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Accelerated Elementary School Construction in Truk includes this two-building nine classroom school at Neauwo Village, Moen Island. Funds have been provided for the construction of 136 classrooms and 56 teacher houses in the Truk District. Other construction projects underway in the Truk District include an aviation gasoline fueling facility, a 14,000 square foot Vocational Arts building, two new three-bedroom dependent houses plus 18 additional dependent houses being constructed by private contractors. The Congressional Party saw these construction projects and others like them in all Districts of the Trust Territory during their recent tour of Micronesia. (Cover photo by Headquarters PIO).

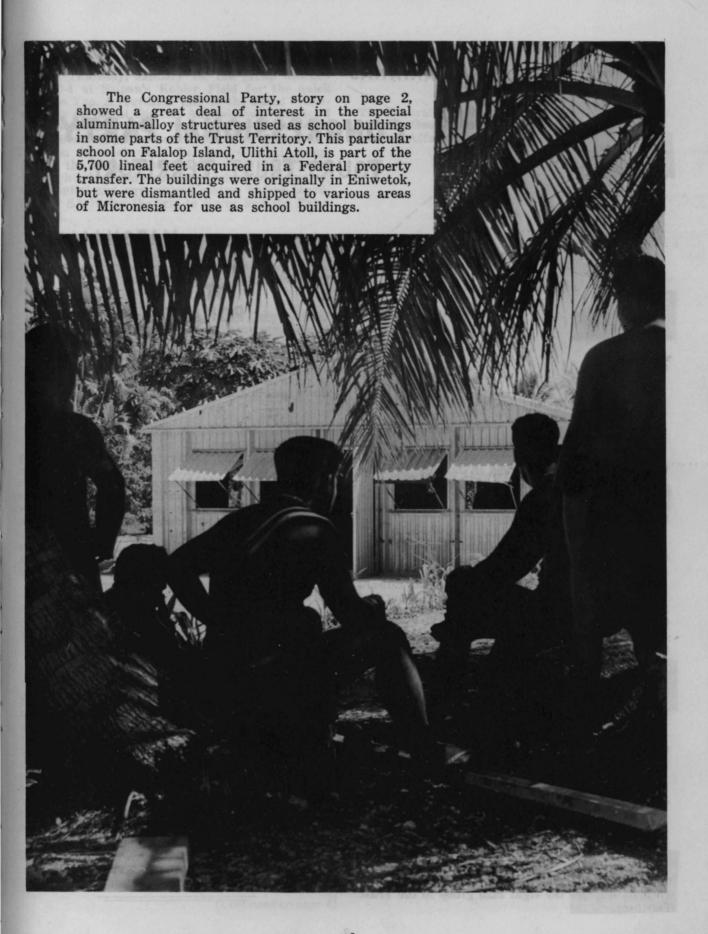
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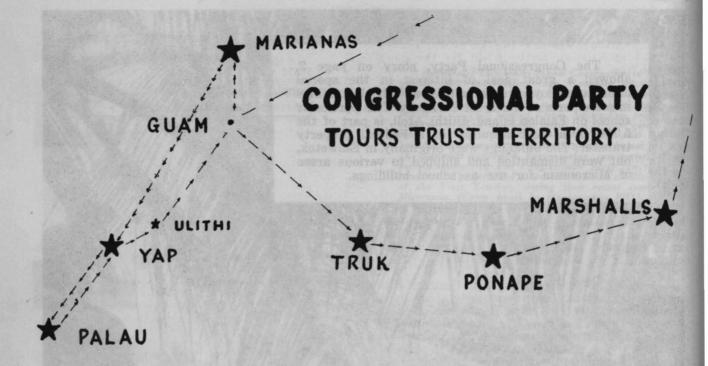
The February 15 through April 1 issue of the Micronesian Reporter will be highlighted by a report of the activities of the 1964 United Nations Visiting Mission during their trip through the Trust Territory. Other reports will cover the Judiciary Conference, the Prosecutors/Public Defenders Training Course, and a report from Director of Education Dr. Robert E. Gibson on the progress of elementary eduction in the Trust Territory.

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A nine-member Congressional group winged its way to Saipan's Kobler Field in January to begin a tight 11-day itinerary that took them to the six District Centers of the Trust Territory plus side trips to Tinian, Babelthuap, Falalop, Metalanium, Ebeye, Kwajalein, and Guam.

