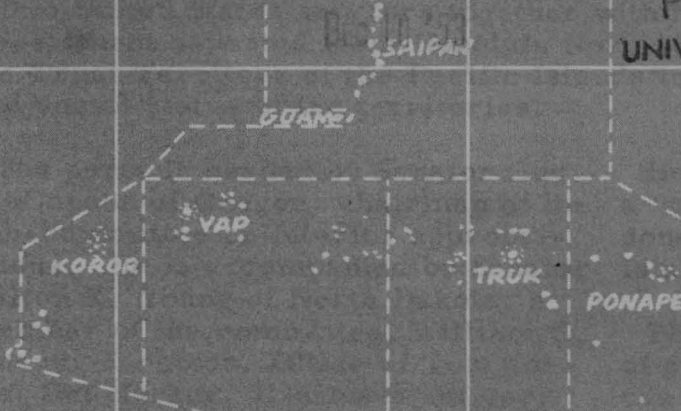


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U.S. SENATORS, INTERIOR OFFICIALS LEAVE FOR INSPECTION TOUR OF PACIFIC AREAS

Two United States senators together with high officials of the Interior Department departed from Honolulu Nov. 16 for a month's tour of Samoa and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to gather information on the economic and social status of the territories.

The party is headed by Senator Guy C. Cordon of Oregon, chairman of the sub-committee on Interior appropriations. He is accompanied by Senator Milton R. Young of North Dakota, a member of the committee; William C. Strand, Director, Office of Territories; Del Nucker, Executive Officer, Office of Territories and Robert Parkman, Senator Cordon's administrative assistant.

The group arrived in Honolulu Saturday night, Nov. 14. The next day they met with High Commissioner Frank E. Midkiff and members of his staff for almost three hours. The senators told the T. T. officials they were making the trip because it was their belief "nothing can take the place of observation on the ground." They said they wanted a first hand look at the territories to get acquainted with the people, their needs and desires.

They also stressed that they are much interested in observing the present program that they might be able to say from their own knowledge what finances will be required in the future.

High Commissioner Midkiff plans to leave Honolulu Nov. 28 and join the party on Kwajalein Nov. 30.

Senator Cordon in an interview with Honolulu reporters said:

"We are going to get an 'on the ground' understanding of the economic situation in the Trust Territory and Samoa; to find out what can be recommended to Congress."

He said the group also is going to take a "quick look see" as to what can be done about organic legislation for the islands.

The senator stressed the importance of preliminary study, adding: "You can be sure we won't adopt something which is against the will of the people."

After visiting Pago Pago, Apia, Suva and Nandi, the party will go to Kwajalein. On Dec. 1 they fly to Majuro. They will arrive at Ponape on the 3rd, Truk on the 6th, Guam on the 9th, Koror on the 10th, Guam on the 13th and will be back in Honolulu the 15th. They will spend two days in Honolulu before returning to Washington.

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McKAYS COMING HERE

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay and Mrs. McKay plan to visit Hawaii during the latter part of December, according to Governor Samuel Wilder King.

Governor King said he had a long conference with Secretary McKay in Albuquerque, N.M., at a conference of Western States governors early in November. The governor said the McKays had planned to come to Hawaii during the first part of December, but because of matters needing his attention in Washington the proposed trip was postponed to the latter part of that month.

The visit of the Secretary and his wife will be a vacation, Governor King reported.

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PRAISE FOR MIDKIFF

(From The Honolulu Advertiser)

High Commissioner Frank E. Midkiff of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands made an excellent impression in his appearance before the UN Trusteeship council in New York City this summer, according to U.S. officials who were in a position to evaluate Mr. Midkiff's performance.

Mason Sears, U.S. representative on the council, wrote Henry Cabot Lodge that Mr. Midkiff... "did a truly impressive job in presenting the way the affairs of the Pacific Islands are being administered.

"The council members were very much impressed by his able and humanitarian approach to the whole discussion. He was under questioning for several days and I doubt if anyone could have done a better job to build up good will for the United States. His appointment is obviously considered by everyone to be a great credit

to the present administration."

Mr. Lodge in turn forwarded Mr. Sears' memorandum to President Eisenhower with the comment: "You get so many messages about things that are wrong that I thought you might like this one about something that is right."

The President replied:

"Thank you for your note about the impression made by Mr. Midkiff before the Trusteeship Council.

"I do like to have the good news, too!"

Council representatives, too, expressed their admiration of Mr. Midkiff. A typical comment was made by Mr. De Marchena of the Dominican Republic:

"My delegation wishes to associate itself with those representatives who have spoken of the great work done by the High Commissioner.

"From the first contact of the visiting mission with the High Commissioner, a few days after his appointment we were convinced that we had in him a man not only of great capacity, but of gifts which would be most helpful in his work. We feel that a most happy choice was made in his appointment."

CONGRATULATIONS

The people of the Marshall Islands and the staff of the District Administration were congratulated by the High Commissioner recently on the occasion of the commissioning and first broadcast of their new radio station, WSZO.

"The High Commissioner (and his staff) join in wishing every success to worth-while project serving entire Marshalls District through medium of Marshallese language. Well done."

JOHN VALENTINE CHEATS DEATH SECOND TIME

It is an understatement to say that Dr. John Valentine is a lucky man.

He is alive today because, through fate or luck or what have you, he was left behind in Honolulu when a British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines' DC-6 plane crashed and burned near San Francisco Oct. 28.

It was Dr. Valentine's second close brush with disaster. He said he had planned to fly to Honolulu last July on a Transocean DC-6, which crashed near Wake Island. All on board were lost.

The doctor cancelled that flight when he got transportation from Guam to Japan.

Dr. Valentine would have been aboard the BCPA flight if he hadn't received a visa from U.S. Immigration authorities when he did. He received the visa in Auckland, N.Z., shortly before his plane left for Canton Island and Honolulu. The visa made possible a three-day stopover in Hawaii.

Dr. Valentine is the former physician in charge of Tinian leprosarium. When the Navy took over Tinian he was transferred by the Trust Territory to Yap. He resigned recently to enter private practice. He will make his home in Alberta, Canada.

The doctor told Honolulu reporters who interviewed him following news of the disaster that:

"I felt as if a bullet had just whizzed over my head when I learned of the plane crash."

Among the 19 persons--11 passengers and eight crewmen--who perished in the crash was William Kapell, one of the world's foremost pianists.

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LOU GARDELLA IS NAMED SUPERVISING SANITARIAN

Louis Gardella, for the past two years District Sanitarian at Truk,

has been named Supervising Sanitarian for the Trust Territory, it has been announced by Dr. H.L. Marshall, director of public health.

The position was established when the economy program necessitated the elimination of all American district sanitarians.

