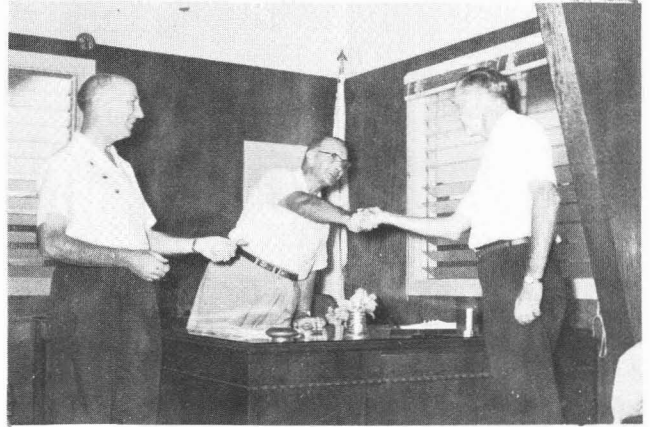
The "oldest" employee in the districts is Elwyn B. Andrew, Hospital Administrative Assistant of Yap District, who received the only 30-year award in the districts. Twenty-year awards were to be presented to Miss Juanita M. Griffin, Shorthand Reporter for the Judiciary Department; John W. Smith, General Supply Assistant, Truk District; Carl J. Kunz, Staff Communicator, Truk District; Mrs. Lillian Robinson, Fiscal Accountant, Marshall Islands District, and Roy T. Gallemore, District Administrator, Truk District.

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# RECEIVING AWARDS FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER



*Personnel Officer Nat Logan-Smith leads list of 20-year Federal employees. He is congratulated by High Commissioner Nucker while Deputy High Commissioner Gilmartin presents pin.*



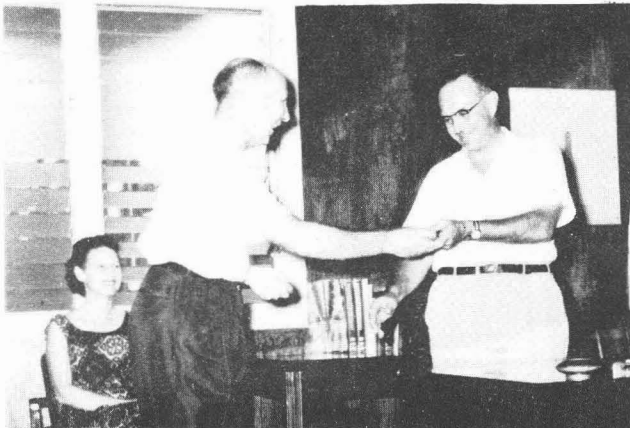
*The High Commissioner expresses gratitude to Chief Counsel Joseph C. Putnam for long and faithful services. The Deputy High Commissioner offers him the 20-year award.*



*Alfred C. Duenas, Voucher Examiner, in the 20-year group, receives congratulations from the Deputy High Commissioner.*