Members of the Congressional party included Congressman Ralph J. Rivers, Congressman Thomas P. Gill, Congressman Winfield K. Denton, Congressman Rogers C. B. Morton, and Congressman Edward Roybal. All are members of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee with the exception of Congressman Denton who is a member of the House Appropriations Committee. Other members of the group included Mr. Robert M. Mangan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior; Mr. James H. Gamble, professional staff member, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and Dr. John Taylor, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee staff member.

Dr. Y. Baron Goto, Vice Chancellor, East West Center, joined the group on January 16 just before departing Saipan for Yap and Palau.

High Commissioner M. W. Goding and Trust Territory government Public Information Officer John D. Livsey accompanied the group throughout their tour of Micronesia.

Headquarters staff members, municipal authorities, and legislators were on hand at Kobler Field to welcome the eight man group to the Trust Territory.

Their tight itinerary opened the following morning with a scheduled hour-long briefing in the Headquarters building. Congressmen Morton and Gill called upon staff members to provide answers to their many questions regarding the Accelerated Elementary School Education Program, teacher recruitment, and economic development. Congressman Denton, who is also a member of the House Health, Education and Welfare Committee, sought answers to his questions regarding medical facilities available in the Trust Territory.

What began as an early morning hour-long briefing ended shortly after noon a full four hours after it started.

A series of luncheons and formal dinners in Saipan gave the Congressional members additional opportunities to discuss programs and activities in the Trust Territory with staff members before taking a first-hand look during their tour. The group visited the Dr. Torres Memorial Hospital, the agriculture station, District Headquarters, the Municipal Legislature, toured villages, visited schools and talked with many local residents during their three-day stay in Saipan. A trip to Tinian was also taken by the group before their scheduled departure for Yap and Palau.

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On Thursday, January 16, the group boarded the DC-4 at Saipan's Kobler Field for the quick flight to Yap. A four-hour tour of the island followed lunch served at District Administrator Maynard Neas' home in Colonia. Yap's principal administration and municipal authorities were on hand at the luncheon to meet with the Congressional group. During the Congressmen's short visit they viewed new high school and elementary school construction, the hospital and agricultural station before boarding the SA-16 for the trip to Koror and the Palau District.

A long arching flight over Babelthuap gave the party members an aerial view of the new airfield construction at Airai and a glimpse of the famed limestone islands of Palau before touching down at Koror's seadrome.

As in all Districts during the Congressional tour the welcome at Koror was deeply appreciated by all members of the group. School children of all ages were on hand to welcome the distinguished guests as well as adult members of the population. The itinerary in Palau included visits to schools, agricultural projects, hospitals, boat-building yards, and fisheries plant.

On Friday, January 17, the group boarded three out-board boats for the journey through the limestone islands to Babelthuap Island.

The Congressmen were impressed with the natural beauty of the Palau District as the boats made their way to the landing at Babelthuap. A light rain whispered across the island as the group viewed progress at the Airai airfield, visited the Airai AESCP school, and hiked down the steep road through the rain forest for a look at the proposed Koror dam and site reservoir.

Additional trips through Koror and talks with leading officials gave the party more facts on development work in all parts of the Palau District before their departure on Saturday, January 18, for Yap and Guam.

A last-minute itinerary change took the SA-16 to Falalop Island in the Ulithi Atoll where the Congressmen were given a quick tour of that island as it recovers from the devastating effects of a typhoon that struck three years ago. Jim Boykin escorted the members of the party on the inspection tour where the Congressmen learned of the recent planting of 7,000 seed coconuts and the efforts being made to increase copra production.

Again the party boarded the SA-16 for the flight to Guam where the party remained for three day before once more resuming their inspection and familiarization tour of the Trust Territory.

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The Honorable Ralph J. Rivers Member House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee



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The Honorable Winfield K. Denton Member House Appropriations Committee



The Honorable Thomas P. Gill Member House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee



# CONGRESSIONAL - (Continued from page 3)

The steady roar of the DC-4 engines took the group to Truk where District Administrator Boyd Mackenzie gave the members a long look at the many development and construction projects underway in the Truk District. Captain Dewey Huffer served as host on board the MILITOBI as he explained the need for adequate ships to serve the administrative requirements for field trips in the Trust Territory.

After a two-day visit to Moen Island in the Truk District the group once more repacked their suitcases and boarded the SA-16 for the trip to Ponape.

District Administrator Robert Halvorsen greeted the party at the sea-plane ramp and watched as the group boarded boats for the trip to the Farm Institute. Wind-whipped salt spray doused every man in the group before the boat ride was ended at Matalanim. After viewing first-hand the Farm Institute and talking with men responsible for the agriculture education program in the territory the group again boarded the boats for the return trip to Kolonia.