Mr. Gardella is a graduate of San Jose State College where he majored in biology. Later he studied sanitation at the University of California at Los Angeles. Before coming to the Trust Territory, he was sanitary inspector with the California State Department of Health. During a recent leave on the Mainland, Mr. Gardella studied the public health sanitation programs firsthand in southern Mexico and Central America.

In his new position, he will make regular visits to each district, confer with the district director of public health concerning sanitary conditions and program, to assist, instruct and supervise Micronesian personnel in carrying out the program decided upon. He will participate in field trips, aid in the sanitary education program and in the teaching of sanitation when possible.

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The United States will conduct new H-bomb tests in the Pacific next spring, informed sources told United Press November 5.

The tests will be carried out by Atomic Task Force 7, probably at Bikini, the wire service learned.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER MIDKIFF ANSWERED QUESTIONS, CRITICISM BEFORE UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

(This issue includes excerpts from comments made by High Commissioner Midkiff at the Trusteeship Council meetings in reply to questions raised and criticism leveled at the administration by the Russian delegate and other council members.)

Mr. Midkiff said in part: I should like to comment on some of the points that have been made by members of the Council.

In Looking at the situation in the Territory, I suggest that two different ways of approaching political change amongst the people of the Trust Territory may be possible. In the first way, we might urge haste and strive for a violent or cataclysmic and dramatic coup in which the old ways of governing by the system of the extended family would be overthrown and the new western type of democratic political system imposed in place thereof. It is pertinent to note, however, that this course often is fraught with unhappiness for the people themselves. It is a course which responsible men adopt only when conditions under old customs and regulations have become unduly oppressive and restrictive. Such oppressive conditions do not obtain in Micronesia. Actually, there long has been a family form of control and self-government, with a healthy and happy people living under it. The second way of political advance is fundamentally different from the way described above. It involves study and observance of the situation, the needs and the factors underlying the existing system as worked out by the people themselves over untold and long generations to meet the conditions imposed by their environment. And we may observe that such system in Micronesia has a clearly reliable feature, namely, it works...

We are attempting, through education--using the word in its broadest sense--to promote the understanding and acceptance of new ideas and practices, all of which are to be adapted by the Micronesians to their own particular needs and desires...

It is the policy of the United States to replace Americans in the administration by inhabitants of the Territory just as rapidly as qualified people can be developed. That has been a basic principle of the United States in all its territorial administration, and we are following it in the Trust Territory. I spoke in my opening statement of the work of the training specialist who is establishing a pilot project in Truk to accelerate the training of Micronesians for positions in the Administration. The report under examination shows 305 trained Micronesian medical personnel, 331 trained teaching personnel, in addition to which there are the indigenous elementary school supervisors. All municipal and all district court judges are Micronesians. Twenty-one special Micronesians assist the High Court. All court recorders and other court personnel are Micronesians. The report also shows 143 supervisors, clerks and technicians. In addition, there are Micronesian administrative assistants, accountants and other employees. This, I think, may be regarded as a good record for the few years of our responsibility for the Trust Territory...

It may be mentioned that continuity of government also depends upon not a turbulent but a general and evolutionary change in the form of government, for it may hardly be said to provide stability in government if the Administration attempted to undermine existing controls and the extended family setup of government in the community unless there is worked out by the people themselves substitutes and different forms of control and government. This

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NAVY IS CRACKING DOWN ON OFF-LIMITS FISHING SHIPS

By Jack Burby

(From The Honolulu Advertiser)

The Pacific Fleet is cracking down on Japanese fishing boats caught violating the territorial waters around islands under United States control. Adm. Felix B. Stump, commander-in-chief of the Pacific, disclosed Friday he has ordered his patrol vessels to pick up and arrest crews of fishing boats that are caught breaking the law.

His aim, he said, is to protect the fishing grounds of the natives of the Bonin Island area and the hundreds of islands in the Trust Territory of the Pacific against raids by the Japanese.

Reports have reached Hawaii for the past several years that Japanese fishing boats were occasionally moving in on Trust Territory fishing grounds.

They have been known to take reef fish for bait and occasionally to go ashore for coconuts.

Two fishing boats already have been taken into custody under the new campaign, the admiral said.

The skipper and fishing captain of the first boat, the Yutaka Maru, were fined \$1,000 each and given suspended sentences and released on five-year probation, he said.

The second boat, the Sukekuru Maru, is reported en route to Saipan with its crew of 26 men where its skipper also will be tried by a military court.

Reports reaching Pearl Harbor said two destroyers picked the boat up off the Bonins Sunday. Its log, which the crew tried to destroy, shows it has been inside the three-mile limit.

The Admiral said also there have been reports that Japanese fishing crews have used dynamite in the Bonin

area, damaging crayfish in the region, which are important to the economy of the Bonin Islanders.

The Admiral said his new order does not change Pacific Fleet policy. It has always been against the law, he said, for any nation's fishing boat to violate the three-mile limit around any of the islands under this country's control.

For years, he said, reports of violations were sent to the Japanese government, asking that they be stopped.

Another source said the answers came back through the state department in the form of "polite notes," but that the fishing went on.

Adm. Stump said fishing boats which break down or put into an island port with an ill man aboard looking for medical attention will be treated as any boat in distress.

It is only boats which poach on the territory of Pacific natives that will come under his new crackdown.

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GILFILLAN, PALMETER VISIT HEADQUARTERS

District Administrator Donald W. Gilfillan of the Marshall Islands stopped in Honolulu early in November after completing a two months vacation on the Mainland. He was joined by John Palmeter, his representative on Ebeye, who came expressly to confer with Mr. Gilfillan and members of the HiCom Staff on matters pertaining to administration.

Mr. Gilfillan is now in his third year as District Administrator of the Marshalls and is returning to these islands with his wife and son.

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MARIBELLE CORMACK FINDS
HER STATE IN FAR PACIFIC
(From the Providence Journal)

Miss Maribelle Cormack travels with gregarious vigor, looking up Rhode Islanders as she goes. Submitted in evidence is her recent four-months journey into the far Pacific by plane, ship, jeep and shank's mare.

Out in Guam, our own outpost island, and in scattered other islands of that region that are under United States Trusteeship now, she found more people from this state than one would expect to come upon readily in crossroads Chicago or cosmopolitan London.

One reason for it was her own ingenuity, as in advertising her presence. Another was the eagerness of her prey to be found by someone from home; they were mighty glad to pass the time of day with the director of the Roger Williams Park Museum, in whose interest she made the long trip.

The museum has a notable Pacific collection, one of the nation's best, based on substantial part on gifts from Providence families with seafaring forebears. But it has not been well organized and presented and some of the items have been misclassified. Miss Cormack's errand was to study the culture of the islands as background for a fresh presentation of the museum's Pacific collection.

Soon after arrival she persuaded the editor of the Guam Daily News to print a little item saying she was there. Results were prompt.