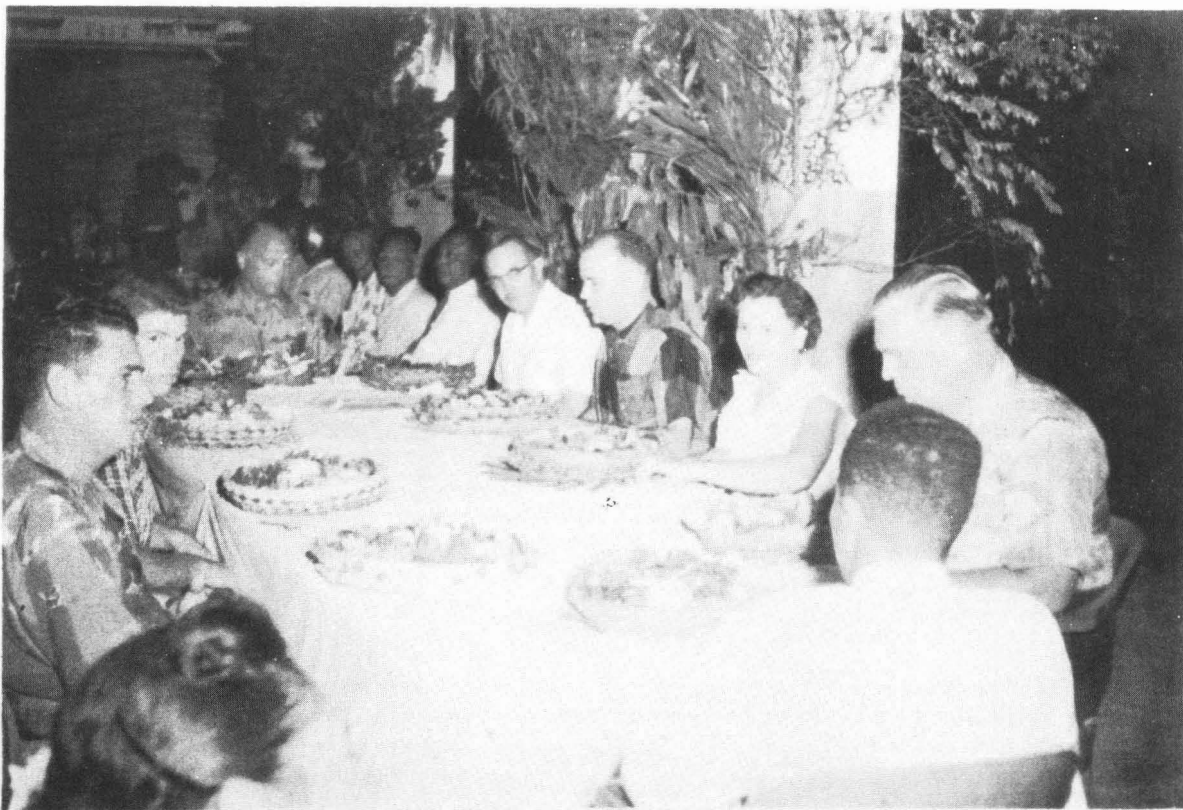
*First woman to receive award was Miss Mae Naugle, secretary, who is in 10-year group. Mr. Gilmartin congratulates her.*



*The High Commissioner and the Deputy High Commissioner exchange congratulations. Both are 10-year Federal employees.*



*A 20-year pin goes to Clarence Patrick, construction specialist. He is congratulated by the High Commissioner.*



**BEAUTIFUL HAND-WOVEN BASKETS** served as plates at the Palauan feast given at the Koror Community Center in honor of Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton. In each plate were twenty-two varieties of fish, crabs and other delicacies. The Secretary is seated at the head of the table, and at the opposite end, back to camera, is the Bedul Olbiil (President) of the Olbiil era Kelulau (Palau Congress). Other officials of Palau with members of the Secretary's party are shown at their places. The building was artistically decorated with tropical shrubbery.

#### GUESTS ENJOY PALAUAN FEAST

## palau entertains the secretary

THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA, feasting on delicious home-grown foods is a part of the tradition. The preparation of great trays of many kinds of fish and other delicacies is an art well mastered by these island inhabitants. Whenever a special occasion comes up, it calls for a "feast". And in no District is this more true than Palau.

So it was that when Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton went to Koror, the Palauan community there practically outdid itself in the banquet and entertainment it provided at the gayly decorated Palau Community Center. Officially it was given by the Tebechelel Olbiil (Palau Advisory Council), assisted by the Koror Young Women's Association, and many a group of men and women worked throughout the preceding night pre-

paring this memorable feast in honor of the Secretary of the Interior, the High Commissioner and Mrs. Nucker, and members of the accompanying party.

Local products were used entirely, not only for the foods but also for the table appointments. At each guest's place was a beautiful, generous-sized plate fashioned of pandanus, with edges raised - the better to contain the assortment of food artistically arranged within it. Wreaths of flowers encircled the sides of these hand-woven dishes of green. The Secretary's was a special creation, with real roses embellishing it in beautiful design.

In each of these basket-plates, there were fish and crabs - chicken and wild pigeon - breadfruit, yams, taro and tapioca - candies and other exotic

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*MAGISTRATE RUDIMCH receives charter for Municipality of Koror from High Commissioner D. H. Nucker at feast of the Tebechelel Olbiil during visit of Secretary Seaton on August 29, 1957. Thomas Remengesau, left, acts as translator.*

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delicacies - twenty-two different dishes altogether. Particularly exciting were the coconut candy, and the Indian-almond confection - both so good they were the subject of comment all through the evening.

The Bedul (president) of the Olbiil era Kelulau (Palau Congress), Roman Tmetuchl, gave the opening remarks in the evening's program. The dancers then were introduced by Jonathan Olsingh, and the dance program by the Ngaraek (Necklace) followed. The Ngaraek (Koror Middle-Aged Womens' Society) which presented the dances was assisted by the Young Women's Society. The first dance was led by Mrs. Emaimelei Bismark, president of the Ngaraek, and the second by Mrs. Sechedui Asao. The third and fourth were led by Dirratuchoi. On the printed program of the evening was this message from the Ngaraek: "This is our dance. It is for you to decide if it is good. May God be with you."

The award to the dancers, and introduction of guests, was made by Palau's Acting District Administrator, Francis B. Mahoney. Then came the presentation of the charter of Koror Municipality by High Commissioner Delmas H. Nucker, with Thomas Remengesau interpreting, marking another milestone of political progress in Palau District.

Following the presentation, the Secretary of the Interior spoke to the assembled gathering of Palauans and Americans, giving his impressions of the Trust Territory. He assured his listeners that as long as they continued to be religious, respect their elders, live the good family life, and maintain their interest in education and good government, so long would they continue to advance into greater security and happiness.



#### KOROR SIDELIGHTS

On the first evening of the Koror visit, the Secretary and his party were entertained at a delightful cocktail hour given by the American community at the newly built "Model Home", with a number of Palauans among the guests.

The only real fishing trip of the tour took place in Palau, and resulted in the Secretary's son Donald catching a barracuda, making him the hero of the hour, as it was the only fish caught on the trip.



*THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR alights at the Transocean terminal in Guam after his trip through the Marshalls, Ponape and Truk.*

## "Mr. Secretary" Visits Guam

IT WAS A BUSY ROUND of events which greeted Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton wherever he went in the Trust Territory, and it was no less so in Guam on his visits there between and after the two trips among the Districts.

Greeted at the airport by the island's leading officials, met by radio and press correspondents, interviewed at newspaper and radio offices, questioned at conferences and legislative sessions, entertained at dinners and receptions - there was little time to call his own when the distinguished member of President Eisenhower's Cabinet was in Guam.

Upon arrival at Guam from Truk, Secretary Seaton and members of his party were entertained at dinner by Governor and Mrs. Richard Barrett Lowe. The busy round of activities which followed

included the official reception given in his honor by the Governor and the High Commissioner; a luncheon with members of the Guam Legislature, the Judiciary and the Island Commissioners; a tour of the island; a legislative conference; a luncheon given by Navy and Air Force officers; a conference with Guam business leaders; an interview and visit at the office of the Guam Daily News; an interview over Radio KUAM; a dinner sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations, and a visit to the Trust Territory offices where Mr. Seaton met the members of the Headquarters staff.

Between the larger official functions were the smaller ones, and there seemed to be time somehow to extend the little personal courtesies as well as to attend the larger official functions. Among these "little occasions" was a memorable dinner

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*The Agana Heights Drum and Bugle Corps, in brilliant scarlet and white costumes, parades in drill formations as Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton leaves Guam, homeward bound, after his Trust Territory tour.*

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which the Secretary himself gave for the four members of the plane crew who piloted him through the Trust Territory area - Capt. "Gil" Thomas, Co-Pilot "Val" Bednekoff, Chief of Maintenance "Al" Gnudi and Navigator "Herb" Corbett.

A drill parade by the brightly uniformed Agana Heights Drum and Bugle Corps was performed in the Secretary's honor at the airport upon his arrivals and departures. Guam's chief military and civilian leaders greeted him and said farewell upon these occasions.

On Sunday morning, September 1, Mr. Seaton and his party set out for their return to the states. Officers of the Guam Department of Public Safety in double column formed a cordon guard and saluted smartly as the Secretary passed through their ranks. The official party would cross the International Date Line and gain a day before reaching Hawaii - and thus arrived in Honolulu on Sunday morning - then date of their departure.

#### STRENCH IS.....

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Three District Administrators were among those receiving 10-year awards: Maynard Neas, Marshall Islands District; D. Donald Heron, Palau District; and Robert Halvorsen, Yap District. Chief Justice Edward P. Furber, Director of Education Robert E. Gibson, and Director of Dental Services Dr. Aaron A. Jaffe, also were in this group.

Other 10-year awards were presented to Richard J. Umhoefer, Jack Tobin, David Miller, Charles E. Robinson, Norma L. Edwards and Blaine W. Leftwich, all of the Marshall Islands; Donald W. LeGoullon, Robert P. Owen, James J. Murray, Arnold E. Smith, Joe W. Cowan, Gerald G. Wade, Francis B. Mahoney, Ivan B. MacKenzie, all of Palau District; John E. Welch, Harold E. Arnold, Lolita P. Hohnsbeen, Frank Germinaro Jr., Frederick W. Furr, William E. Finale, Bert S. Pearce, all of Ponape District; Charles O. Kile, Harry Anthony, Sherman K. Aumick, James K. Y. Chang, Harold S. Morgan, all of Truk District; Albert L. Warner of Rota District; Laverne Dias, Simeon Dias, and John J. Burns, all of Yap District.



## guam gazings with gorman

WE OVERHEARD a conversation recently wherein the phrase "he's a typical Trust Territory employee" reverberated into our brain cells and reactivated them to such an extent that we decided to present our composite idea of the male and female IDEAL Trust Territory employee and/or resident. We would first of all like to mention that bringing suit will avail them nothing...our chosen ones that is. Secondly those of you inadvertently omitted may express your appreciation at some later date. Fearlessly we conjure the following... LADIES first.

Our Gal has a figure that is a cross between Betty Martin and Amy McGrail...it's what the book SAYS it should be. Her hair is similar to Joyce Cryan's...her age is (CENSORED). She laughs like Lusia Ada and there's no mistaking that one. She has that always friendly cheerful disposition a la Juanita Griffin. Her industry is exemplified by Ruth Martin. Her work attitude is mirrored in the gracious thoughtfulness of Lolita Hohnsbeen. She reflects the sincerity of Sach Takeuchi. Despite all odds she maintains the patience of Dagmar Coito. When efficiency is mentioned we automatically think of Betty O'Connell. Her generosity and selflessness would certainly indicate Dominina Fitial. The old frontier spirit would be exemplified in Kyoko Sulial. Her community spirit is rekindled by Rose Makwelung. Her ability and talent in thinking of the unusual is obviously Hera Owen. And her energy abounds constantly like that of Ruth Furber. In the face of all odds she has the serene countenance of Ida Gibson. And, despite bugs, rain, humi-

dity, deadlines, fungus, flu and sunburn - she LIKES it out here and there, and upon leaving looks forward to returning.

Our HERO is almost as tall as Goro Yamanaka with build like Jack Tobin...the rest of you guys better start with the bar bells now. His hair is short but like Bill White it's STILL there. He is around Sherman Aumick's "interesting" age... (in case men are sensitive we won't disclose what that is). He has an infectious laugh like Doc Gibson. His disposition quietly resembles Blank's. He generates the industry of Hal Forester (we don't know HOW). His attitude impresses us in the Hal Arnold manner. He is almost as serious as John deYoung. His modesty and dignity when praised is clearly Dwight Heine. His ability to learn many things and do them well best fits George Ngirasaol. His patience at any hour is personified in Joe Garrido. Unending enthusiasm for almost anything could only mean Bob Wion. Complete with the above, for energy - atomic powered - we sometimes think of Bob Bowne. The genial host title is bestowed on Hank Hedges, and quiet authority is personified in Maynard Neas. Despite mechanical breakdowns, leaking roofs, water hours when he wants to shave, eating a somewhat repetitious menu, helping the kids with the Calvert Course, becoming adept as a bartender, rescuing his garden from the onslaught of the army of snails and being called at ALL hours to fix SOMETHING, our HERO enjoys the Islands, his work, the fishing, the gang at the club and hopes he wins at Bingo next week or that the movie won't be ANOTHER western.

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### TWO CHARTERS.....

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Meeting in front of Mr. Seaton, the groups paused as the leaders called in turn to the other to stand back: to make room for their choicer presentation first. Each group would give a little, then press forward, forcing the other to retreat a bit, dramatizing the ancient battling for first recognition.

The American Community honored the visiting dignitaries and all the Trukese Magistrates at a buffet dinner in the hotel following the afternoon ceremonies. The Moen people, through Magistrate Petrus, contributed local food for the occasion. As a



result the menu included the Trukese favorites of pork, breadfruit, pineapple, crab, fish and watermelon, as well as the choicest concoctions from American recipes.

Upon his arrival in Guam from Truk Secretary Seaton said he was enjoying the trip. He commented particularly upon the "Naval display" presented in Truk by fifteen canoes paddling in formation to welcome him. He smilingly termed them the "Trukese Navy."

# FAVORITE FOODS OF MICRONESIA

**COCONUT FLOWER SYRUP** *This is used in the recipes below. Basic information is from Hera Ware Owen's book, "Recipes from the South Seas", now out of print. (A new version is being prepared.)*

The stalk of the newly formed coconut flower is cut and the sweet sap is collected. One tree will yield many quarts. It can be tapped for about a month. This is called Coconut Flower Syrup. The Palauan name for it is Amadth. The Palauan word for coconut is Lius.

**PALAUAN COCONUT CANDY** Boil Coconut Flower Syrup and add enough grated coconut to make it thick. Cook and stir this until the syrup combines with the coconut and becomes brown. Shape and wrap in a banana leaf. This is an ancient Palauan sweetmeat.

A modern version of this candy, generally used in Palau today, is to combine

white sugar and a small amount of water to make a syrup, boil, then add the grated coconut, and continue to cook and stir until the coconut and the syrup are blended and thick.

**INDIAN ALMOND CANDY** *The Indian almond which grows throughout the Trust Territory is small and as difficult to extract from its shell as it is delicious. One can imagine the work involved in shelling enough almonds to make candy for a great feast. The branches of the tree on which it grows are distinctively at right angles to the trunk. With its broad leaves, it forms a beautiful shade tree, in addition to offering a delightful-tasting nut. It is also referred to as Polynesian almond. The Palauan name is Miich.*

The candy is formed by cooking the nuts with coconut flower syrup until it becomes thick. Then roll into small balls. It is slightly sticky, like peanut brittle.

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# TRUST TERRITORY of the PACIFIC ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANA, CAROLINE AND  
MARSHALL ISLANDS

TOTAL ISLAND POPULATION 65,039  
97 INHABITED ATOLLS AND SEPARATE ISLANDS  
OCEAN AREA APPROX. 3,000,000 SQ. MILES  
LAND AREA 687 SQ. MILES  
2,141 ISLANDS

GRAPHIC SCALE  
NAUTICAL MILES  
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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR  
UNINHABITED