Again an enthusiastic welcome was sounded for the Congressional visitors by the residents of the District Center in Ponape. The whirl-wind tour of the principal activities in Kolonia was highlighted by visits to the Pacific Islands Central School and the pepper pilot project at the agriculture station.

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FIRST STOP AFTER SAIPAN . . . Members of the Congressional Party view the new Yap High School complex

of buildings during the first leg of their inspection tour of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

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The rapid pace of activities began to show as the party climbed aboard the SA-16 for the trip to the Marshall Islands District Center in the Majuro Atoll. An uneventful trip in the rumbling amphibious aircraft ended at 3:40 p.m. Thursday, January 23, as the plane landed at Majuro Field. District Administrator Peter Coleman led the welcoming committee as the group neared the end of their tour.

In Majuro the Congressional Party saw the 150-year-old Karen Dance performed by Marshallese men and accompanied by the chants of the women

as well as the various projects underway in the atoll.

Talks with District Director of Education Dwight Heine and members of the Marshall Islands District Legislature Hold-over Committee gave the Congressmen still more information on the hopes and problems being faced in the Marshalls.

The tour of the Trust Territory ended for the Congressional group upon their arrival in Kwajalein where they visited Ebeye and then left for Honolulu and the return flight to Washington, D. C.

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AFTER VISITING PALAU the Congressional group made an unscheduled visit to Falalop Island in the Ulithi Atoll.

High Commissioner Goding introduces Congressman Edward Roybal to Falalop Island officials.

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Congressman Ralph Rivers, sub-committee chairman, speaking for the group said, "We have found new schools, improved hospital facilities, better health programs, and new efforts being made to build economic stability for the Micronesians. The knowledge gained in this trip will be used to good advantage in determining future legislation affecting the Territory."

Photographic

Highlights Of

The Congressional

Tour Of Micronesia



AT EVERY STOP along the Congressional route crowds were on hand to welcome the visiting dignitaries. Welcomes

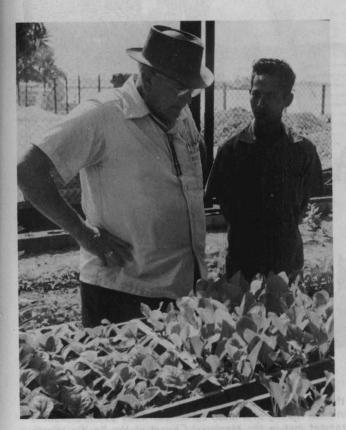
such as this at Koror deeply impressed the group with the friendliness of Micronesians in all parts of the Territory.



SAIPAN



BABELTHUAP



MAJURO



# Marshall Islands Land Use Agreement Signed

High Commissioner M. Wilfred Goding announced February 13 the successful completion of negotiations by the Trust Territory government for land use rights in the Kwajalein Atoll.

Involved in the lease agreement was payment for past use rights for 99 years dating from February 1944. Some 682 acres of land in the Kwajalein Atoll were covered under the lease agreement and 68 acres of land used by the Trust Territory government as an airfield on Dalap Island, Majuro Atoll. The total payment was \$750,000.00.

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KWAJALEIN, MARSHALL ISLANDS . . . Negotiations by the Trust Territory government for land use rights in the Marshall Islands were successfully completed in February with the signing of a lease agreement. Fifty-two Marshallese landowners and representatives of the Trust Territory Government met in the Memorial Chapel at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kwajalein for the formal signing of the agreement.

# New Ship Construction Considered By Administration

Preliminary design work and cost estimates on two new steel ships and a number of smaller utility vessels to meet growing needs within the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands have been asked of several shipbuilding yards according to a headquarters announcement.

The largest ship to be considered is a steel 125 to 130 foot diesel-powered vessel for additional cargo/passenger service throughout the three million square mile Territory. The ship under consideration would be pressed into service as a replacement vessel or possibly as an addition to the eight ship fleet now in operation.

Headquarters transportation officer James M. Cook said this vessel would be designed specifically for the type service found in the Trust Territory.

A second vessel, in the 90 to 100 foot class, is being considered as an administrative ship. As a combination agriculture, economic and social development, and medical and dental service vessel, it would serve many of the more isolated district areas as well as centers of population.

Additional tentative plans call for two 75 to 80 foot diesel-powered units to meet administrative requirements in such large areas as the Truk lagoon where field trip ships are now being used for this purpose. Design specifications call for the units to be equipped with radio and radar and would be required to cruise at 14 knots.

Cook said several requests have been made for a utility boat to meet out-lying island emergency needs. As an answer to these requests design specifications for a 26 to 36 foot diesel-powered trunk cabin boat have been requested. The steelhulled boats could be used in open seas in relative safety.

Cook added that while no contracts have been awarded for any of these vessels design work and cost estimates are being gathered.

LAND AGREEMENT - (Continued from page 8)

Landowners from Majuro Atoll arrived in Kwajalein Tuesday, February 11, by Navy aircraft where they were joined by Ebeye residents to discuss final land settlement problems. All matters were reportedly settled after two hours of discussions. The entire group then proceeded to the Memorial Chapel of the Pacific Missile Range Facility to formally sign the agreement documents.

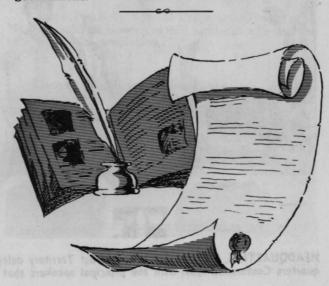
Trust Territory Attorney General Robert K. Shoecraft and Marshall Islands District Administrator Peter T. Coleman signed the lease agreement for the Trust Territory. The 52 signers for the landowners included ranking Marshallese Iroijs Kabua Kabua, Lejellan Kabua, Aiesea David, and the representatives of Iroij Albert Lock and Leroij Neimoro.

High Commissioner Goding said the signing of the lease agreement approximately 20 years from the date of liberation of Kwajalein by United States forces brought to a culmination long years of negotiation on the part of the Trust Territory government and the Marshallese landowners to reach an equitable and workable solution within the local patterns of Marshallese land use.

Since land in the Marshalls is not individually owned, but is held jointly by clan members, many hundreds of individuals have a stake in land rights. Protracted negotiations thus were needed to arrive at an acceptable format which would satisfy present landowners as well as provide for future inheritors.

Captain H. D. Allen, USN, the commanding officer of the Pacific Missile Range Facility, witnessed the signing of the lease agreement and provided full support during the final negotiations.

Attorney General Robert K. Shoecraft first became involved in the negotiations in 1959 shortly after his employment with the Trust Territory government.



# DENTAL CONFEREES MEET

The first Territory-wide Dental Conference held since 1952 opened in the Headquarters Conference Room January 10 with representatives from six Districts of the Trust Territory in attendance.

Dr. A. A. Jaffe, Director of Dental Services, said the primary purpose of the conference was to provide an exchange of information on present dental practices throughout the Territory and to gain suggestions and recommendations regarding future policies of the Dental Public Health Service.

Heavy emphasis was placed on public dental health education during the conference according to Dr. Jaffe. He added that the 17 conference topics covered a variety of fields including a review of dental fees in the Territory, caries preventive education for all children, field service, recruitment of qualified students for the study of dentistry and dental nursing, Dental Health Week activities, and future construction of dental facilities for both District Centers and field service.

Representatives at the conference included: Peter Enta, District Director of Dental Services, Marshall Islands; Miss Kimlock Lamurlik, Dental Nurse, Marshall Islands; Conference Secretary Augustine Harris, Dental Officer, Ponape; Miss Judy Shoniber, Dental Nurse, Ponape; Sasauo Harauo, District Director of Dental Services, Truk; Teoho Oiph, District Director of Dental Services, Palau; J. Ch. Reyes, Senior Dental Officer, Marianas; and Manuel M. Aldan, Dental Officer, Marianas; Untun Kadagued, District Director of Dental Services, Yap.

High Commissioner M. Wilfred Goding welcomed the conference delegates at the opening ceremony January 10. Other speakers included Acting Deputy High Commissioner John M. Spivey, and Dr. Daniel J. Schneider, acting Director of Medical Services.

Shortly after the close of the Dental Conference Dr. Jaffe presented a review of dental development in the Trust Territory in past years, what is being accomplished today, and what construction of dental clinics is underway now and what is being planned.

He said in 1958 there were five American dentists in the Trust Territory and that he is the only one remaining today. There are 20 Micronesian dentists practicing in the Territory and 18 are graduates of a four year course at the Central



HEADQUARTERS, SAIPAN, M. I. . . . Trust Territory delegates to the 1964 Dental Conference meet in the Head-quarters Conference room with the principal speakers that addressed the opening session.

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Medical and Dental School of Suva, Fiji Islands. Dr. Jaffe said that all have completed a seven week post-graduate course at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Guam to keep abreast of modern techniques, drugs and equipment.