After nine days on Guam Miss Cormack left for the Truk Islands in the Carolines, far away southeast across the North Equatorial Current. She was one of 10 cabin passengers on the S.S. Gunner's Knot, Captain James Slaughter, a U.S. War Shipping Administration freighter. Ahead lay islands from which spears and clubs now

in the Roger Williams Museum came 130 years ago.

Ahead also were two more Rhode Islanders, Dr. H. Lorenzo Emidy of Woonsocket, stationed at the Truk Hospital, and Mrs. Ralph Weber, wife of the Truk weather man. Mrs. Weber is the former Miss Marie Minicucci of Providence. While living in California she applied for work as a secretary in the Trust Territory, and after serving 18 months in the Honolulu office, went to Truk, where she met and married Weber. She learned to drive--in a jeep, at that, taking along two native boys to push if she got stuck. Mrs. Weber is head of the island drama club.

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MARSHALL IS SPEAKER

Members of the Kamehameha Lions Club learned of United States objectives in Micronesia at a meeting recently. Addressing the group was H.G. Marshall, attorney general and acting deputy high commissioner of the Trust Territory.

Mr. Marshall told the Lions in part that America looks forward to eventual self-government by the people of the Trust Territory. "At the moment it appears a long way off," Mr. Marshall said, "but that's the objective we're striving for."

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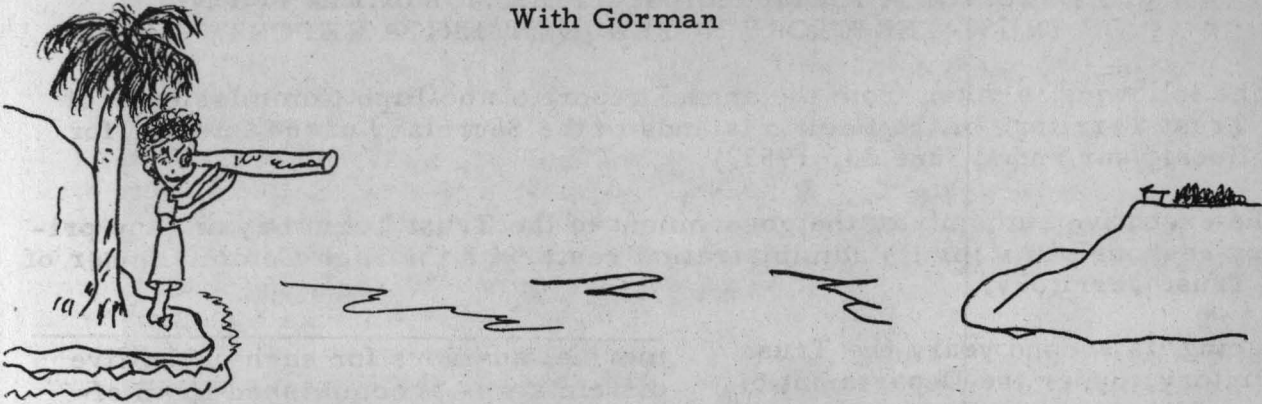
NEW DOCTOR AT YAP

Dr. Ben Goodwin of Dallas, Texas, has been employed as district director of public health at Yap. The position became vacant with the resignation of Dr. John Valentine, who is planning to go into private practice in Canada.

Dr. Goodwin formerly was a medical officer at the Navy hospital at Guam. While there he served as instructor for many of the native medical practitioners now on duty in the Trust Territory.

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GUAM GAZINGS
With Gorman



The beach-head has been established, and having made the Cook's tour of the compound making various mental notes for future reference, the column (?), is once more in the process of composition.

Whilst stumbling through the gopher holes along Breadfruit Circle Drive, our attention was suddenly riveted to the concentration of activity behind the laundry. Upon closer inspection it turned out to be the male contingent of field headquarters brandishing scythes, machetes, hoes and hatches. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF HAVING A RECREATIONAL FIELD!

Despite the heat, humidity, insects and interruptions (a la Gorman), Louie, Freddie, Masa, Al, Emile, Ray, and Splater and Tom Bunting and Bill Williams of ITC, together with hundreds of the small fry gave unflinchingly of their talents. Just at the crucial moment when enthusiasm was being replaced by protesting muscles, Helen Yokopovich saved the day and the project by presenting herself toting a case of beer for the hardy workers. She was thereby awarded the Field Headquarters medal of honor.

Imagine our surprise to discover that the "Society for Cultural Advancement etc," has a chapter on Guam. It's devoted members meet just as faithfully as their Honolulu counterparts. So far Masa Yoshimasu seems to be the favored one in these serious gatherings although Doc. Gibson while he was here gave a good showing for his own branch.

In making mention of the compound we should comment on the ingenuity of Moore Pilgrim. His corner of the area boasts a sign that the Los Angeles chamber of Commerce could well be proud of. It proclaims to all and sundry that said corner is "Micronesian Way" in the one direction and "Breadfruit Circle" in the other. To top all this we have noted the large-scale construction of a super "Lanai" in progress to the rear of the Pilgrim Plantation.

Spud Morris of ITC now proudly displays the most authentic Santa Claus chimney on Guam. When we first beheld it here in the tropic region we took the pledge momentarily but have since been informed it is a barbecue pit. Painted yet! All it lacks is the patio to go with it but Spud assures us that is next on the agenda.

Neil and Fran Murphy are back in the fold and if going to Washington makes everyone look as good as they, we are prone to book ourselves on the next Pan-Am flight. Here we thought things in D.C. were somewhat grim, instead "Murph" returns boasting of fourteen extra pounds. Leave it to the Irish.

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CHANGES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST TERRITORY NOTED IN INTERIOR REPORT

(The following is taken from the annual report of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to the Secretary of the Interior for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953.)

The executive authority of the government of the Trust Territory and the primary responsibility for its administration rests with the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.

During its second year, the Trust Territory, under the Department of Interior, has initiated changes in administration aimed at increasing the efficiency of American personnel and providing a greater degree of stability among the Micronesians.

A summary of these changes and accomplishments are noted below:

One of the significant developments in administration was the transfer of the Executive Officer, Finance and Supply Office, and Public Works Office from Honolulu to Guam or Truk (as in the case of Public Works) where these functions can work in closer proximity to the people they serve. Savings in time and expense were easily noted due to these transfers.

Micronesian employees of the Government received a Title and Pay Plan during Fiscal 1953 which systemized classifications and formalized employment agreements. To facilitate travel of Trust Territory citizens abroad, two significant measures were adopted:

(A) District Administrators were authorized to issue immigrant and non-immigrant visas to the United States, and

(b) Uniform travel documents were printed for Trust Territory Citizens.

A regulation designed to give adequate machinery for the determination of land ownership throughout the Trust Territory was promulgated as law on Nov. 25, 1952, by Executive Order No. 31. Recruitment of com-

mercial advisors for each of the five districts was accomplished in an effort to assist the people of the Trust Territory and their economy.

Continued phosphate mining on the island of Angaur in the Palau group has provided a considerable amount of income to the people of this island. At the end of Fiscal Year 1953, \$777,867 is held in trust for them. This is known as the Angaur Mining Trust Fund and is to be paid during the life time of the permanent residents of Angaur at the time of the agreement, partially to the clans who own the land where the phosphate ore is mined and partially to the municipality of Angaur for distribution to the clans owning no phosphate mining land and for municipal operations.

The procedure for hiring new personnel was revised to increase efficiency. Improvements occurred in the form of an employment agreement, an Employees' Handbook and an Orientation Program. In the field, a training specialist was employed to initiate a complete program of employee training, embracing both Micronesian and Civil Service employees.

During Fiscal Year 1952, a Safety Director was hired to aid in the improvement of existing physical facilities, equipment and work practices in the five districts. This has led to lessened accident rates and increased practices in safety precautions.

A significant development in the
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LIFE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY--Ulithians, big and small, gather in front of a Trust Territory PBY to have their picture taken. Photo at bottom shows a family from one of the outer islands of Truk Atoll approaching the District Center of Moen for a holiday celebration.

I. T. C. NEWS

By Fran Warren

COPRA: The ITC copra news at this writing is a bit skimpy. There has been a terrific slump in the production of copra in the Trust Territory Islands despite the fact that the price to producers was recently increased. Many requests for offers have been received from the various buyers, but so far we have been unable to offer more copra and are striving to gather enough to meet commitments to go aboard the Gunner's Knot when she departs Guam for Japan in December.

Although this commodity made a new high for the year in the market move early in the first week of November, the tone of the market was definitely easy at the close. European dealers were discounting the Philippine market \$5 a ton, apparently anticipating a further decline. Philippine shipments during the month of October totalled 68,000 tons, the largest for the year to date. Of this quantity about 37,000 tons went to Europe, fully 10,000 tons more than the largest previous month.

Although production in areas other than Micronesia appears fairly good, it is likely that exports during November will be somewhat smaller. Although consumers are temporarily with drawn it does not seem likely that their demands are well covered.

PERSONNEL BRIEFS:

Fumio Chiba, Junior Accountant in the ITC Headquarters office, returned October 26 from a two months' tour of duty at Ebeye. Fumio relieved Allan Bell, who was vacationing in Hawaii and the Mainland.

Tom Bunting, former Branch Manager at Truk, returned to Honolulu October 22 from a vacation in Louisiana. As the old saying goes--Tom "killed two birds with one stone" back there on the Mainland, for while vacationing in Louisiana he was also lured by the beauty and sweetness of a Southern Belle and before leaving for Honolulu he and that little ole Southern gal paid a visit to the preacher's house and tied the matrimonial

knot. Mrs. Bunting expects to join Tom very soon in Ponape where he has been sent to relieve Andy Holton, who is returning to the Mainland. Our very best wishes for a life of happiness go to Tom and his bride.

Aloha to Ken Moy, former Branch Manager at Ebeye, who arrived in Honolulu recently on his way to the Mainland. Ken has terminated his employment with ITC and is returning to Washington, D.C., to join Mrs. Moy and daughter, Tamra.

Aloha to Andy Holton and family who are en route to Honolulu from Ponape. Andy has completed his contract with ITC and is returning to Texas, where he expects to take the state CPA examination being offered in the very near future.

Jim Cozad, Branch Manager at Majuro, returned from a Mainland vacation recently. Mrs. Cozad and the baby did not accompany him back here, since they are planning to purchase a home at Mountain View, California, and Mrs. Cozad decided to remain on the West Coast to furnish the house and have everything in the home all set up for Jim when he joins her and the baby at the end of next year.

Tom Morrison and family returned to Guam the latter part of October after several weeks' vacation on the West Coast.

John Spivey and family arrived in Honolulu early in November from Australia where they have been visiting with relatives and friends. They reported very cold weather in Australia

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DON HERON NAMED DISTAD OF KOROR AND YAP

David Donald Heron, for the past 28 months director of political affairs for the Trust Territory, has been appointed District Administrator of Koror and Yap.

Previously, the two districts each had administrators. However, in the interests of economy and efficiency, it was decided to combine the two into one position.

Mr. Heron is a real old-timer in the Trust Territory. A naval officer during the war, he attended the School of Naval Administration at Stanford University from March until August 1946. In September of that year he was appointed executive officer of the Naval Military Government unit at Koror, and following the change to civil administration became the Deputy Civil Administrator at Koror and Deputy Governor of the Western Caroline Islands.

Don was on inactive duty from December 1947 to September 1948 when he reported to the staff of the Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. He was assigned duties as Director of Economic Affairs and later Director of Political Affairs.

In October 1949 he was transferred to the staff of the High Commissioner at Pearl Harbor as Director of Internal Affairs. On July 5, 1951, he was detached from the Navy and appointed Director of Political Affairs for the Trust Territory under the Interior Department.

Mr. Heron, age 50, graduated from the College of Engineering at the University of Nevada. He went into the brokerage business in 1928 and in 1934 became a general partner in the firm of Irving Lundbord & Co. and a member of the San Francisco stock exchange.

Don retired from the brokerage bus-

iness in 1943 and entered the Navy with the rank of lieutenant. He was discharged as a lieutenant commander. Recently he was promoted to commander in the reserves.

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MIDKIFF RETURNS FROM MAINLAND TRIP

High Commissioner Frank E. Midkiff returned early in November from a five-week business and pleasure trip on the Mainland.

The High Commissioner conferred with Interior Department officials and with the Bureau of the Budget on Trust Territory budget requirements for fiscal year 1955.

Mrs. Midkiff attended the annual meeting of the YWCA national board and joined her husband in the capital. The couple later drove across the continent enroute back to Hawaii.

The High Commissioner commented on his return that the Bureau of the Budget "was very much interested in our program and went into the figures I presented in much detail. My impression was that they were favorable to our presentation.

"However," he added cautiously, "what they will ultimately recommend will depend in large measure on the total of all budgets combined from all the various departments of government.

"The main hurdles, of course, will be the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee."

The High Commissioner presented a budget which included a \$4,000,000 underceiling, or basic budget, a \$331,000 supplemental budget, a \$3,000,000 overceiling for permanent construction and \$287,000 for maintenance and repairs.

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observation merely points up what has been voiced by several members of the Council during the past two days, and it would seem to express a point of view that the Administration constantly must bear in mind...

Virtually all the members of the Council have commented upon the desirability of continuing the Island Trading Company or of giving attention to plans for the satisfactory transition of commercial activities in the event of its termination. Let me assure the Council that the importance of this matter is appreciated by the Administering Authority.

Another subject upon which virtually all members of the Trusteeship Council and the Visiting Mission have urged action is the settlement of currency and land claims in the Territory. All public domain land is held by the Government of the Trust Territory for the benefit and use of the Micronesians. It should be recalled that, while 434 square miles of the land is still designated as public domain, none of the Trust Territory public domain taken over from the Japanese is withheld from the Micronesians, if the area is suitable for use or residence. This is true of all the public domain land except small areas needed as sites for offices and for the Administering Authority's strategic use, in which case compensation will be paid. A very large percentage of this public domain land is in forest reserves and steep slopes. All arable sections are now being put to use by the Micronesians or by agricultural experiment stations for the Micronesians, and all Micronesians who so desire are supplied with land for their use. The Administering Authority--that is, the United States Government--does not benefit in the slightest, except for strategic purposes, from any public domain land of this Trust Territory.

The Visiting Mission and members of the Council have very properly stressed the necessity for improving agriculture, from the standpoint both of abundance for subsistence and of possibilities of exports to exchange for trade goods. A detailed and approved agricultural programme has been drawn up since the Visiting Mission made its study. This programme includes a thorough land use survey, accelerated efforts in the control of the rhinoceros beetle, improvement of quarantine regulations and the enforcement thereof, improvement of genetic strains of coconuts and livestock and improvement of husbandry of plants and animals...

At each of the six district hospitals there are well-qualified American or European doctors and nurses. These doctors also make regular field trips to the outer islands. On the outer islands there are Micronesian medical practitioners who have been trained on Guam or at the Central Medical School in Fiji. There are also Micronesian nurses at the district hospitals who have been trained in the district hospitals on Guam or at Truk. No person in the Trust Territory is refused medical treatment because of inability to pay. We are experimenting with a system of token payments for medical services because one of the basic principles and foundations of self-government is the acceptance of responsibility for governmental functions, whether they be political, social, economic or educational in nature...

It is pleasing that members of the Council and the Visiting Mission, as well as UNESCO, have expressed their general approval of the revised focus of our education programme in order that it may meet the needs of the people of the Trust Territory for their life in the islands. Due to budget limitations it is difficult at this time for me to be optimistic regarding an immediate

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extension of secondary school facilities in the Territory or the establishment of a normal school for increased specialized teacher training. One factor that may well be considered in increasing secondary school attendance is the ability of the Territory adequately to utilize in its economy and administration the graduates of these schools...

The budget of the Territory does not reflect the money expended by the municipalities for elementary education. Supervisors of elementary education are paid by the Trust Territory Government and aid is given to municipalities when they cannot afford adequate support of their elementary schools.

The intermediate schools and the Pacific Islands Central School are supported by the Trust Territory Government. In the year under review, 505 scholarships, providing free subsistence and incidental costs, were given to intermediate school students who came from outer islands and were in residence at the district centers' intermediate schools. Virtually all students at the Pacific Islands Central School at Truk received scholarships and subsistence...

The Micronesian society itself provides one of the most complete and satisfactory forms of social security. Food is readily available and the extended family system ensures that no aged person or young child is permitted to fend for himself. These individuals are accepted as a responsibility of the family. Aged persons are particularly respected and cared for. Children are welcomed and their training, care and well-being are well defined responsibilities among the family members...

One of the weaker features of our administration, but nevertheless an exceedingly important one, in connection with stability of government is

continuity of service by qualified personnel. Members of the Council have pointed out that we have not yet gotten to the point where we can assure our carefully selected employees that they will have a true career in the area that, therefore, they must do all things necessary to make a success of their administration and service, including immediately learning the language of the people with whom they work. We are endeavouring to work out a solution for this problem.

Manifestly, those conditions cannot be applied to all of our present employees because we are endeavouring to prepare Micronesians to replace a very substantial percentage of our present American staff as soon as practicable.

As I mentioned in my opening statement, we are aware of this problem and are giving it attention. We do not have within our federal system of employment a colonial service. Broadly speaking, we have only the Civil Service and the Foreign Service systems. Neither of these is entirely suited to the Trust Territory employment situation. However, attention is being given to modifications of the present system that may be desirable in order to improve matters...

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"SUZY" RESIGNS

Mrs. Shizuko "Suzy" Kanemoto, popular librarian here at Headquarters for the past two years, resigned the end of the month to devote full time to household duties, chores and pleasures.

Suzy's place is being taken by Scott Wilson, who also is the Trust Territory statistician.

It would be an understatement to say that Suzy will be missed by personnel here--or for that matter by field staffers who know her. Just ask her many friends how they feel about her leaving.

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Sally Higashi, acting as guardian for Jo-Jo as Helen traipses forth first to Koror thence to Rota. Her good deeds accomplished she was rewarded by fate with a case of the flu. Georgia Smith sallied forth to render Florence Nightingale assistance and was bedded by the flu bug herself. At that point the rest of us kept our distance and shouted our condolences from the safety of the road.

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After we had scanned the heavens, the missing persons lists, the Personal columns in our daily news sheet and contemplated consultation of the psychic set, DHC Jim McConnell finally arrived. The welcoming din that marked his entrance to the office was witness enough of how happy we all are to have him here with us. As usual after stepping off the plane he was busily engaged in conferences, etc; however, 'tis hoped his visit will be a pleasant one for him.

Space becomes limited so we will sign off and return to applying the bug bomb to the near vicinity. Hafa Dai....

CHANGES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Continued from Page 8)

field of law was the promulgation of the "Code of Laws of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" on Dec. 22, 1952. The Code brings up to date the many regulations affecting the administration of the islands.

An Organic Act has been presented to the House of Representatives and passage of the bill, which will provide a legal authority, is contemplated for the near future. Every effort has been made to insure that it meets the needs of Micronesia and that it be in simple form permitting maximum self-government and self-sufficiency.

and welcomed the nice sunny clime of Hawaii. They boarded the Lurline for the West Coast and will be there until the latter part of December. Upon their return to Honolulu, John will be permanently assigned to Ponape as Branch Manager.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

There are 6,363 public elementary school children attending 144 public elementary schools in the Trust Territory. Sixty-eight of the schools are one-room buildings housing several elementary grades or groups. The elementary schools carry Micronesian children through six years of schooling.

Private elementary schools, conducted by Protestant and Catholic Missions, supplement public elementary education in the Trust Territory. There are 18 Mission elementary schools, enrolling 1,283 children or 17 per cent of all children enrolled. The Administering Authority grants charters to these schools after ascertaining that they meet certain standards in regard to teacher qualifications, curriculum and physical plant.

SAMOA GOVERNOR HERE

Did you know that Richard B. Lowe, American Samoa's new governor, served as a military government officer on Saipan and Tinian during World War II? He was a Navy lieutenant commander at the time.

The governor passed through Honolulu recently en route to his new post--as difficult probably as most governing jobs.

SPEECHES, RACES, GAMES AND DANCES HIGHLIGHT UN DAY ACTIVITIES IN T.T.

