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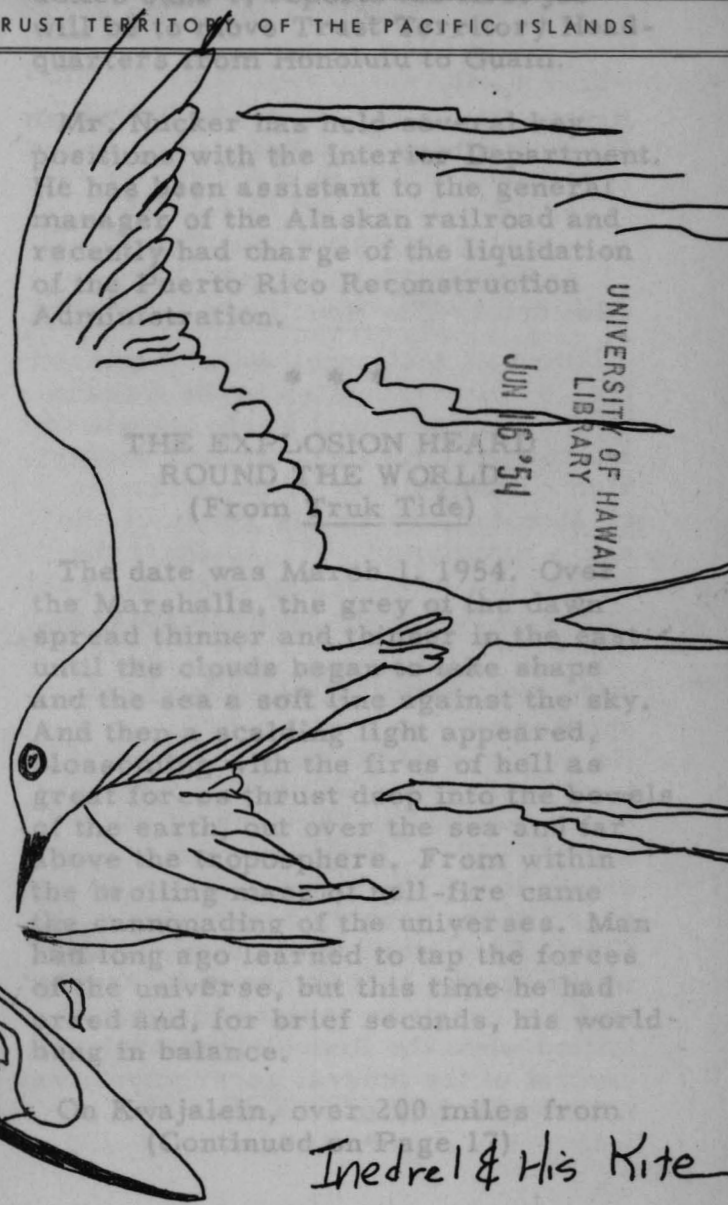
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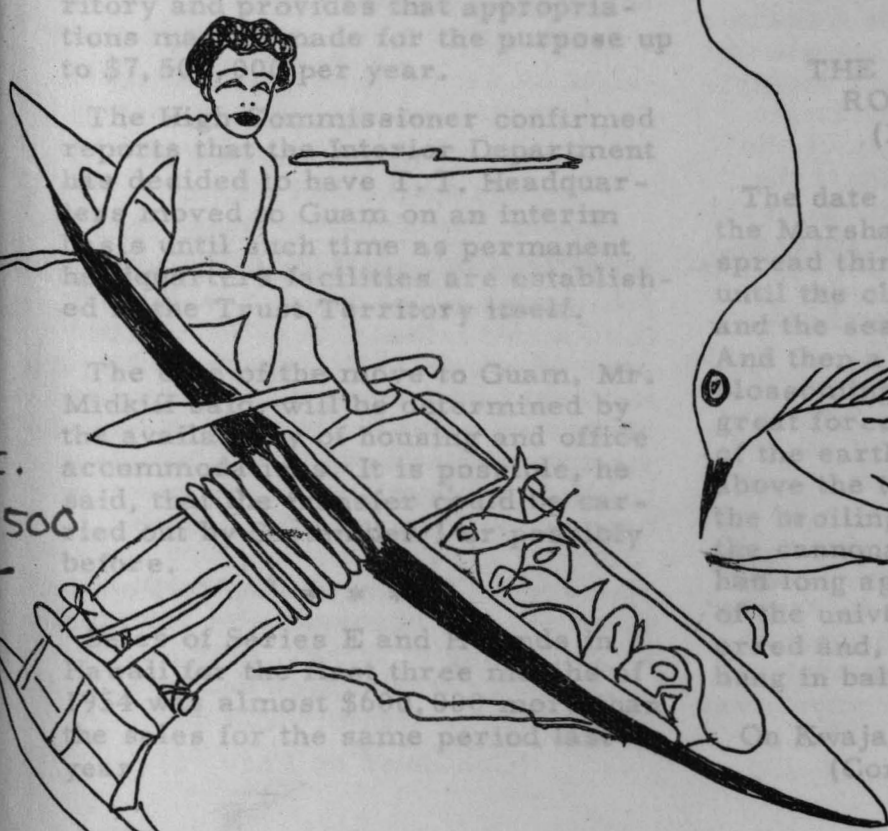
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## MIDKIFF BACK FROM CAPITAL; CONFIRMS MOVE TO GUAM

High Commissioner Frank E. Midkiff returned to Headquarters early in May after a three-week business trip to Washington.

Mr. Midkiff assisted in the presentation of the budget request before the Senate Appropriations Committee. He said Senator Guy C. Cordon was "very cordial" and recalled his experiences on his visit to Trust Territory for the benefit of the full committee.

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Sales of Series E and H bonds in Hawaii for the first three months of 1954 was almost \$600,000 more than the sales for the same period last year.

## DEL NUCKER NAMED ACTING DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER

Appointment of Delmos H. Nucker as Acting Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was announced in Washington May 11 by Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay.

Mr. Nucker is the present executive officer of the Office of Territories and has made two trips to the Trust Territory during the past year.

Mr. Nucker, who will assume his new duties June 1, reports his first job will be to move Trust Territory Headquarters from Honolulu to Guam.

Mr. Nucker has held several key positions with the Interior Department. He has been assistant to the general manager of the Alaskan railroad and recently had charge of the liquidation of the Puerto Rico Reconstruction Administration.

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#### ABLE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATOR RETIRES

(Editorial, The Honolulu Advertiser)

James A. McConnell will be missed both by his associates in the Pacific Trust Territory and by the people of Micronesia. As first civilian deputy high commissioner of the strategic trusteeship, it was his job since the early summer of 1951, to chart the course the Interior Department would follow in taking the reins of government from the Navy.

Mr. McConnell was known and respected as a man with a brilliant mind. He was an able administrator, a tireless worker. He was highly regarded by the two commissioners he has worked under. Although trained as an engineer, he had a social scientist's grasp of the problems of human relations. An indication of the esteem in which he was held is shown by the fact that his courtesy resignation, submitted when the Republicans assumed control of the federal government, was not accepted until recently.

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## McCONNELL BID ALOHA

Members of Headquarters staff, their wives and husbands, gathered at a downtown Honolulu restaurant Saturday night, April 23, to bid their Alohas to James A. McConnell, Deputy High Commissioner. The party began with a congenial cocktail hour, which was followed by dinner. During the evening, Horace "Pony" Marshall, Attorney General, expressed the staff's regrets at Mr. McConnell's resignation in a few well-chosen words. Mr. McConnell returned the compliment by stating that he was sorry to be leaving the organization. He also read letters of personal commendation for outstanding service to Toni Stewart, his Administrative Assistant, and to Pony Marshall.

The DepHiCom was presented with a handsome Parker Pen desk set with a plaque engraved to note the date and occasion. Of course, since no party in Hawaii is complete without it, Mr. McConnell was decorated with the traditional flower leis which were presented with kisses.

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#### RAW TUNA, YAM PUFFS AND SUZY-Q

(From: The Honolulu Advertiser)

The Micronesian Monthly is a little publication of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. It is filled with news of people and things from Majuro to Koror and frequently reports difficulties as well as victories. American style groceries have been a problem on the atolls and employees have not been utterly silent on the matter.

A recent company dinner on Ponape, however, was reported with some pride as consisting of turkey, baked yams, squash with fresh green beans, mixed salad and ice cream. The hors

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## JAMES A. MCCONNELL LEAVES TRUST TERRITORY AFTER 3 YEARS AS DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER

James A. McConnell, first civilian deputy high commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, resigned his post April 23.

As is customary upon a change in administration, Mr. McConnell submitted his courtesy resignation in January 1953. It was not accepted by Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay until recently.

No successor to Mr. McConnell has yet been named.

Secretary McKay, in accepting Mr. McConnell's resignation, said:

"I wish to thank you for the service you have so ably given as deputy high commissioner of the Trust Territory, a position which you have held since the transfer of responsibility for administration of the territory from the Navy to the Department of the Interior.

"You have had a vital and commendable role in laying the foundations for civil government in the Trust Territory, an undertaking in which I know you have a deep interest. I wish you success in your future endeavors."

High Commissioner Frank E. Midkiff also praised Mr. McConnell's work:

"It is impossible to express our full appreciation to Jim McConnell for all he has done for the Trust Territory.

"He joined up before Interior took over. He was selected by the first Department of Interior high commissioner to be the right hand bower and really run the show. His long experience in government and his broad training in engineering and administration enabled him to carry the load from the beginning and pick up where command was changed from the Navy.

"He has faithfully and conscientiously and efficiently performed his duties in an outstanding manner.

"For his services to his country and Micronesia we all thank him sincerely. For continued success and happiness in whatever work he is to undertake, we all join to wish him the best."

Mr. McConnell, whose future plans are indefinite, came to Trust Territory in the spring of 1951 from the Interior Department where he was in charge of Point IV activities in the Office of International Affairs.

He served the U. S. government in various parts of the world following the war.

He was with the State Department's Foreign Liquidation Commission in the Japan-China area, in the Marianas and Micronesia and in the Philippines. He was awarded the Philippine Legion of Honor for his work in that country.

During World War II, he was regional director, Defense Public Works, Boston and New York; director, New England subregion, Federal Works Agency, Boston, and chief negotiator, Corps of Engineers, War Department, Boston.

As engineer by profession, Mr. McConnell is affiliated with the National Council of State Boards of Engineer Examiners and associate member, American Society of Civil Engineers.

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BUY DEFENSE BONDS



## A BRIEF GLIMPSE OF "PARADISE"

(Taken from Truk: Man in Paradise by Thomas Gladwin and Seymour B. Sarason)

...It has become increasingly popular to include the islands of Micronesia in those areas of the Pacific which are referred to as "paradise" and even more for Micronesia than for some other islands this term is hardly a misnomer. Disregarding the impressions of foreign visitors it is clear that (Truk) provides conditions which closely approximate the ideal of human beings who are adapted to them culturally, physically and psychologically.

...Hunger should never go unassuaged, although it occasionally does. Breadfruit grows unattended, requiring only the planting of new trees on rare occasions; the same may be said of coconuts. The various varieties of taro require little more than planting, and swamp taro may be left for years, its tuber ever growing and improving in quality, thus providing an automatic food storage system. The imported sweet potatoes and manioc require more active gardening, but can always be in adequate supply with a little effort and foresight. There are fish in the reef almost literally at one's front door, and a trip to other reefs within the lagoon or to the barrier reef will ensure a large haul. Getting food and preparing it can involve a good deal of hard work, but the essential point here is that with an expenditure of work alone, an adequate supply of food can always be assured.

Similarly thirst is never a problem. Water is seldom drunk from springs or wells, as these are reserved for bathing and washing, but water is usually as near as the water barrel under the eaves, and failing this a coconut tree to which one has access is seldom more than a few yards away.

Disease can never be avoided but with the exception of tuberculosis, which is apparently recent in the area and takes a serious toll, there are

no diseases which could be called menacing. Smallpox was quite a killer between its introduction in the last century and the beginning of vaccination under the Japanese, but it is now virtually unknown. The anopheles mosquito is not present, so there is no malaria; amebic dysentery exists, but, probably because water is not drunk from the springs, it is never epidemic. Even syphilis is interdicted by the closely related skin disease yaws, although it is interesting and disturbing to speculate upon the possible consequences of the eradication of yaws (through the use of penicillin by the American administration) upon the resistance to syphilis of the rising generations.

Neither heat nor cold creates any difficulties. When working in the sun or sitting in an open boat on a calm day one can be uncomfortably hot, and fishing on a windy night can be very chilling. The Trukese complain of being chilled often even in the night breeze. But all of these conditions are very transitory and occasional, and never create more than minor discomforts. The cotton clothing worn now, as well as its aboriginal counter-parts, serves the cause of modesty, not physiology, and fires are built for cooking and light, not warmth...

Thus all the bodily needs can be fulfilled with absolute assurance (ignoring interpersonal factors) simply by the expenditure of work and, except for hunger, none requires more than a minimum of effort. This is, of course, an over-simplification, for there are

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## DR. MACDONALD REPLACES DR. MARSHALL AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dr. H. L. Marshall is bowing out the end of May as director of public health. He is being replaced by Dr. H. Eugene Macdonald, presently district director of public health, Ponape.

The two doctors in mid-May completed a seven-week trip through the Territory during which they thoroughly examined health and sanitary facilities in the districts. They also examined all Micronesian medical interns who were eligible for promotion to medical practitioners.

On his return to Headquarters, Dr. Marshall said he noted a "slow but gradual improvement of public health facilities. I was particularly gratified to observe the increasing ability of the islanders who are being trained to perform much of the medical, dental and sanitary functions in Trust Territory."

Dr. Marshall expects to be at Headquarters for several weeks before he and Mrs. Marshall leave Hawaii and return to the Mainland. Dr. Marshall said his future plans are indefinite. "I retired once but didn't seem to get away with it. I don't know if I'll be successful this time," he smiled.

Dr. Marshall has had a distinguished career in medicine and government service. He is a former professor of public health and preventive medicine and acting dean, University of Utah College of Medicine, director, University of Utah Health Service, consultant to the Utah State Board of Health, president, American College Health Association, director, National Tuberculosis Association and member of the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon-General, U.S. Public Health Service.

His successor, Dr. Macdonald, is a native of Maine. A graduate of the University of Maine and of Medical College of Virginia, he was in private practice in Yarmouth and Portland, Maine, from 1933 to 1951. He is a specialist in neuro-surgery.

Dr. Macdonald will have his headquarters at Ponape.

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## A GREAT, BIG FABULOUS CITY

"Guam, after a whole year on Truk, was just a great, big fabulous city with neon signs, theaters and 3-dimension movies, women in high heels, new cars and miles and miles of smooth roads; restaurants and charcoal broiled steaks, chop suey, French fried prawns, hot dogs and hamburger stands, stores and shops, glittering jewelry and silverware, racks of beautiful clothes, cashmere jackets, coats and suits; jades and pearls, and even newsboys out in the streets. Gilbert and I must certainly have been the typical country hicks with dowdy clothes and canvas shoes. And we were all eyes.

"During one week we were there, we crammed in a whole year's shopping for clothing and a few hard-to-get items of food, went out to dinner every night, saw movies at every opportunity, and had hot dogs and hamburgers with cokes. All this was fine and exhilarating, but it is certainly wonderful to be back on Truk again. We are now firmly convinced that every Trust Territory employee should take a trip to Guam every six months."

(Honolulu isn't such a bad place either--Editors).

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DISEASE IN MICRONESIA  
(From the annual report to  
the Secretary of Interior)

Regardless of adequate statistics, the general pattern of disease in the Trust Territory is reasonably clear. The great contagious scourges of Asia and many so-called tropical diseases are not now present in the Territory. But the people of Micronesia are now essentially in the stage from which the United States and Western Europe emerged several generations ago, a stage in which communicable disease constitutes the principal hazard.

It is evident that pulmonary tuberculosis heads the mortality list with other forms of tuberculosis unduly prevalent. A sampling indicates that probably 2 to 3 percent of the population show some evidence of leprosy, though not necessarily all in a contagious form. Results of an intensive study of this disease conducted during the year will soon be available. A careful sampling of the incidence of filariasis completed during the year reveals from 20 to 37 percent of the population infected in certain islands of the Palau, Truk and Ponape districts, to 0 to 3 percent in selected islands of the Marshall group.

However, elephantiasis, a late complication of filariasis, is rare as compared with other Pacific island areas. Worm infestation of the intestinal tract, particularly the round worm *Ascaris*, appears to be almost universal among the native population. The more destructive hookworm is present but less encountered. The need for improved sanitation is obvious. Incidence of yaws has been greatly reduced.

The four conditions, tuberculosis, leprosy, filariasis and enteric worm infestation, are the prevalent chronic communicable diseases of the Trust Territory. Theoretically, they are all

preventable. Their eventual control depends more largely upon prevention than upon treatment, though the two may be closely related. Many factors lie beyond the realm of medical prevention or treatment. In the Trust Territory, as elsewhere, health and disease, life and death, are not isolated phenomena but are closely linked with other aspects of culture and environment. Improvement in certain fields will influence all fields. In the Trust Territory, as elsewhere in the world, education and higher economic status are vitally related to health and the security of life.

During the year acute communicable disease and respiratory infections were noticeably prevalent. The global epidemic of mild influenza was observed to move through the Territory from west to east, beginning in September and subsiding in February. It caused much illness and a number of deaths, particularly on outlying islands where several air drops of drugs and medicines became necessary. A localized epidemic of poliomyelitis developed in the Mortlock group of the Truk district causing several deaths, and on a recent field trip 27 cases of residual paralysis were noted in the area.

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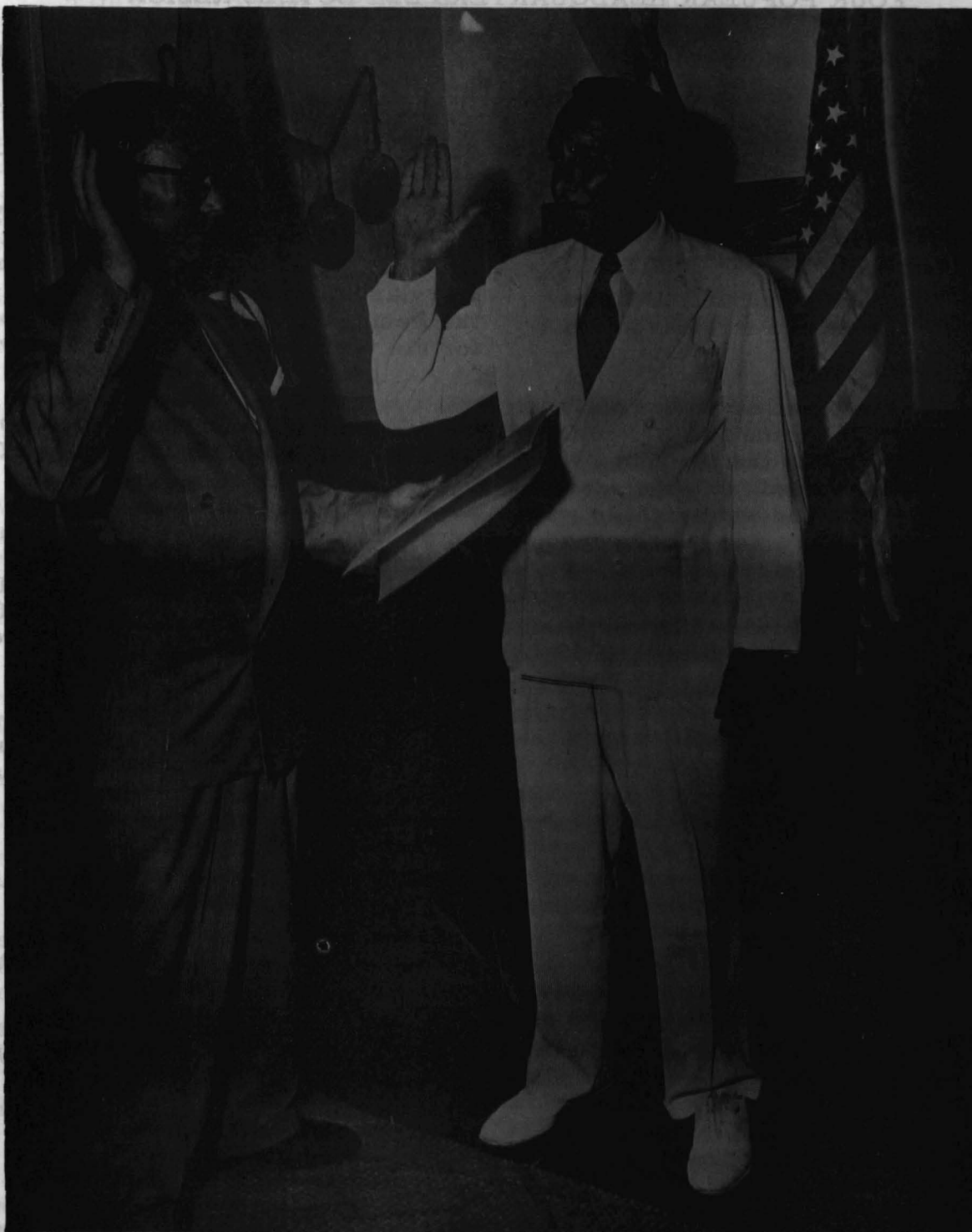
HARRY UYEHARA HERE

Harry Uyehara has been working at Headquarters since the first of May, assisting Dr. Riesenbergs, the staff anthropologist. Among other duties, Harry is helping in drawing up the final report for the S-12 project (Community Center) at Koror.

He hopes to be returning to the Palaus shortly with a new position on the District Administrator's staff.

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Outgoing Deputy High Commissioner James A. McConnell is shown taking the oath of office from Federal Judge J. Frank McLaughlin on June 1, 1951.

## FOUR POPULAR HEADQUARTERS EMPLOYEES RESIGN

Four popular employees at Headquarters resigned in April. They are Mrs. Toni Stewart, administrative assistant to former Deputy High Commissioner James A. McConnell; Mrs. Florence Nii Inouye, secretary to High Commissioner Midkiff; Mrs. Barbara Cooper, secretary to Dr. Marshall and Mrs. Hazen Pendleton, clerk in mail and files.

All left because their husbands' business took them elsewhere.

Toni Stewart's husband, Don, was transferred from Pearl Harbor to San Diego.

Toni is a veteran employee of Trust Territory. She came to T. T. in December 1950 under the Navy as a Wave. She was discharged from the service June 21, 1951, and went right to work for Interior. She was a clerk-stenographer in administration for a few months and then became secretary to Alfred M. Hurt, executive officer. In July of last year she was named to head the newly-organized stenographic pool. A few months later, Mr. McConnell appointed her his administrative assistant.

The Stewarts plan a trip to New York to visit Toni's family. They will take a leisurely four back across country by automobile.

Mrs. Inouye came to T. T. in the spring of 1951. She first was secretary to Dr. K. C. Leebrick, former liaison officer, and then secretary to the late Elbert D. Thomas, first civilian high commissioner, and finally to Mr. Midkiff. Florence left to be with her husband who is associated with the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Co. on the island of Maui.

Hazen Pendleton worked in mail and files for the past 16 months. Her husband, a navyman, was transferred to San Diego.

Mrs. Cooper was with T. T. for two years while her husband, Dr. Henry

R. Cooper, lieutenant commander, USN, was stationed at Tripler Army hospital. He has been transferred to the U. S. Naval hospital at Bethesda, Maryland. Barbara plans to return to the Pentagon, where she was employed for six years before coming to Hawaii.

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## AGNES SADDLER IS AWARDED CHINA MEDICAL BOARD GRANT

Agnes V. Saddler, a public health nurse from Honolulu, has been named recipient of a grant made available to the Trust Territory by the China Medical Board, an agency of the Rockefeller Foundation, and has signed a two-year contract with Trust Territory.

Miss Saddler will work with Ruth Ingram, Trust Territory nurse-educator, at the Nursing School at Ponape. She leaves for her new assignment May 7.

Miss Ingram and Dr. H. L. Marshall, who retired this month as director of public health, were instrumental in securing the grant for Trust Territory.

Miss Saddler has worked for the Bureau of Public Health, Territorial Board of Health, since February 1952. She previously was on the staff at Kapiolani Maternity Hospital in Honolulu.

A graduate of St. Camillus School of Nursing, Kalamazoo, Mich., she did graduate work in public health nursing at the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Hawaii. She served as an Army nurse in Japan and the Philippines during the latter part of World War II.

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### THREE SHIPPING EXPERTS EXAMINE PORT FACILITIES

Three transportation experts from Honolulu went to the Trust Territory early in May to examine port facilities at Truk, Ponape, Majuro and Kwajalein. They will attempt to determine the feasibility and desirability of instituting a direct ocean shipping service from Trust Territory ports to major Pacific ports, such as San Francisco and Yokohama.

The three men, all of whom are prominent in Honolulu shipping circles, are:

Warren S. Titus of the steamship department at Theo. H. Davies, Fred Zinn of Matson Navigation Co., and George Over of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, formerly of Inter-Island Navigation Co.

Messrs. Titus, Zinn and Over are making the trip at the request of High Commissioner Midkiff. All are members of the Advisory Committee on Transportation. They expect to be away from Honolulu about two weeks. Accompanying them was Charles C. Stewart, president of ITC.

The High Commissioner is interested in getting the Trust Territory government out of the shipping business. He said the companies with which Mr. Titus and Mr. Zinn are associated are not interested in operating in Trust Territory. Thus They can view the matter objectively, the High Commissioner said.

The transportation problem now is one of high cost. Most goods in and out of Trust Territory have to be transshipped at Guam. Not only is this costly but it is a slow operation, the High Commissioner pointed out.

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### BETTY CASTILLO IS NAMED SECRETARY TO MR. MIDKIFF

High Commissioner has a new secretary. She is Mrs. Beth "Betty" Castillo of Honolulu.

Mrs. Castillo replaces Mrs. Florence Nii Inouye who resigned to make her home on Maui.

Betty has been Mr. Midkiff's secretary before. That was when the High Commissioner was manager of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce's community affairs division.

Before coming to Honolulu and the Chamber of Commerce in 1950, Betty worked for two years in Heidelberg, Germany, for the U. S. Army. She was secretary to Maj. Gen. Robert K. Taylor, director of intelligence for the European command.

Back in 1944 while working for Pan American Airways in Miami, Betty decided she would like to work for the government in foreign service. She applied and was accepted. Her first assignment? She became secretary to Myron C. Taylor, personal representative of President Roosevelt to the Vatican.

Betty, a native of Utah who attended Brigham Young University, worked for Mr. Taylor for two years and then went to New Delhi, India, where she was employed by the U.S. embassy for more than a year. She returned to the U.S. and worked in private industry on the West Coast until going to Germany.

In her short lifetime Betty has been around the world twice and has visited 30 countries.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

March 25 - Inetachl of Palau departed for Manila to become U.N. Scholar for one year.

March 29 - Oriental fruit fly found at Angaur, Palau Islands.

April 3 - Copra aboard Gunners Knot inspected for radioactivity by Navy, Guam. Negative results.

April 4 - House Appropriations Committee rejects T. T. budget request for lack of an Organic Act.

April 13 - High Commissioner Midkiff to Washington to attend Senate budget hearings.

April 14 - Interior requests T. T. headquarters be moved to Guam as soon as possible.

April 23 - Deputy High Commissioner James A. McConnell resigns.

April 27 - Ulithi Atoll reports loss at sea. Four native canoes. M/V Torry sent to search.

May 2 - Charles Stewart of I. T. C. accompanies party of three experts on transportation to conduct a survey through T. T.

May 3 - Pacific Science Board team of five to six scientist to visit Kapintamarangi Atoll. Depart Guam June 18.

May 5 - High Commissioner Midkiff returns from trip to Washington.

May 7 - M/V Errol locates one lost Ulithi canoe on Fayu Island. Three occupants found in good condition.

May 8 - Mrs. Samuel N. Mukaida, wife of Dr. Mukaida, Educational and Training Specialist at Truk, died in childbirth. High Commissioner and

staff extend their sympathies.

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## MRS. SAMUEL MUKAIDA DIES

Mrs. Marietta Ching Mukaida, a teacher at Truk Intermediate School and the wife of Dr. Samuel N. Mukaida, died Saturday, May 8 at Truk.

Mrs. Mukaida died in childbirth. She gave birth to a son who is alive, Headquarters is informed.

The body will be flown to Honolulu where services will be held at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. Mukaida have been in the employ of Trust Territory since February 1953. Dr. Mukaida is an education and training specialist at Truk Intermediate School.

Mrs. Mukaida, the former Marietta Ching, is survived by the widower, two other children, Allen, 4, and Donald, 3; her mother, Mrs. Y. K. Ching of 3110 Winam Ave.; four sisters, Mrs. Edwin Ho, Mrs. Edith Fung, Miss Mabel Ching, all of Honolulu, and Miss Rosalie Ching on the Mainland, and three brothers, Ernest and Wilfred Ching of Honolulu, and Roy Ching on the Mainland.