The staff of dentists is complemented with a well-trained and growing corps of auxiliary personnel according to Dr. Jaffe. They include 12 dental nurses and nine other laboratory dental technicians and dental aides.

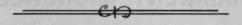
Formal dental nurse training in the Territory began in 1959 with the establishment of the School of Dental Nursing with five male students attending the first class. In 1961 ten female students enrolled for the two year course. Eight students from different Districts are candidates for graduation in June upon completion of the two year curriculum which is equivalent to that offered by a United States University including courses in extraction and fillings.

Dr. Jaffe said, "It is our aim to provide the students not only with a sound academic background, but to educate them to assume their responsibilities in their communities as representatives of the dental service." A continuing program to attract interested Micronesians to the dental field is being carried out in all parts of the Trust Territory by interviews and by providing a brochure detailing the purposes and requirements.

Higher education in dental activities will see additional recruitment of qualified students for study at universities abroad with the present goal of reducing the 1 for 4,050 dentist population ratio to 1 for 1,000. Two pre-dental students are presently attending the Philippine University for the seven year course leading to a BS and D.M.D. degree.

In elaborating on dental activities in the Territory Dr. Jaffe pointed out there are permanent dental installations on the Island of Ebeye, Marshall Islands District, and one on Kusaie, Ponape District. He said that sub-station dental facilities will be installed on out-lying islands including laboratory facilities in other Districts. The budget increase alloted to the Trust Territory will permit the expansion of dental facilities in both District Centers and out-lying islands according to the Doctor. He added that construction of a modern two-chair dental clinic will begin shortly in Saipan at a cost of \$21,000. A four-chair dental clinic is on the drawing boards with an expected completion cost of approximately \$25,000. Other Districts will ultimately have three or four chair dental clinics.

In closing his review of dental activities in the Territory, Dr. Jaffe said a strong public information program is to be carried out on the need for dental health. He said this program will reach its maximum intensity during Dental Health Week in the Territory.



# Rota Labor Services Contract Awarded

A \$29,583 labor services contract was awarded Thomas Mendiola of Rota in early February for the construction of nine classrooms and associated school facilities.

The classrooms are a part of the Accelerated Elementary School Construction Program (AESCP) now underway throughout the three million square mile Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Site preparation in Rota for the classrooms has been completed and materials are on the island

ready for use.

Trust Territory Special Projects Officer Frank Moulton said an estimated 270 students will use the facilities upon completion.

Thomas Mendiola, a Rota contractor, has also been engaged in sub-contract work on a number of teacher housing units on the island.

Established goal of the Trust Territory administration is to have new elementary classrooms for every public elementary school in the Territory by the end of 1966.

# PROMINENT MICRONESIAN WOMEN ATTEND SEMINAR

by Luke M. Tman

Two Micronesian women, both prominent members of the Trust Territory government, attended a Seminar in January on methods to improve nutritional standards at the village level. The Seminar, which was held from January 21 through January 30 in Manila, was sponsored by the United Nations World Health Organization (WHO).

The office of the WHO regional director for the Western Pacific, in Manila, co-ordinated the plans and arrangements for the Seminar which was attended by delegates from the Pacific countries and territories. The participants represented the fields of primary and adult education, community development, and public health nursing, and nutritional officials.

Trust Territory delegates were Mrs. Mary Lanwi of the Marshalls and Mrs. Kiyoko Rengiil of Palau. Mrs. Lanwi is the Women's Interest Officer for the Marshalls. She is one of the pioneers in women's organization work in the Territory, particulary in the Marshalls. She has also attended women's activities conferences in Japan and Western Samoa.

Mrs. Kiyoko Rengiil, a graduate nurse, was formerly an instructor at the Trust Territory School of Nursing when it was located in Koror, Palau. She is presently engaged in village public health nursing in Palau. Mrs. Rengiil was among the original group of nurse students from the Trust Territory that attended the Naval School of Nursing in Guam. She graduated from that school in 1950.

Dr. Daniel Schneider, acting director of Medical Services, invited the two Nutritional Seminar delegates to Saipan to confer with Headquarters staff members and leading Saipanese women upon their return to the Trust Territory.

During the visit to Saipan Mrs. Lanwi pointed out there is a definite need for a nutritional program in the Trust Territory. She noted that the Seminar was stimulating and helpful since the discussions were directed at the village level which can be readily applied to villages in the Trust Territory.

Commenting on the need for proper diet Mrs.

Commenting on the need for proper diet Mrs. Rengiil suggested that women leaders in the Districts take initiative in encouraging local people to include fresh produce in their diet in order to ensure adequate vitamin and mineral intake.

Mrs. