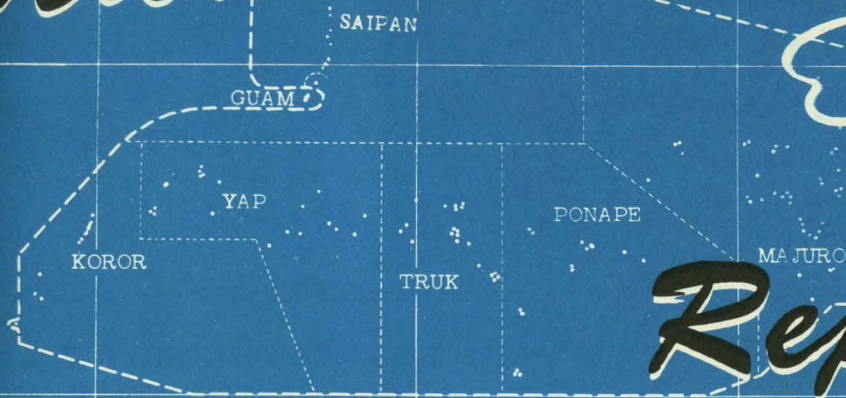


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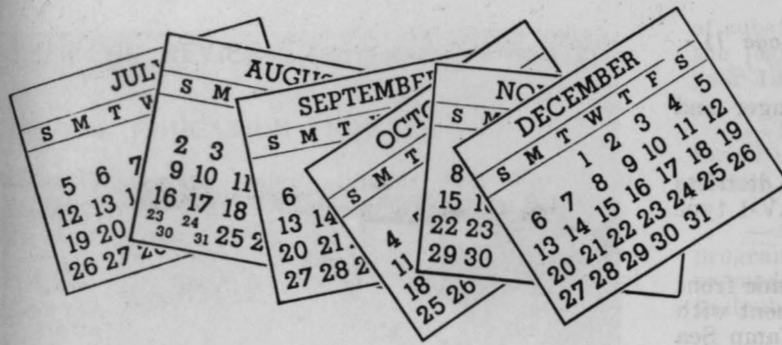
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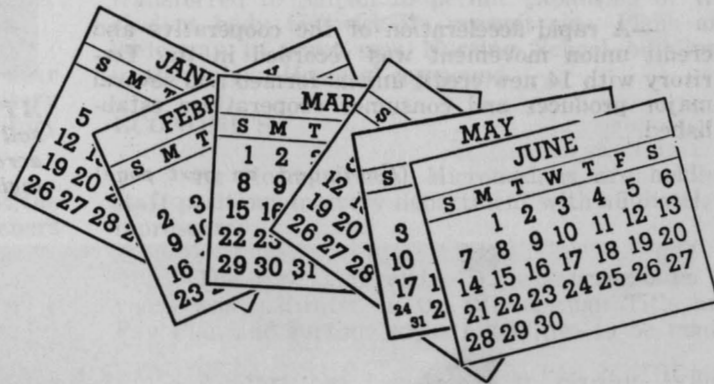
*Doctor — lawyer — scientist — world Traveler ... which will it be for the Saipan youngster dreaming away a few quiet moments beside Lake Supe? Modern schools, adequate roads, utilities improvements, economic development, political aspirations, adequate hospital facilities and other problems of the adult world are still in the future for him. As the years pile high on his shoulders these goals will need his attention so that his children will be able to spend those same quiet moments beside the lake. (Photo by HQ PIO)*

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# A TRUST TERRITORY



## PROGRESS REPORT

### YEAR-END REVIEW

With this issue the staff of the Micronesian Reporter completes its coverage of the 1963 year in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Eighteen months have passed since the Headquarters was moved from Guam to Saipan. It was a tumultuous year and a half with the island sustaining the onslaught of typhoons KAREN, OLIVE, and SUSAN. In many parts of the island years of efforts were blasted to shambles in winds that reached peaks of 120 knots.

The transfer of the Headquarters brought its growing pains in various departments and offices with many functions requiring major reorganization.

But in the 18 months many progressive steps were recorded throughout the three million square mile Territory. In closing the 1963 volume of the Micronesian Reporter the staff has prepared this review of activities reaching back to the six months before the Headquarters moved from Guam to Saipan.

### DURING THE TWO YEAR PERIOD:

—Trust Territory appropriations were more than doubled and the United States Congress enacted new ceiling legislation to make the increase and additional increases possible.

—Headquarters was moved to Saipan, the first time that the seat of Government has ever been located within the Trust Territory.

—The Trust Territory Islands, with the exception of Kwajalein, Bikini, and Eniwetok, were opened to U.S. citizens, U.S. investment, and U.S. flag vessels.

—All of the Trust Territory Islands were brought under civilian administration of the Department of the Interior.

—The first strides toward providing adequate air service was made with the acquisition of a DC-4 plane and a program of airfield construction was launched that will eventually enable replacement of amphibious aircraft with land-based planes which

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## YEAR-END REVIEW - (Continued from page 1)

will carry five times the present passenger and cargo load.

—Frequency of shipping service to the districts has been doubled by acquisition of CIMNAV-1 type (3,500 gross ton) cargo vessel.

—The first breakthrough on the economic front was made in commercial fisheries development with the signing of a contract with the Van Camp Sea Food Corporation to open a fisheries plant in Palau.

—A rapid acceleration of the cooperative and credit union movement was recorded in the Territory with 14 new credit unions formed and several major producer and consumer cooperatives established.

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*AT AIRAI . . . Heavy equipment churns the red soil of Babelthuap as a 4,000 foot airstrip is carved across the island to meet growing transportation and logistics requirements in the Palau District.*



*TRUST TERRITORY SCHOLARSHIP HALL, MANGILAO, GUAM . . . Hundreds of cars daily pass the entrance to the former construction camp in Mangilao where 39 scholarship students now live while attending the College of Guam.*



## YEAR-END REVIEW - (Continued from page 2)

### ON THE EDUCATION FRONT:

—Senior public high schools were started in five districts, and a sixth opened in late fall.

—A Teacher Training Institute in Ponape was opened to upgrade present elementary school teachers.

—A new policy to provide free transportation to Guam for Trust Territory college students under the sponsorship program was put into effect.

—A 65 student dormitory was opened near the College of Guam Campus for Trust Territory scholarship students and other Trust Territory students.

—A central government subsidy to augment the locally paid salaries of elementary school teachers was instituted.

—District scholarships were increased by 60% for fiscal year 1964.

—The school entrance age was lowered from eight to seven years with plans to reduce the entrance age to six years possibly in 1964.

—With the successful passage of the 1963 Supplemental Appropriation Bill the Trust Territory administration launched a program to provide every Micronesian child with an elementary education which will eventually be comparable to that in the United States. A crash program of school construction, teacher housing, and recruitment of American teachers is underway.

### IN PUBLIC HEALTH:

—Three new hospital plants have been opened in the past two years; and plans for the replacement

of substandard plants in three other districts are in the planning stage. One is to be started in fiscal year 1964 and the others in fiscal 1965.

—The expansion program in public health calls for the stationing of an M.D. as senior medical officer and consultant in each district hospital.

—A major increase in the medical scholarship program was made with six new scholarships in premedical work granted and plans are being made to double this number in fiscal year 1965.

—The Trust Territory School of Nursing was transferred to Saipan to permit expansion of the student body to twice its present size. Plans are underway to erect new Nursing School buildings in the Saipan Hospital compound.

### ECONOMICS:

—At Headquarters, Micronesians are holding staff positions in every department with all districts represented.

—The first appreciable wage increase in 10 years was instituted in the Micronesian Title and Pay Plan and further adjustments are to be made.

—A start has been made to provide skilled training for Micronesians in tuna fishing, electronics and other skills.

—Trust Territory islands for the first time have been included in areas eligible for federal assistance in case of disaster.

—Income from handicraft doubled during the past year as a result of the opening of the Micronesian Products Center in Guam.

### IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS:

—Headquarters Political Affairs Office established.

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## YEAR-END REVIEW — (Continued from page 3)

—Micronesians given stronger voice in legislative matters through Council of Micronesia. The Council was formed from what was formerly known as the Advisory Committee to the High Commissioner. The Council elects its own chairman, conducts its own meetings and has tripled the volume of its recommendations.

—A drafting committee of the Council has drawn up recommendations covering rules and regulations for the formation of a future Territory legislature.

High Commissioner M. Wilfred Goding, in a year-end radio broadcast aired in three districts, said he was proud of the achievements made in the Territory through the teamwork of Micronesians and Americans. He asked that everyone continue "your fine work for the bigger task that lies ahead."



*THIS NEW HOSPITAL in the Marshalls is one of three completed in the past two years. Plans for the replacement of other hospitals in the three remaining districts is underway.*



*TRAINING OF MICRONESIANS now includes on-the-job activities aboard Honolulu-based tuna boats to fill the needs in the districts of the Trust Territory. A long-range tuna fishing development in Koror, Palau requires the immediate services of many skilled Micronesian fishermen.*



## **FOURTH SESSION**

# **COUNCIL OF MICRONESIA**

**NOVEMBER 12, 1963**

**SAIPAN, M. I.**

The Council of Micronesia convened its fourth session on November 12, 1963, at the Territory's provisional capital in Saipan.

After Chairman Dwight Heine of the Marshalls had called the 12-member advisory council into order, High Commissioner M. Wilfred Goding officially welcomed the delegates and declared the fourth session open. The High Commissioner then introduced Assistant Secretary John A. Carver as special speaker at the opening session.

Although Mr. Carver had met with many of the delegates during his previous visits to the Trust Territory, this was the first opportunity for the Assistant Secretary to address the entire body of the Council in session.

In addressing the delegates the Assistant Secretary said, "The decision to give legislative powers to a territory-wide legislature is with the United States; the decision to use these powers wisely is with you. That is why we have not hurried the process; that is why we think the time is now close."

The Assistant Secretary concluded his brief remarks by extending his own best wishes and "the best wishes of the President and the Secretary of the Interior" to the Council for a successful session, which he noted "will be one of the most important in the Council's history."

In his opening address, High Commissioner Goding briefly outlined for the delegates the progress in the accelerated elementary education program and proposed to the Council "to devote primary attention to the important area of political development." He also expressed hope that during the 10-day deliberations the Council, in collaboration with Headquarters staff, "can determine not only the organizational structure of the proposed legislative body but also work out the steps needed to implement the transition of this Council into such a body."

The High Commissioner also called the fourth session a significant one and "may well go down in local history as the most important session of the Council of Micronesia."

"You have," Mr. Goding continued, "a task of magnitude and of great responsibility. I have confidence that the delegates gathered here today will meet this challenge and that this session will produce a draft of transitional measures which we can present to the Secretary of the Interior for consideration and appropriate adoption."

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# SPECIAL COOPERATIVE CONSULTANT, HARRY H. JACKMAN... Completes Trust Assignment

Mr. Harry H. Jackman of Melbourne, Australia, who has been in the Trust Territory as a Special Consultant to the High Commissioner on Cooperatives and Credit Unions, left Saipan December 12, after completing a six-month special assignment in the Territory. Mr. Jackman is returning to his position as Assistant Director of Trade and Industry Department, Trust Territory of Papua and New Guinea, administered by the Australian Government under a UN trusteeship agreement.

High Commissioner M. W. Goding praised the work of Mr. Jackman in pointing out that he had given unsparingly of his time and unusual talents throughout the Trust Territory in studying and making recommendations concerning cooperative societies and credit unions. In a letter to Sir Donald Cleland, Administrator of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, High Commissioner Goding said, "Mr. Jackman has cheerfully and willingly traveled throughout all districts, holding meetings and conferences with the Micronesian people and members of my staff. He has given generously of his time and wide experience during evening sessions and on weekends in order to achieve maximum coverage of all areas. He has won the respect and confidence of all those with whom he has worked."

In closing the High Commissioner remarked: "Upon his departure we find ourselves richer for the association and closer to our fellow Australian Trust Territory to the south."

Mr. Jackman has been living in Papua and New Guinea for the past 20 years—first, with the Australian Army during World War II. In 1946 he became a civil servant with the administration of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. Since 1948 he has been engaged in the economic development program for Papua and New Guinea and other South Pacific islands, particularly in the field of cooperative societies. He has served as a delegate to the South Pacific Commission's Conference on Cooperatives and has also served as Secretary to the Economic Committee of the Fourth South Pacific Conference in 1959.

## Headquarters Broadcast Center Begins Operation

Acting Deputy High Commissioner John M. Spivey announced the opening of the Headquarters Broadcast Center October 10 thus establishing a central depository and reproduction unit for radio broadcast tapes.

Master tapes of many different programs from Voice of America facilities are reproduced in the Center and forwarded to District radio stations for normal programming use. The Center also serves as a recording studio for Headquarters News tapes and other special interest programs.

District stations have been encouraged to send master tapes of programs they feel would be of interest in other areas of the Territory to the Center where they will be reproduced for distribution.

Mr. Augustin Taitano of Saipan serves as clerk-typist in the Center as well as handling reproduction services. The Center is administered by the Headquarters Public Information Office.

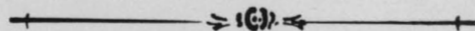
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During the course of its 10-day deliberations, the 12-member advisory body considered and discussed in length the various alternative proposals with respect to the proposed establishment of a territorial legislature. Additionally, the Council adopted a total of nine Resolutions and 13 Recommendations in the areas of economic, social and educational development to be considered by the High Commissioner.

Delegates to the Fourth Session of the Council of Micronesia included: Chairman Dwight Heine, Marshalls; Vice Chairman David Ramarui, Palau; Roman Tmetuchl, Palau; Belarmino Hethy, Yap; Tosiwo Nakayama, Truk; Joab Sigrah, Ponape; Heinrich Iriarte, Ponape; Amata Kabua, Marshalls; Vicente Santos, Marianas; Andon Amaraich, Truk; Melchor Mendiola, Marianas; and Francis Nuuan, Yap.





**HIGH COMMISSIONER**

**DECLARED**

**M. WILFRED GODING**

**'HONORARY CITIZEN OF YAP'**

**ACCORDED HONOR**

**BY DISTRICT LEGISLATURE**

High Commissioner M. Wilfred Goding was declared an "Honorary Citizen of Yap" October 24 by the Yap District Legislature. The honor was inscribed on a replica of the famed Yap Islands stone money which was received in the Headquarters on October 26.

The event marks the third time that the High Commissioner has been honored by the people of

the Trust Territory. The first was in October 1962 in Saipan. He was honored by the Marshall Islands District Congress in December 1962 with the adoption of a resolution commending him for his "exemplary leadership" in the administration of the Trust Territory. At that time he was presented a miniature outrigger canoe and a Marshallese navigation chart.

## **Ponape District Records Largest Annual Rainfall**

The following rainfall chart was extracted from a government publication and reportedly arrived at through observations and statistics compiled over many years during the Japanese occupation period in Micronesia. It was recently published in a copy of the PONAPE-PER.

Cross-checks with available headquarters reference texts prove the general figures presented here.

### **Mean Precipitation (Inches)**

DISTRICT	TRUK	SAIPAN	PALAU
Annual	127.4	82.2	155.9
January	5.7	2.7	15.3
February	8.1	3.5	9.4
March	7.3	3.8	6.8
April	11.4	2.8	7.6
May	12.1	3.7	15.5
June	11.4	5.1	12.4
July	13.5	10.0	19.9
August	12.3	13.1	14.0
September	12.7	13.3	15.7
October	9.9	11.4	14.8
November	11.2	7.4	11.8
December	11.9	5.4	12.7

YAP	PONAPE	MARSHALLS (Jal.)
119.0	185.5	158.6
6.5	13.2	10.2
5.9	10.0	8.5
5.0	10.6	14.2
5.1	18.7	15.8
10.0	20.2	16.6
9.9	16.9	15.3
16.9	16.6	15.4
16.4	13.4	12.0
12.5	14.8	13.1
11.8	16.5	12.2
10.0	14.7	11.9
9.1	19.9	13.6

Broad generalizations of rainfall in various parts of a single district is not recommended even when based upon a chart of this type. In the Marshall Islands District, of which Jaluit is included, the mean average annual rainfall is 158.6 inches. At Eniwetok, which is 500 miles northwest of Jaluit and also in the Marshalls District, the mean average rainfall is 53.0. A difference of 105 inches of rainfall each year is represented in the 500 mile distance between Jaluit and Eniwetok. Both are low islands.

# KAYANGEL, PALAU DISTRICT

## *Opens Kennedy Elementary School*

### FIRST AESCP SCHOOL TO OPEN IN PALAU

by Luke M. Tman

The people of Kayangel, a tiny island off the coast of the northern tip of Babelthuap, Palau Islands, have perpetuated the name of John F. Kennedy by naming their new elementary school after the late president who was assassinated on November 22 at Dallas, Texas.

The John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Kayangel is the first elementary school to be completed in the Trust Territory under the recently launched Accelerated Elementary School Construction Program (AESCP), which President Kennedy had strongly supported.

When President Kennedy signed a bill passed by the U.S. Congress authorizing a substantial increase in the appropriation ceiling for the Trust Territory, he said: "...education is the key for further progress—political, economic and social..." and further added that it was the intention of the U.S. Government to bring about striking changes and developments in Micronesia, especially in the field of education in order to upgrade the educational system in the Territory to a level comparable to that of the United States.

It was, therefore, a very fitting gesture of appreciation by the people of Kayangel to name their new school in honor and memory of a man whose

unfailing interest and support for the Trust Territory have now brought a new and a modern school for Kayangel children but also a number of significant changes and developments in Micronesia during the past three years.

The opening and dedication ceremonies of the new school were held November 30, 1963, at the new school building in Kayangel. The dedication ceremonies were attended by District Administrator Manuel Godinez, Assistant District Administrator William V. Vitarelli, and several members of the District Administration staff. All the villagers and 57 students gathered at the new school building to witness the ceremonies.

Following the ceremonies, District Administrator Godinez through an interpreter, explained to the people of Kayangel the tragic death of President Kennedy. Everyone was silent, under a cloud of sorrow, but listened attentively as District Administrator Godinez explained to the Chief and the villagers how President Kennedy came to meet his tragic death.

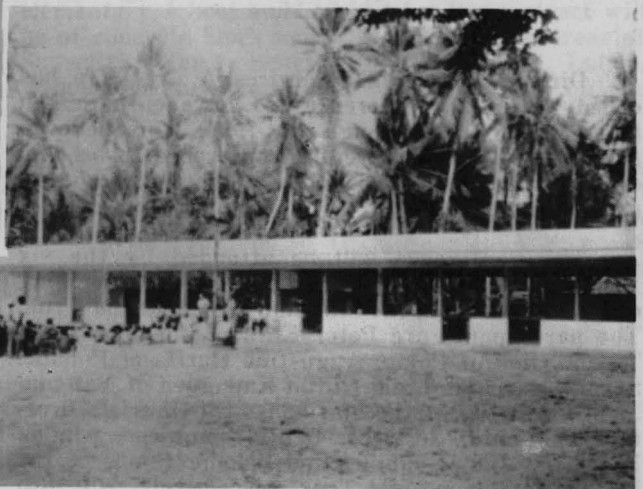
And on November 30, the 57 students of Kayangel proudly began their studies at their new school—the first elementary school to be completed under funds appropriated for the Accelerated Elementary School Construction Program.





**AT THE DEDICATION . . . Teachers and officials include: (left to right) Chief Redechor, Magistrate Mongami, Kubari, Hiroshi K., Harumi, Ebil, Masami S., District Administrator Godinez, and David Ramarui.**

**DEDICATED**  
Territory-wide Dental Conference  
**TO BE HELD IN SAIPAN**



participants in the three-day conference being  
Director of Medical Services, Daniel F. Schumaker  
and Dr. Arnold K. Bickel as well as several members  
of the headquarters staff will be in attendance.

Like the Medical Conference held last January,  
the Dental Conference will place special emphasis  
on dental health and to improve dental  
services throughout the Territory. To this end, it  
is expected that the conference will bring to a number  
of representatives from the Territory's  
dental services and agencies for review by the high  
commanding officers of the military and naval forces.



**KAYANGEL, PALAU**

## **Territory-wide Dental Conference To Be Held in Saipan In Early January**

Director of Dental Services A. A. Jaffe has called a Dental Conference to convene in Saipan from January 11 through 13, 1964. It is believed that this is the first Dental Conference to be held on a territory-wide basis, with all districts to be represented.

The Conference will be attended by the six District Directors of Dental Services, including dental nurses from the Marshalls, Ponape and Truk. The participants are Peter Enta of the Marshalls, Teocho Oiph of Palau, Augustine Harris of Ponape, Sasauo Haruo of Truk, Untun Kadagued of Yap and Juan Ch. Reyes of the Marianas—all District Directors of Dental Services. Dental nurses Kimlok Lamurlik, Judy Shoniber and Salome James of the Marshalls, Ponape and Truk, respectively, will also participate in the three-day conference. Acting Director of Medical Services Daniel J. Schneider and Dr. Arobati Hicking, as well as several members of the Headquarters staff, will be in attendance.

Like the Medical Conference held last January, the Dental Conference will place special emphasis on discussions of common territory-wide dental problems with a view to finding solutions in order to alleviate these problems and to improve dental services throughout the Territory. To this end, it is expected that the conferees will draw up a number of recommendations concerning the Territory's dental services and programs for review by the High Commissioner.

## **REESTABLISHMENT OF SAIPAN SUGAR INDUSTRY EXPLORED BY JAPANESE SURVEY PARTY**

A Japanese Sugar Survey Party recently conducted a two-week investigation in the Marianas for the possibility of re-establishing a sugar industry on Saipan and Tinian Islands under joint US Micronesian and Japanese interests.

The survey was sponsored by Nanyo Boeki Kaisha, Ltd., of Japan, which had extensive business operations in the Trust Territory during the Japanese occupation. Nanyo Boeki Kaisha, (NBK) is well known throughout the Territory today since many Territory importers do business with the firm.

The survey party consisted of Mr. Saburo Shimamura, Chief Agriculturist of the Shibaura Sugar Company, Ltd., who lived for 11 years on Saipan before the war; Mr. Masuo Watanabe, Chief Chemist, who was stationed on Tinian before the war; Mr. Teruo Kosuga, Chief of the Export Division of Nanyo Boeki Kaisha, Tokyo; and Mr. Toshio Matsumoto, Chief of the Export Section, Osaka Branch of Nanyo Boeki Kaisha.

According to the group the results of the survey will not be available for some time since a great deal of analysis still needs to be done to determine whether sugar cane can be grown and processed economically under present day conditions in the Marianas District.

## **SAIPAN NURSE SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDS SEMINAR IN FIJI**

In an effort to improve nursing education programs and nursing services in the South Pacific Islands, including the Pacific Trust Territory, a Nurse Education Seminar was held in Suva, Fiji, from December 9 through 20, 1963.

The Seminar, under the joint auspices of the South Pacific Commission and the United Nations World Health Organization, was attended by 18 senior nurse participants from American Samoa, U.S. Pacific Trust Territory, British Solomon Islands Protectorate, Fiji, French Polynesia, British New Hebrides, Tonga, Territory of Papua and New Guinea, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, and the independent state of Western Samoa. A number of

official observers from the various territories also attended the 11-day seminar.

Mrs. Namiko Camacho of Saipan, Superintendent of Nurses at the Torres Memorial Hospital, was the official Trust Territory representative at the Seminar, with Director of Trust Territory School of Nursing Ruth Martin serving as official observer.

The Seminar discussed and exchanged ideas, experiences and information on present practices of nursing services and nurse education programs in the various territories with a view to indentifying certain problems and to explore the possibilities of establishing common objectives and standards for basic medical and public health programs.



# METALANIM COOPERATIVE AWARDED

## \$75,000 CONTRACT

A \$75,000 contract was awarded the Metalanim Housing Cooperative for the construction of 10 elementary school buildings on Ponape. Headquarters officials said this is the largest contract awarded thus far to a Micronesian firm.

The contract, signed October 18 by Mr. Robert Halvorsen, District Administrator of Ponape and Mr. Benjamin Etse, Vice President of the Metalanim Housing Cooperative, includes labor and other services by the contractor with the Trust Territory Government providing certain construction materials.

The contract is part of the Accelerated Elementary School Construction Program now under-

way in all parts of the Trust Territory. The 10 new elementary school buildings under the contract will be of concrete block and will be located in areas of Sapwalap, Wenik, Sekere, Pehleng, Palikir, Lukop, Wopar, Sokehs, Wone, and Kinapapw - all on the main island of Ponape.

Other new elementary school buildings are under construction in Ponape District where a total of 39 new classrooms are scheduled for completion on or before the end of fiscal year 1964. Some 48 additional elementary classrooms will be built in 1964-65.

## Researcher Completes

## Meningitis Study in Saipan

Dr. Joseph E. Alicata, Head of the Parasitology Department, College of Tropical Agriculture, University of Hawaii, spent a week in Saipan during December conducting research on angiostrongylus cantonensis and its relationship to meningitis.

Angiostrongylus cantonensis is a parasite of nematode worm which lives in rodent's pulmonary arteries and is believed to be the causative agent of human eosinophilic meningitis.

The parasite was first described by Chen who discovered it in the lung of a Canton rat in 1935. The first published cases of the eosinophilic meningitis were reported from Ponape by Bailey in 1948 on an epidemic scale. After the initial flareup, however, the disease died down and has never been reported to have recurred. The disease also has been reported from Saipan and other islands in the South Pacific region. Eosinophilic meningitis is characterized by severe headache, stiffness of the neck, sometimes vomiting and the presence of eosinophiles in the spinal fluid. Slugs and snails are known to be the intermediary hosts of the angiostrongylus cantonensis worm.

According to Dr. Alicata, it is most likely that angiostrongylus cantonensis worms are transmitted to man through an accidental ingestion of tiny slugs usually hidden in the folds of lettuce and other vegetable produce eaten raw. The parasite then goes through a period of incubation in the brain and eventually causes eosinophilic meningitis.

Dr. Alicata has been conducting similar studies in Tahiti, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Loyalty Islands and other South Pacific Islands. According to Dr. Alicata approximately 20% of the rodent population in Saipan is infested with the worm. He also pointed out that about 10% of Saipan's fresh water shrimp or prawns, are affected by the worm. In Ponape, where he conducted another investigation, Dr. Alicata reported similar findings.

It was Dr. Alicata who originally suggested in 1961 that the rat lung worm was possibly the cause of the disease. He has been pursuing this theory since that time at the University of Hawaii, and has successfully demonstrated that the larval form is the causative agent of the disease in laboratory monkeys.

Dr. Alicata has been associated with the Parasitology Department of the University of Hawaii for 28 years.

Based on preliminary findings, that the larvae of angiostrongylus cantonensis is found in slugs and snails, it is advisable that explicit care be provided in cleansing and preparing vegetables for raw consumption so as to prevent accidental ingestion of these intermediate agents.

Dr. L. Rosen, Head of the Pacific Research Section, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, also conducted research on eosinophilic meningitis problems on Saipan and Ponape last May.

## **BEGIN MARSHALLESE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

# **Kwajalein Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Sponsors Micronesian Handicraft Shop**

"Yokwe Yuk" is the familiar Marshallese salutation which says, in effect, all of these things: "Hello — how are you — greetings — best wishes." It also says "Good morning — good evening — good day."

Thus the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club of Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, carries many messages of good-will within its friendly title. Recently a new meaning was added to distinguish the club and perpetuate its name: that of sponsor of a Marshallese scholarship fund.

More than a year ago Mrs. Josephine A. White, whose husband, William C. White, was the District Administrator's Representative at Kwajalein, and who herself has long been identified with the Marshall Islands District Administration, took the initiative in starting an enterprise known as the Micronesian Handicraft Shop.

Space for the shop was provided at no cost by the Pacific Missile Range Facility, through the co-operation and assistance of Capt. Paul A. Holmberg, former Commanding Officer. The shop is located in a strategic spot in the air terminal at Kwajalein, where it is readily accessible to all persons passing through the area. Mrs. White, the shop's originator, manager and mentor, has given freely and unstintingly of her time without salary or commission to put the shop "on its feet."

The Micronesian Handicraft Shop at Kwajalein has met with remarkable success from the start. Thus it came about that in September 1963, Trust Territory High Commissioner M. W. Goding received from Mrs. White a check for \$1,500 representing profits from the store's operation. Earlier - in June 1963—an initial contribution of \$64.40 was received. Both sums were specified for "one or more needy Marshallese students."

In Guam a special scholarship fund has been established and a bank account opened in the name of "Marshallese Scholarship-Loan Fund" to carry out the intent of the gift - aid to one or more Marshallese students in obtaining an education.

Learning of Mrs. White's planned departure with her husband to another district of the Trust Territory on October 15, 1963, the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club at a general membership meeting adopted an amendment to the By-Laws, by which the club assumed sponsorship and operation of the Micronesian Handicraft Shop at Kwajalein. This sponsorship was approved by the Commanding Officer, Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kwajalein, in accordance with Navy Regulations concerning private enterprises or merchandising operations at a military facility.

On October 18, 1963, the transfer became effective as Mrs. White turned over to the club the shop's assets. All correspondence and dealings concerning the shop are being made through the President, address: Yokwe Yuk Women's Club, Navy 824, FPO San Francisco, California (the official address through which the club receives its mail). Mrs. White will continue to give technical assistance to the club until her departure early in January 1964 for Yap where Mr. White will become the Assistant District Administrator.

At the time of transfer of the shop's operation, the Women's Club stated its reasons for sponsoring the Micronesian Handicraft Shop: (1) as a service to residents of Kwajalein for obtaining handicraft items made in the Trust Territory, and (2) to provide additional funds to the High Commissioner for Micronesian education. Thus the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club of Kwajalein will continue to bear out in actuality what the Club's name says in essence - "Best wishes" - with a particular greeting to needy and deserving Marshallese students.







**SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATES INCLUDE:** (left to right) Alex Keju, Anna Washington, Juanita Kloulubak, Naomi Sumang, Hemiko Bingham, Rose Mary Capelle, and Sumie Estok.

## Trust Territory Celebrates First School of Nursing Graduation

The Saipan Municipal Legislature Hall in Chalan Kanoa was packed to capacity on the night of November 12, 1963, with guests and other well-wishers to witness the first Trust Territory School of Nursing graduation exercises held in Saipan, Marianas District.

Serving as Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Francisco C. Ada of Saipan, first introduced Nurse Education Supervisor Ruth Martin, who welcomed the guests and praised the accomplishments of her graduating nurses. Mrs. Martin also expressed appreciation for the support which the Nursing staff and the students received from the people of Saipan, the District Administration, and Headquarters staff.

The principal address was given by High Commissioner M. W. Goding, who commended the graduating class for its achievement as another significant step forward in the administration's

effort to advance medical and public health programs in the Territory. Mr. Goding also remarked that with the move of the Nursing school from Palau to Saipan last July, the Administration envisions an expansion of Nursing School facilities which will then enable a much larger enrollment to meet the Territory's urgent need for more trained nurses.

Dwight Heine of the Marshalls, Chairman of the Council of Micronesia which was holding meetings in Saipan at the time, also addressed the graduates. Mayor Vicente D. Sablan of Saipan Municipality gave the closing remarks in which he expressed pride and appreciation for the Nursing School to be located in Saipan, and went on to congratulate the graduates for the "great accomplishment" they have made at the conclusion of their two-year studies.

District Administrator Roy T. Gallemore, assisted by Nurse Education Supervisor Ruth Martin, presented the diplomas to the graduating class. Miss Apolonia Rengechel of Palau, one of the instructors of the Nursing School, administered the Nightingale Oath to the graduating nurses.

Invocation and benediction were given by Father Arnold and Reverend Green, respectively.

Refreshments were served by the Junior nurse students following the graduation ceremonies.

The graduates are: Naomi Sumang and Juanita Kloulubak of Palau; Rose Mary Capelle, Hemiko Bingham and Alex Keju (the only male student) of the Marshalls; Sumie Esetok of Truk and Anna Washington of Chichi Jima.

Alex Keju, the only male nurse student among six girls, was given the honor of delivering a farewell message on behalf of the graduating class.



# STUDENT ORGANIZATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

by David M. Aderkroi

The first meeting of the Guam Trust Territory Students Organization (TTSO) for this school year was held October 6 at the Barrigada Jr. High School cafeteria. Some two hundred old and new members of the organization were present. The main purpose of the meeting was the election of new officials of the club.

Hold-over Vice President Tatasy Wainit of Truk, who was the only hold-over officer present, presided. He introduced the Trust Territory Students Supervisor, Mrs. Cynthia R. Olson, and the other officers, Assistant Student Counselor Alfonso Oiterong and Mr. Ellis Taleu, the Housemaster.

The next order of business was discussion of the first proposed amendment concerning the qualifications of officers, which was introduced by Mr. Gideon Doone of Truk with the support of several other members. After several revisions were made, the first proposed amendment was then passed and ratified by the General Assembly of the Organization and became effective that day.

The final item on the agenda was the election of new officers. With the assistance and direction of Mr. Oiterong and Mr. Taleu, the election was conducted by secret ballot. Because of the great number of ballots cast, the new officers could not be announced until the following General Assembly meeting, which was held November 6th.

Again, the hold-over Vice President Mr. Wainit, who was elected president, presided and reported the results of the previous election. Officers of the Organization are: Vice President, Gideon Doone of Truk; secretary, Michaela Suzuki of Palau; treasurer, Iskia Sony of Truk; and reporter, David M. Aderkroi of Palau.

The new president then announced the appointment of the following students as members of the Executive Committee: Bonifacio Basilius, Henry Edwin, Yoich Rengiil, Rena Rang, James Mangefel, Nicolas Songsong, Hiroshi Santos, Moses William, Vicente Roberto, Mitsuo Solang, John Sugiyama, and Peter L. Sugiyama.

## Plant Disease Specialist To Wage New Efforts Against Agriculture Pests

To effectively control the Cacao disease that has developed in Ponape and Truk and other plant diseases in the Trust Territory, High Commissioner M. Wilfred Goding has established a position of Plant Disease Specialist who is to be responsible for organizing control measures to combat pests and parasites.

Mr. Dolliver Zaiger, former Ponape District Agriculturist, has been reassigned to the newly established position on the Headquarters staff. His duty station will remain in Ponape District where his first assignment will be to identify the cacao disease and to initiate control measures to eliminate the pest. Later he will be assigned to investigate and develop control programs for other diseases that are found in coconut, breadfruit, taro, banana and other subsistence and economic crops in the Territory.

The overall program of plant disease control will be directed by the Director of Agriculture with Dolliver Zaiger supervising the program at the District level. The High Commissioner has also approved a ceiling of three Micronesian personnel to work under Mr. Zaiger in establishing and coordinating the program.

The High Commissioner has approved a budget of \$2,400 for the remainder of the fiscal year for the establishment of a laboratory.

Mr. Zaiger first joined the Trust Territory administration in 1960 as a Pacific Islands Central School teacher of agriculture and botany. He later became the Ponape District Agriculturist. Mr. Zaiger was actively engaged during the past two years in the small scale coconut-oil soap manufacturing program in Ponape. He conducted classes in soap manufacturing in the Palau District in 1961.

## CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOMED

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# Trust Territory Farm Institute

## Graduates Sixteen Micronesians

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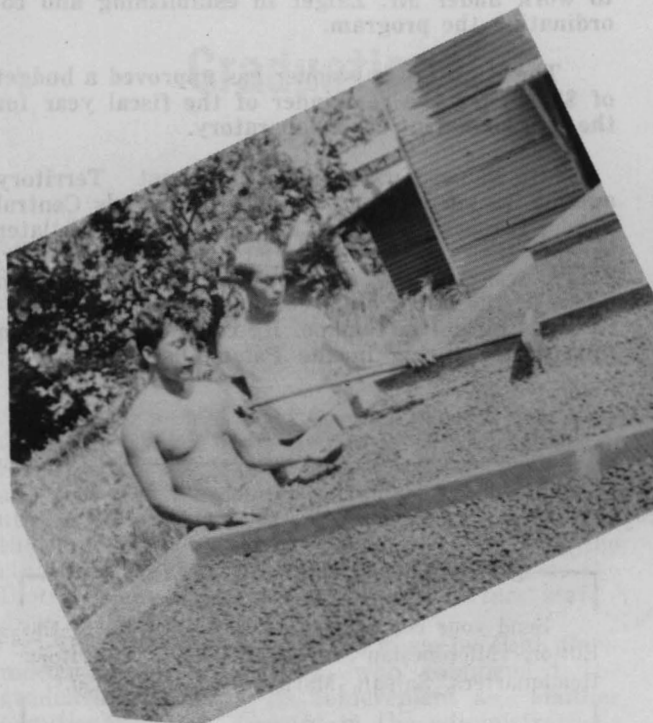
The Trust Territory Farm Institute ended its first course in late August 1963 with 16 Micronesians from all parts of the Territory accepting their diplomas. The Institute is located on the former Metalanim Demonstration Center grounds on the island of Ponape. The Institute was created to fill the need for better trained Micronesian farmers and agricultural technicians.

Members of the 1963 graduating class include: Liki Lapi, Marshalls; Iwao Kintoky, Truk; Alwis Nukuto, Truk; George Ngirilemau, Palau; Tatasy Sigras, Kusaie; Sisero Tipen, Ponape; Frank Kaipat, Saipan; Luis Nakamura, Ponape; Tilur Luis, Yap; Ikoyosi Herrison, Ponape; Dakios Libahi, Ponape; Alik Kephas, Ponape; Welsin George, Ponape; Simon Ham, Ponape; Abdon Martam, Yap; and Antonio Techur, Palau.

The comprehensive course in general tropical agriculture includes training in subjects from animal husbandry to zoology. Trainees spend approximately one-fourth of their time in classroom studies where they learn theories and principles of agriculture. The remainder of their day is spent in actual field application of what they have learned.

Special training is given to those whose district requirements in agriculture differ from the general course offered at the Institute.

The second course for future Micronesian agriculturists will open at the Institute in March 1964.







*The 1963 Trust Territory Farm Institute graduating class includes: (seated left to right) Liki Lapi, Marshalls; Iwao Kintoky, Truk; Alwis Nukuto, Truk; George Ngirilemau, Palau; Tatasy Sigras, Kusaie; and Sisero Tipen, Ponape. In the back row (left to right) Frank Kaipat, Saipan; Luis Nakamura, Ponape; Tilur Luis, Yap; Ikoyosi Herrison, Ponape; Dakios Libahi, Ponape; Alik Kaphas, Ponape; Welsin George, Ponape; Simon Ham, Ponape; and Abdon Martam, Yap. Antonio Techur of Palau was also a graduate but was not available for the photograph.*







# THE GIFT OF EVERLASTING LIFE

A Micronesian Legend  
as told by Mr. Adelbert Obak  
Koror, Palau

In the hills above Ngardmau village, along the trail across the big island of Babelthuap, may be found the vine covered stone platform marking the former village of Ngereklianged. Not far away is a small stream-fed pool. The trail fords the pool at its base by means of a number of large stepping stones. On one of the stones, under an inch or two of cool water, is a distinct, small footprint. How the footprint came to be there is the substance of the following Palauan legend.

In the village of Ngereklianged lived two brothers who were capable trap fishermen. Having emptied their fish traps one day, the two men were resting on the beach. Before starting back to Ngereklianged the brothers decided to make a meal of two of the fish. While the older collected wood for a fire, the younger picked out two fish for their meal. However, the older brother looked at the fish and said: "No those two are exceptionally good, fat fish. We must take them back to father." So the younger man picked out two more fish. These two were also good fish and the older brother made him put them back with the catch to carry home. Finally it appeared that all the fish were excellent so the two returned home still hungry and presented the entire catch to their father.

The father, having asked his sons if they had eaten, heard about the attempted meal on the beach and realized with pride the great loyalty of his two sons.

At the same time, however, he realized that he was a poor man and had no way by which to reward his sons for their faithfulness to him. Day after day the old man thought about some means through which he could show his appreciation to his sons. Finally he went to Ngeredekus, a village

near Ngardmau which was famous for the magic possessed by its elders. Here he told the magicians about the extraordinary loyalty of his two sons. Moved by the story about the fish, the elders listened in sympathy and suggested that the sons should receive the precious gift of everlasting life.

So saying, they performed certain magic acts over a few red-leafed ti plant cuttings and told the old man to take the plants to the pool at Ngerechoki. At night, following the instructions of the magicians, the old man stuck the cuttings in the ground at the edge of the pool. The next day, so he thought, he would invite his sons to bathe in the pool and, according to the magicians, they would then achieve everlasting life.

In the heat of the following morning, an old woman and her granddaughter were trudging along the trail leading to Ngardmau. It was a very hot and when they finally reached the cool forest of Ngerechoki, the woman stopped to bathe in the cold water of the pool. When she emerged from the pool, however, the child stared at her in shock, she turned and raced away across the stepping stones at the base of the pool. The little girl, leaping along the stones, left a distinct footprint on one of them which may still be seen today.

The woman, wondering at the child's fright, looked down at her body and discovered it to be full and youthful rather than old and wrinkled. Mindful of the fright of her grandchild, rather than her recaptured youth, the woman reentered the pool and emerged once more with her familiar, old body. Comforted and quieted, the child rejoined her grandmonther and the two proceeded down the trail.

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## First Micronesian Lawyer Joins Headquarters Staff

Kaleb Udui of Palau, 29-year-old National Law Center graduate, joined the Trust Territory Headquarters staff in September as Assistant Attorney General of the Trust Territory.

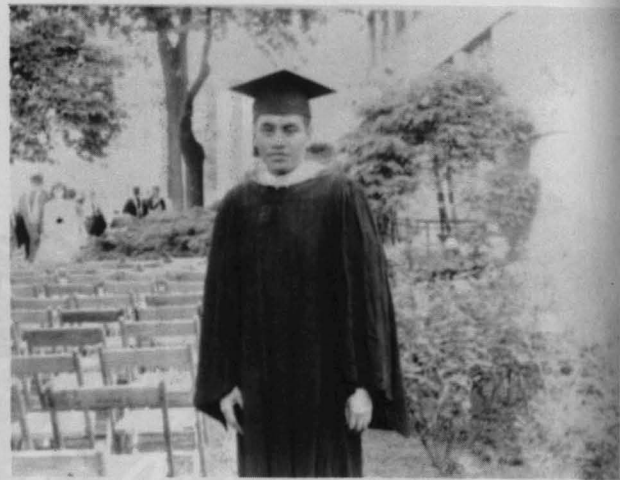
Upon receipt of his degree in Washington, D. C., Mr. Udui became the first Micronesian to earn a law degree.

He spent three years at the University of Hawaii before continuing his education at George Washington University where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1960. He received his LL. B. and took his bar examination in mid-1963.

During the summer months in Washington he was employed in the Office of Territories, Department of the Interior.

Mrs. Udui, who was formerly employed as a Research Analyst in the Department of Labor, joined the Program staff in the Headquarters Information Office. She is the former Miss Elizabeth A. Snyder of Higgins Beach, Maine.

High Commissioner M. Wilfred Goding and Attorney General Robert K. Shoecraft, in welcoming Mr. Udui to the Headquarters staff, congratulated him for his achievement and added that his appointment as Assistant Attorney General marked a milestone in the legal history of the Trust Territory.



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Later in the day the father led his two fisherman sons to the pool and instructed them to bathe, fully anticipating that they would emerge with renewed vigor and youth. Sadly, however, the men emerged merely refreshed from the cool bath. The father had to consider another means to reward his faithful sons, for the magic in the pool had been used and lost by the old grandmother.



Approximately 50 Trust Territory students were invited to a luncheon at the home of Governor and Mrs. Manuel F. L. Guerrero of Guam November 2. The informal gathering was one of four such social events given by the Governor and his wife at their home for the students.

Mrs. Cynthia Olson, Student Counselor, and Mr. Alfonso Oiterong, Student Dormitory Supervisor, accompanied the group to Government House.

Governor Guerrero said the purpose of the luncheon series is to promote better relations between the Government of Guam and the students of the Trust Territory.