Born in Kauai, Nov. 26, 1921, Mrs. Mukaida graduated from teachers college at the University of Hawaii in 1944 and received her master's degree in education from Columbia University in 1947.

Mrs. Mukaida taught school in New York and in Honolulu before joining the education staff of Trust Territory.

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Do not forget little kindnesses and do not remember small faults.

-- Chinese Proverb



**COMMUNITY PROJECT--**Palauans cooperated with one another to build the Community Center building at Koror. This is one of the four gable ends of the building. Traditional art motifs were used in the decoration.



**BISHOP AND FRIENDS--**Bishop Thomas J. Feeney, vicar apostolic of the Caroline and Marshall Islands, is pictured at the airstrip on Truk with friends, from left, Mrs. E. W. Litch wife of Adm. Litch; Will Muller, Truk district administrator; Mrs. Henry M. Hedges, and Henry M. Hedges, Ponape district administrator.

## PACIFIC SCIENCE BOARD WILL SEND RESEARCH TEAM TO KAPINGAMARANGI

The Pacific Science Board of the U.S. National Research Council will send a team to Kapingamarangi in the Caroline Islands in June of 1954. Members of the team will be:

Mr. Edwin D. McKee, U.S. Geological Survey, Denver; Dr. Cadet Hand, University of California, Berkeley, marine invertebrate zoologist; Dr. William A. Niering, Connecticut College, land ecologist; Dr. Robert R. Harry, George Vanderbilt Foundation, ichthyologist; Dr. Herold J. Wiens, Yale University, geographer; Mr. W. Jan Newhouse, University of Hawaii, algologist

The Coral Atoll Program, which is largely in the field of basic research and involves essentially an ecological approach to the study of environmental factors affecting life on coral atolls, is the principal activity under the SIM (Scientific Investigations in Micronesia) program of the Board. Other aspects of the SIM program, which was initiated in 1949, are investigations in anthropology, botany, forestry, geography, geology, hydrobiology, linguistics, marine ecology, nutrition and vertebrate ecology.

The SIM program is an outgrowth of the Board's CIMA (Coordinated Investigation of Micronesian Anthropology) program which operated between 1947 and 1949. One of the studies under the CIMA program was that of Dr. Peter Buck and Dr. Kenneth Emory of Bishop Museum on the material culture and ethnology of Kapingamarangi in 1947. Dr. Emory subsequently revisited the island in 1950 with Dr. Ralph Miller who made a study of the public health problems.

The Coral Atoll Project of the Pacific Science Board is associated with Research Project E. 6. of South Pacific Commission, which is concerned with Economic Development of Coral Atolls. Funds for the Coral Atoll Project are supplied by the Office of

Naval Research.

The five year coral atoll research program first involved an ecological study of Arno Atoll in the Southern Marshall Islands in 1950 by a team of 12 specialists who studied the inter-relationships between the environment and the plant and animal life, including the inhabitants of this relatively wet atoll. In 1951 a similar study was made by a team of six on the dry atoll of Onotoa in the Southern Gilberts, and a follow-up study by an anthropologist and algologist at Arno.

In 1952 a team of seven specialists carried out the same type of ecological study on the atoll of Raroia in the Tuamotu Archipelago, and a botanist studied the pattern of vegetation at Arno. Ifaluk in the Western Carolines was visited by a team of seven in 1953.

Reports by members of the teams, together with other papers bearing on atoll research, are being published in the Atoll Research Bulletin issued by the Pacific Science Board. To date 27 numbers have appeared.

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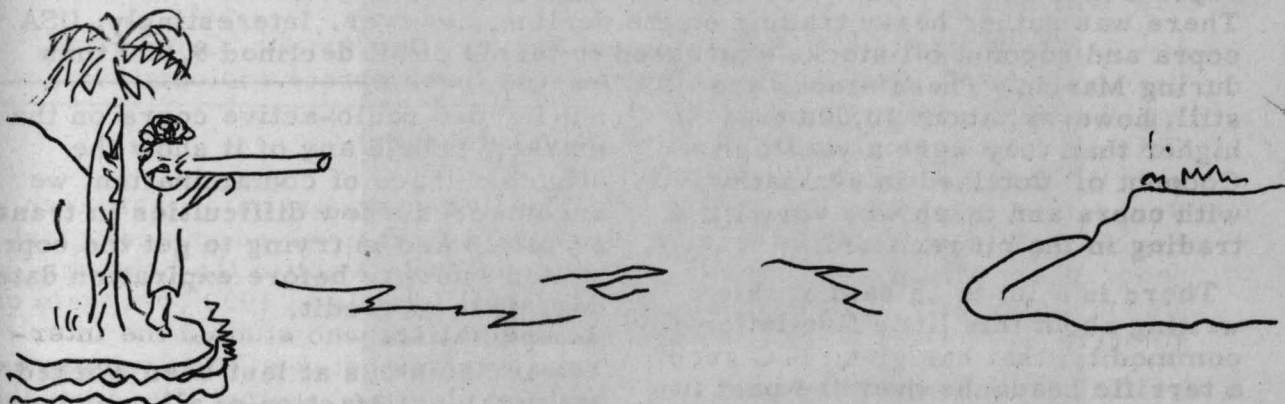
## RIESENBERG PROMOTED

Dr. Saul H. Riesenbergs, chief anthropologist for Trust Territory, has been promoted from assistant professor to associate professor at the University of Hawaii. Dr. Riesenbergs is on leave from the University.

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## GUAM GAZINGS With Gorman



Everyone so carried away by the news of the proposed migration of Headquarters to the semi-tropicana metropolis of MongMong, Guam, that any other earth-shaking events more or less fade into insignificance. What will become of our Micro Monthly? We don't know and we haven't heard so just in case it fades away we vouchsafe extermination with a final submission to Honolulu.

Population of Field Headquarters steadily on the increase. Dave and Doris Holmes announced the arrival of Dolores Eileen soon after "Fil" Abalos nearly killed us all with cigar smoke to felicitate Philip Dale's entrance to the fold. Joe Lizama likewise heralding the arrival of a son but we haven't time now to gallop all over the compound in search of Joe to ascertain the name of the latest Lizama.

Everyone examining their living quarters, noting the extra little touches they have made to their Breadfruit Circle Homes Beautiful and waiting in trepidation lest they be moved. Those of us in the Colonial-quonset era calmly sitting back in our non-air-conditioned-one-third-of-a-building quarters secure in the knowledge no one would want to displace us. At any rate, everyone ready to welcome the Headquarters group and convince them that within a reasonable period of about twenty years they won't miss their former tourists' paradise one iota.

Al Hurt, our Executive-plus, making ready for the transportation survey group after dashing back and forth to Rota checking on the scrap pickup, and delivery of long awaited equipment for our "little" district.

The "anyone for tennis" group composed at the present time of Helen, Freddie, and Russ Varner of TAL, the only three member tennis team we have heard of, traipsing forth after a long day at the office. Capt. Duffey and Al Hurt vowing they are ready to take them on once they get enough practice. Wimbledon, take note. !!

Bill Williams of the Warehouse gang acting as the incentive to the group dedicated to produce the most memorable of Memorial day picnics ever con-

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I. T. C. NEWS  
By Fran Warren

**COPRA** - The copra market suffered a rather sharp reversal when Philippine Island sellers once more entered the market with offerings. By April 30, copra was offered at \$175 CIF Pacific Coast, a decline of \$12.50 for the week. There was rather heavy trading on the decline, however. Interestingly, USA copra and coconut oil stocks expressed in terms of oil declined 8,000 tons during March. These stocks are still, however, about 10,000 tons higher than they were a year ago. Coconut oil declined in sympathy with copra and there was very little trading in the oil reported.

There is a lot to be said at this writing about this little five letter commodity, that has given ITC such a terrific headache over the past two months. First of all, that downward spiral that started back in February just didn't seem to know when or where to stop. Finally, however, after a continuing decline of more than a month it did get stopped at \$157.50 and managed to struggle back up the ladder to \$190 CIF West Coast at the beginning of the last week in April. The downward trek of this commodity, although a series threat to the future production of copra in the Trust Territory, did not pose such a big problem at the time, because ITC had used long range planning and sold futures when the market was high.

The first real headache came after the AEC released the hydrogen bomb in the Marshall Islands. Almost immediately ITC Headquarters was bombarded with cables from the Japanese buyers suggesting the possibility of contamination by radio-activity of the Micronesian copra and protesting against purchased parcels that were in the process of being gathered and loaded. After ITC had literally burned up the cables between here and Japan and had calmed the fears of the Japanese by promising to furnish certificates from the Navy at Guam showing no contamination and by assuring them that we would

not impose radio-active copra on the market, should any of it show the slightest trace of contamination, we encountered a few difficulties in transportation and in trying to get the copra landed in Japan before expiration date on letters of credit.

Everything has at last been worked out to the satisfaction of all concerned on this particular deal, with the exception of the last 100 tons of the original 2,000-ton shipment - this we are still working on. Now, we are faced with the competition of Indonesian copra on the Japanese market. The Japanese government has devised a plan whereby it pays an importer to import Indonesian produce and it may take only a short time before the gap between Indonesian copra and Micronesian copra narrows sufficiently to make Micronesian copra competitive.

**TROCHUS** - Trochus season in the Trust Territory is now at hand. The Truk District started harvesting their shell on May 3, and Koror hopes to get started by May 13. Ponape will begin its harvesting about June 17. So far we have had no news from the Yap District as to how soon they expect to start gathering the shell there. Headquarters has solicited bids from all principal button manufacturers in Japan and several firms on the U. S. mainland. It is anticipated that this trochus season will be one of the best, insofar as price is concerned, that the market has experienced in several years. ITC expects to offer for sale between 300 and 400 short tons with delivery by September/October.

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**NET FISHING--**That's what High Commissioner Midkiff is discussing with this young and pretty Trukese girl. Net fishing is a fine art with the people of Truk Atoll.



**STUDENTS--**Trust Territory students at the Central Medical School at Suva, Fiji, got together for a group picture April 26. With them are Dr. E. A. Udick, liaison officer for Trust Territory at the school, and Dr. Vally A. Udick, faculty member.



## ITC NEWS

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**PERSONNEL BRIEFS:** Your ITC reporter, Fran Warren arrived back at her desk, on April 5 after a five weeks' vacation from the office. The vacation was wonderful, but the weather in Texas was just a little too rainy and cold for this "kamaaina" of nearly 12 years residence in Honolulu. It is good to be back.

Our good wishes for continued success go with Elton O. Morris of the Guam Warehouse, who left our employ on May 3, to accept position with NSD Guam; and to Pedro Cruz, Francisco S. Bagaforo and Juan P. Balajadia, also of the Guam Warehouse, who left the fold of ITC in April to join other agencies.

Word has been received at Headquarters that Serafin J. Gulmatico, invoice clerk at the Guam Warehouse, will terminate his services with ITC on May 31 to return to his home town in Leganes, Iloilo, Philippine Islands. He will accept a position there as chief of police. Congratulations and good luck, Serafin, in your new job!

ITC was sorry to accept the resignation of William L. Payne, III, of Headquarters office. Bill is returning to the Mainland June 1, where he will take up residence in Los Angeles. Aloha and the best of luck to you Bill - we're "gonna" miss you lots!

With our unlimited source of "Bills" in the organization - we have called in Bill Williams from the field to take over the duties and responsibilities of the Acting Treasurer's position being vacated by Bill Payne. Bill Williams has been performing branch audits since the first of the year and arrived back at Headquarters the latter part of April. We are glad to have you back, Bill, and we hope you will like your newest as-

signment.

C. C. Stewart left Saturday evening via Pan American plane for Guam. He is accompanying a party of Honolulu businessmen who have been selected by the High Commissioner to make a survey of the transportation facilities in the Trust Territory. Mr. Stewart will be gone approximately two weeks. John Spivey has been appointed acting president in Mr. Stewart's absence.

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## PARADISE

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other needs than these, many of them as pressing and requiring as much if not more work. Modesty, for instance, once the concept is acquired, can be quite as imperative as hunger, and clothes cannot be made or bought without work. But the fact remains that the natural environment of Truk is remarkable in the degree to which man can find in it fulfillment of his needs with a minimum of outlay and hazard. .... Any anxieties which the Trukese may feel acutely are, in the last analysis, of their own making.

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## RAW TUNA, YAM PUFFS AND SUZY-Q

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d'oeuvres, however, showed the most imagination. They included sashimi Ponape style, which was raw tuna with cucumbers, lime and hot shoyu. Another was yam puffs, described as light and fluffy dipped in shoyu with garlic and hot peppers. Another called the Suzy-Q showed international origins. These were rice patties centered with chopped mushrooms, fried eggs, bread and bound up with seaweed strips. Also there was a bottle of Heidsieck Monopole, year not given.

Culinary matters are looking up down there in the atolls.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

Headquarters: James A. McConnell, Deputy High Commissioner since January 1951, has resigned. Hazen Pendleton of the mail and file section resigned to follow her husband, who is in the Navy, to the Mainland. Florence Inouye, Secretary to the High Commissioner, has also resigned and moved to Maui, where her husband is employed as a chemist. Flossie has been replaced by Beth Castillo. Toni Stewart was another to resign and accompany her Navy husband to the Mainland.

Guam: Addie Raney has been appointed procurement clerk in the supply department. Joan Hammond resigned her clerk-typist position in supply. Higinio Chargualaf, storekeeper in supply, has also resigned. Donald Waldron was appointed as electrician on the executive officer's staff. Arthur McEwen, carpenter-snapper, was separated from the public works department by RIF. Gladyce Jones, clerk stenographer in the office of the executive officer, has replaced Margaret Machen. Georgia Smith, clerk-typist in supply, resigned to return to her Mainland home.

Koror: Harold Arnold, general supply clerk, left Koror to return to his home in Pennsylvania. He has been replaced by Wilson Scoville, who was transferred from the same position in Majuro. Dr. Walter Kinser is now on the job as medical officer. Mrs. Phebe Look has accepted a temporary position as teacher in the intermediate school.

Ebeye: John Palmeter resigned his position as Distad-Rep. Ebeye. Marion Wilds has temporarily taken over his work.

Ponape: Elizabeth Finale has been appointed as home economics teacher.

Truk: Sheldon Shelvock, leading-

man diesel mechanic, resigned and returned to his home on the Mainland.

Majuro: Penny Akimoto has started to work as clerk-typist in the islands affairs department.

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## EXPLOSION

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the scene of the explosion, the world was a blaze of orange light and the atoll shuddered. On Truk, the shock was felt by one observer—a single shock followed by a series of shocks severe enough to thoroughly awaken him...over 600 miles away! In Washington, AEC scientists are explaining the why-fors of the misfire; meanwhile, stories filter in from the Marshalls which may or may not be corroborated by press reports in the future.

From early press stories, the H-bomb misfire would have wiped out every bit of life in the Truk Atoll had it happened in the center of the atoll. The fire ball was estimated at 28 miles in diameter and the capping mushroom at 100 miles in diameter. Imagine a concentration of all firearms the world has ever known firing at one command. The combined forces released, plus those created by all the bombs dropped during both World Wars, would not have approached that released by the one explosion on March 1, 1954.

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A mother was lamenting the fact that one child of hers was being dominated by an older one. Then a happy-faced, middle-aged mother spoke up: "That's the way it was in our family; the oldest ones always beat up the youngest. Your real problem is that you stopped having children!"



## ON INDIANS AND NURSING

May 13, 1954

The following letters are concise and to the point. They speak for themselves:

12 Roby St.  
Nashua, N. H.  
May 6, 1954

Director of Public Health  
Government of the Trust Territory  
of the Pacific Islands  
Fort Ruger, Oahu, T. H.

Dear Sir,

I am a registered nurse and interested in obtaining information concerning nursing in Oahu under the United States Indian Government Service. I would appreciate it if you could send me such information and application forms.

Thank you sincerely,  
Virginia Ryan

Miss Virginia Ryan  
12 Roby St.  
Nashua, N. H.

Dear Miss Ryan,

Your letter of May 6, 1954, has been received, and in reply please be advised there is no representative of the Indian Service on Oahu, inasmuch as there are no Indians in the Hawaiian Islands.

If you are interested in employment as a registered nurse on Oahu, may I suggest you write to the Nurses Association, District of Oahu, 510 S. Beretania St., Honolulu, Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,  
Nat Logan-Smith  
Personnel Director

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## GUAM GAZINGS (Continued from Page 13)

ceived for the entire compound participation. Fran Murphy assisting as Liaison for the "little women at home" contingent, and everyone else PML. TAL and ITC joining with the TT family for the big affair. May 30th is the big day and those with the small fry content with the realization that at least there is Monday for recuperation purposes.

The FandS forces preparing for the return of Emil, the great, the Friday evening cultural society dusting off the cards, Mr. Griffin budgeting the budget, and everyone else all prepared to welcome the nicest "Hammer-head" of all who has been sorely missed by all the gang.

Luisa (Miss Teletype of '54) suddenly deciding that the time has come for a much deserved vacation and descending upon immigration for the required visa to view the Territory after nine months of serving it Communication-wise. Right now it's a question between Saipan (where her family is) or Yap, where something else is. We have exerted all sorts of influence recommending Saipan, but we shall see.

Williamson moving the radio into its own inner sanctum much to the relief of the office force which has forced to listen to the ever booming requests for "RDO GUAM." We have been forced into exile so feel it is as good a time as any to issue the proverbial...Hafa Dai...

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