U.N. Day in the Trust Territory and at Headquarters was celebrated with a variety of programs that included speeches, competitive races on land and sea, games and dances. The important thing—that United Nations is a vital force in the world affairs today—was the keynote of all the activities. From the High Commissioner's address, which was read before every assemblage, to a little speech made by a girl student on Yap --the United Nations and its role in the Pacific was remembered and commemorated.

At Headquarters Horace G. Marshall, Acting Deputy High Commissioner, spoke before a gathering of Micronesian students in Hawaii, their sponsors and the HiCom staff. Afterwards the Trust Territory's first movie was shown before the audience.

Truk wired in that their celebration was attended by crowds up to 1,500. The program was planned and conducted by a Trukese chairman with help from a Trukese and American committee. In the evening native dances and square dances kept the people on their toes.

In the Palaus, there were three days of activities that included a parade, sports program and entertainment. An innovation was the first appearance and music of an all-Palauan brass band by the Emmaus School boys. Also in the parade were the Palauan Constabulary, chiefs and elected magistrates, a women's club, school children and at the end a huge replica of the world carried on bamboo poles.

Ponape also planned a three-day program soliciting over \$800 for prizes from Ponapean wholesalers and retailers and American personnel. On the first day the Agricultural Fair opened with prizes awarded by Distad Hedges. After speeches, the second day was celebrated by special field events with more prizes for the winners. A championship baseball game was played off on the third day between two opposing teams of Kolonia.

Judging from last year's performance,

Majuro, in the Marshalls, undoubtedly had a big day as well. However, their report has not arrived as yet and thus will be included in next month's issue of M.M.

U.N. Day at Yap was planned by the magistrates council, the PAK E Pul (Yap Young Men's Association), and the Education Department. Events included canoe, relay and rope making races. However, the most impressive event occurred when little Margou got up before the audience at Yap and read her U.N. message on behalf of the Council of Magistrates. Some say that Father Bailey of the Jesuit Mission helped her compose the speech. If this is true, he and Margou deserve credit for expressing the best thought on U.N. Day. Her speech, which is quoted in its entirety below, uses simple words--but it carries a big message!

UNITED NATIONS DAY, 1953

"Today is a day of great joy.

"What is the cause of our joy?

"A holiday from work or school?

"No. Today is Saturday - no work; no school.

"What then?

"Our friends.

"Happy is the man who is bless with good friends.

"Among ourselves we have many friends and rejoice in them.

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TUT, TUT, GENERAL
Editorial
from The Honolulu Advertiser

We like and respect General Carlos P. Romulo but we believe that Philip-pines leader was speaking as a politi-cian rather than as a statesman when he criticized conditions in the small trust territories of the world and in-cluded the Pacific Trust Territory as one in which conditions were unsatis-factory.

The situation in Africa, also men-tioned by General Romulo, is more than bad, it is perilous, but the gen-eral erred in including the American Trust Territory of the Pacific in the list of populations with whom the faith is not being kept.

Residents of the Pacific, unless they are specialists, know little of trust territory administration in Africa, but we are familiar with those in Mi-cronesia where men and women of diverse cultures are wards of Amer-ica under a trust agreement with the United Nations. America seized those islands in the war with Japan and can-not, in the interests of defense, allow them to pass into other hands. Amer-ica, nevertheless, made a solemn pact with the UN to foster the welfare of the Pacific islanders and America is keeping that promise.

Before America captured the multi-tude of little islands ranging from the Marshalls to Palau the inhabitants were exploited. Under American rule their health has been safeguarded, their education has been provided for, and they are being fitted for the man-agement of their own affairs. Amer-ica carried on the same campaign in the Philippines after taking that archi-pelago from Spain.

General Romulo, in criticizing a state of affairs of which he probably knows little, is unintentionally feed-ing propaganda material to the vigilant masters of the Communist movement

who in the summer of 1920, outlined a program from which they never have swerved.

That program called for the develop-ment and organization of discontent and subversion, for the exploitation of ex-isting antagonisms and fomenting of new conflicts in any area where hatred, strife and uprisings might weaken the population of an area sufficiently to make it a prey to the Communist con-spiracy.

Since the summer of 1920 when Lenin outlined that program to the Second Congress of the Third International, the USSR has extended its power over the bulk of Asia, including China, and has squeezed free peoples to the ex-tremities and fringes of what writers on geopolitics call the heartland. The Red poison is working everywhere, in-cluding the Philippines.

In Africa the situation is bad because there the legitimate demands of colo-nial people are being met slowly and reluctantly. France has paid a ter-rible price, too, in Indo-China for tardy realization of the fact that em-pire, old-style, is in decay.

America, which has a revolutionary tradition of its own, learned in the first century of its existence that it could not and should not exist at the expense of subject peoples. Not all of still-free Europe has come to that con-clusion. The sooner this happens the better is the chance that something can be salvaged from the wreckage of ci-vilization.

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AMATA ADDRESSES ROTARIANS

Amata Kabua described life in the Marshall Islands at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Kahului, Maui.

Amata, who is attending Maunaolu Community College, Paia, Maui, was invited to address the Rotarians by Dr. K. C. Leebrick, president of the college and former liaison officer-historian at Trust Territory.

EDITORS' MAIL

(This month we hear from our Director of Education who is spending two months in the field.)

Your letter of October 30, requesting my usual monthly contribution to the Micronesian Monthly reached Truk today on the regular Monday flight from Guam. We had just finished our education conference which started one week ago today. This has been a wonderful conference. I have attended many a one in my day but none that was as gratifying as this one. Vit and Herb Schwartz were there and their two Western Carolinian associates -- Alphonso Oiterong and Raphael Uag. From the Eastern Carolines and the Marshalls came Bob Halverson and Leanord, George Ramos and Dwight Heine. Ripsom and Napoleon De Fang of Truk and Cy Pickerill of PICS played host to the rest of us.

What a real pleasure it was for me to spend a week with this fine group of educators -- as splendid as any I've ever been associated with over a long professional career. As I told them at a dinner one night, given by the Americans on Truk honoring the educators assembled; "I started my educational career when some of you Educational Administrators were babes in arms." And yet over the past two and a half years there has grown up such a friendly spirit among us that differences in ages don't seem to count.

I jotted down today some outstanding characteristics of this conference -- characteristics which all agreed made it much better than our first one held two years ago. I think you will be interested in them, for they mark new and improved ways of people working together. Each member of the conference had a greater mutual trust, friendship, knowledge about, and concern for common problems. At the first conference most of us were new to our jobs and each other. Continuity of employment has made for greater

unity and solidarity. There was evidenced throughout a fine spirit of human relations.

Because of this mutual trust, greater feelings of security and respect of differences of opinion, a spirit of permissiveness pervaded this conference. No person was afraid to speak his piece. Out of this freedom and out of conflict of ideas came larger ideas which were successfully integrated into a working whole. No one individual dominated the conference. Each one had his say. The final statements of policy and recommendations represented a triumph for the group method of thinking. They were the unanimous decisions of the group, were more inclusive and better stated than any of us could have done alone. We valued difference and learned from it rather than deplored it, nor did we look for ways to overcome it.

Micronesians had large opportunity for expression and for policy-making in our conference. All of us agreed at the start that our Micronesian co-workers in education must be given a greater and greater part in our deliberations if they are to have greater responsibility in policy-formation. We all felt that we should give proper place in our conference to relevant local knowledge held by the people themselves and passed on through their representatives (in this case the superintendents of schools).

We tried to provide for the best integration of this relevant local knowledge with the know-how of the American experts (in this case the Educational Administrators). We wanted to allow these Micronesian superintendents of schools to claim the right of final judgment for themselves. We attempted always to give to their knowledge and their judgment a status equal to our own. We came far nearer at this conference having a two-way learning, two-way teaching process going on between our Micronesian fellow-workers and ourselves.

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THREE NEW PLANES ACQUIRED BY INTERIOR FOR T.T. USE

Three new planes have been acquired by Interior from the Air Force for use in the Trust Territory, it has been announced by Acting Deputy High Commissioner H. G. Marshall.

The planes are Grumman Albatross SA-16s, the type used by the services in air-sea rescue work.

Interior estimates that one or more of the planes may be available for service by the first of next year.

The three planes presently are being tested for certification by the CAA for civilian use. Although the tests are incomplete, numerous changes probably will have to be made, Mr. Marshall was informed.

As the SA-16s are acquired for service, the PBVs which are now in use in the Trust Territory will be retired.

The Grumman Albatrosses are superior to the PBVs in that the payload (freight and passenger capacity) is much larger. The planes cruise at a speed of 175 MPH as compared to the 110 MPH speed of the PBVs.

Of the four PBVs, one recently was flown to Oakland to undergo major repairs. The Trust Territory now has decided to dispose of it there.

Transocean Airlines will operate the new planes for the administration. The company's Guam manager, Captain Floyd Duffey, passed through Honolulu early in November en route to San Bernardino Air Force Base to inspect the planes. Capt Duffey will arrange for spare parts, and will make every effort to facilitate certification. He probably will continue on to Washington to confer with Interior and CAA officials to the end that the

planes will be delivered and in operation in the shortest possible time.

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VETERAN HEALTH WORKER NAMED TO RECORDS POST

A veteran public health worker has been engaged by the Trust Territory to assume the position of Medical Records Librarian.

She is Miss Virginia Breaks of California. Presently going through orientation at Headquarters, Miss Breaks departed for Truk in mid-November.

Miss Breaks will have the difficult job of securing reliable public health statistics. As Dr. H. L. Marshall, director, points out:

"Complete information on births, deaths, diseases and the cause of and age at death, is not easy to get from widely separated islands, involving language difficulties and inadequate medical and clerical skills in a population where name and age are not securely established.

"Yet data of this kind is essential in order to understand condition and as a guide to planning. A Public Health analyst and vital statistician of good training and experience (also, what may be even rare—courage and enthusiasm to undertake the task) has been employed and after preparation of specially adapted forms and registers will proceed to the Territory."

Miss Breaks has been with the California Department of Public Health for the past eight years. Most recently she was chief of the reports section, bureau of records and statistics for the Department.

A graduate of Western College, Oxford, Ohio, Miss Breaks also holds a M.A.P.H. degree from the University of California.

McKAY DISCUSSES LEAVE

Justice to 4,600 employees in the Department who voluntarily did not take leave or who were denied this right during the war, must not be overlooked, Secretary McKay said in issuing new regulations implementing the amended Annual and Sick Leave Act of 1951.

The act places a thirty day limitation on the amount of unused annual leave which may be accumulated for use in succeeding years. The act also directs the heads of departments to take the necessary action to bring about reductions in annual leave over the limit which has been accumulated in the past.

Secretary McKay's regulation provides that accumulated leave over 30-days shall be reduced at the rate of at least three days in each leave year beginning January 1, 1954. At this rate, a reduction to thirty days leave of all employees having up to sixty days will be possible within a ten-year period.

Approximately 4,600 employees of Interior's 55,000 have between sixty and ninety accumulated leave days.

A more rapid rate of reduction in accumulated annual leave, Secretary McKay said "would not be in the best interests of the conduct of public business by reason of the fact that employees must take all the annual leave which accrues to them each year.

"We must consider the need for the services of the employees as well as the requirement to reduce accumulated annual leave.

"Furthermore, we must not overlook the need for seeing that justice is extended to the 4,600 employees who have between sixty and ninety days accumulated leave. These are the employees who either voluntarily did not take leave or who were denied their right to take leave during the

war. I would prefer that these employees exercised their own judgment in taking such excess leave, but I do not believe this could be within the spirit of the provisions of the amended act.

"It is felt," Secretary McKay concluded, "the Department has been as liberal as possible in dealing with a matter adversely affecting the interests of its employees. I hope that employees and supervisors will make every effort to liquidate excess leave more rapidly than required by these regulations if this can be done without having serious effects upon the conduct of public business."

The above reference to a maximum accumulation of 30 days annual leave refers to employees serving in the continental United States. As employees overseas, away from point of recruitment, are entitled to accrue a total of 45 days leave by the amendment to the Annual and Sick Leave Act, Secretary McKay's statement must be interpreted to authorize maximum leave accrual in that amount.)

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COST OF LIVING PAY IS NOT TAXABLE

Federal employees in Hawaii and Alaska received good news recently: the 20 per cent cost of living differential is not taxable.

And that's official! While rumors have been circulating for some time that the government would stop taxing that portion of an employee's pay, and would refund what taxes had been paid on it, it was not until late in October that the Treasury Department made it official.

The ruling is not applicable to persons working in Trust Territory. They are paid a 25 per cent post differential which is taxable.

Claims for refund of taxes can be made on Form 843.

RADIO WSZO USHERS IN NEW ERA TO MARSHALLS

(From the Majuro Times)

At 30 seconds before 1:00 P.M. of Oct. 12, the strains of the Emperor Waltz blared tinnily from a small radio receiver on an atoll in the Marshall Islands. For 27 seconds, the music played on and then faded into the background as a man's voice, somewhat strident to hide his emotion, announced "Yokwe non kom ro dri Marshalls, Station WSZO. At this time Station WSZO becomes a member station of the far-flung communications system of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands...."

The commissioning ceremonies of the Trust Territory's first official broadcast station were comparatively simple. Carl Kunz, designer and builder of the station, made the opening announcement, then beckoned to Jack Tobin, Anthropologist, who read the message of congratulation from the Honorable Frank E. Midkiff, High Commissioner. Tobin spoke alternately in Marshallese and English, then introduced Maynard Neas, Island Affairs Officer, acting for the District Administrator, as the main speaker.

Mr. Neas, speaking in Marshallese, told the people of the Marshalls that the broadcast was here to serve them, in their own language, as a source of entertainment, means of conveying news and other items of general interest and to warn them of the approach of storms and other dangers threatening their lives and property. He extended thanks to those who build the station and to the High Commissioner who made both men and equipment available for the project.

Other speakers were Magistrate Iroij Aiseia David, Kabua Kabua, president of the House of Iroji, and Dwight Heine, Assistant Educational

Administrator. The Marshallese guests of honor extended their thanks to the High Commissioner and the various officials of the Trust Territory Government of the Pacific Islands.

At the close of Dwight Heine's speech, the last speaker on the program, Albuit, radio mechanic on the communications staff at Majuro, spun the first platter and began his career as a Marshallese disc jockey.

Out on the atoll where the small radio blared, the listeners glanced at each other, nodded approvingly and settled back for three hours of music from their own station.

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UN DAY ACTIVITIES (Continued from page 15)

"As a people we have two.

"Proof of their friendship is beyond denial. They have not only filled our needs when we could not but what is greater—a greater sign of their friendship—they have worked through office, hospital, school and public works to teach us to take care of ourselves.

"Some of you are thinking that the United States and the United Nations are our friends.

"You are right. They are our friends. They are the cause of our joy.

"Now, then, before we begin our games we think it right and good to remind you that the foremost lesson they have taught us is the necessity of unity, oneness among ourselves for the good of all.

"Moreover, we believe that the best way that we can say thank you to them for their friendship is by this oneness among ourselves."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Oct. 9

Micronesia Navigation Co. organized as T.T. Corp. to carry scrap cargo for Micro-Metals.

Oct. 11

New King of Ulithi — Fernando Malevitch, nephew of deceased King Ueg.

Oct. 15

Education conference scheduled to be held Nov. 2-6 at Truk.

Oct. 21

Negotiations underway to acquire three Grumman Albatross planes to replace PBY's.

Oct. 23

DistAd Hedges and crew arrive Ponape after sailing his schooner ASKOY from Truk.

Nov. 2

New reports of illegal entry by Japanese or Okinawan fishing vessels seen off Babelthaup in Palaus.

Nov. 4

U.S. Air Force to commence new construction at Ponape and Kusaie late December.

Nov. 5

M/V BAKER or another AKL will leave Majuro for Suva late December to transport medical students.

Nov. 12

Robert L. Briand, Naval electronics engineer to visit Majuro, Rongerik and Wotje, Marshall Islands, to measure strength radio signals from navigational aids.

Nov. 16

Due structural damage during take-off from Ebeye lagoon in heavy seas, one PBY permanently grounded. Procurement of new Albatross planes being expedited.

Nov. 17

Maynard Neas, Island Affairs Officer Majuro to visit Gilbert Islands aboard M/V BAKER. Study administration practices there.

Nov. 18

Senatorial party and Interior officials with High Commissioner to visit Marshalls, Ponape, Truk, Guam Koror starting Dec. 1. May include side trips to Mili (Marshalls) and Ulithi (Yap).

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EDITORS' MAIL

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From such a process came greater shared purpose and shared common view of the problems. It is my opinion that both Micronesian and American educators saw these problems much more nearly in the same light this time.

All of us tried very hard at his conference to adjust ourselves to one overriding authority — the authority of the situation itself. We American members tried not to impose predetermined policy but rather to bring more relevant facts to bear upon each problem or situation being considered. In other words, we tried to learn more about the situation, each from the other. We endeavored to maintain throughout a many-way learning, many-way teaching relationship. The result of this way of working together was that we came out of our conference with our policy unanimously accepted and with a feeling of oneness among both Micronesians and Americans attending. Each of us learned better how to arrive at common decisions based upon the authority of the situation.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Gibson

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BUY SAVINGS BONDS

PERSONNEL CHANGES

It is that time of month again when I must prepare my column or suffer the wrath of the editor. So here goes.

The following accessions were made during the past month:

Yoshito Kawabata has been appointed messenger at headquarters since our faithful Eddie Nacua has taken over the communications office here, and doing right well, too. Thelma Gorman is now stationed at Guam; perhaps she will write us a Guam column. How about it, Thelly? There should be plenty of news among our friends stationed there.

Two other veterans of HiCom have been reassigned: Ray Howland, of the Public Works staff is now stationed at Guam and Donald Heron has taken over his duties as DistAd Yap and Palau.

Komatsu Tanaka has departed for Guam and her new job as secretary to the general supply officer. Vincent A. Edson and family as well as James W. Peterson and his family were recently here on their way to Truk. Mr. Edson will teach in the Intermediate School and Mr. Peterson will be the assistant communications specialist.

Dr. Ben Goodwin and his family already are in Yap. Virginia Breaks plans to depart immediately for the field where she will work as public health statistician. She has been working for the past month in Honolulu. Mrs. Janet W. Smith is the new procurement clerk for Finance and Supply on Guam.

Neil Murphy and his wife were here briefly on their way back to Gaum after mainland leave. The DistAd of the Marshalls, Donald Gilfillan, recently returned on the Lurline from leave spent on the West Coast. John Palmer has been here briefly for conferences and will return to Ebeye as

soon as transportation is available. Mrs. Adeline Moore will soon be leaving her job in the Marshalls. Dan Akimoto will replace here.

Quite a number of separations have also taken place this month. Dr. Harry Chang, dentist at Ponape and Koror for the past two and a half years, has been separated by reduction in force. Henry C. Wolfgram, veteran director of Public Works, has been employed by the Air Force and is now in Okinawa. Paul and Virginia Parker have left the field headquarters office.

Truk lost Marie Weber and Jimmie L. Hawk. We all had a very nice visit with Marie and her husband while they were here en route to southern California. Mr. Hawk is now employed in Honolulu.

Edith M. Wright had to leave her job in Guam because her husband was released from the Navy. Mamoru Hamada, a Public Works employee, had to return due to the cutback in maintenance personnel. Frank Murphy, agriculturist, was just in to check out with us.

P.S. I recently had a letter from George Laycock, former hospital administrator who is now hard at work in a hospital in South Carolina. He mentioned that he had attended a conference where he saw and reminisced with Elsie Doyle about their experiences in the Trust Territory. Dr. John Valentine visited us briefly on his way to Canada. He very fortunately got off the BCPA plane that recently went on to the coast and crashed near San Francisco.

We really enjoy hearing from former employees. Quite a number keep up on TT news through their subscriptions to the Micronesian Monthly.

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It is possible to make room in the refrigerator for a watermelon your husband brings home unordered, but you can never divide the summer guest who arrives unexpectedly.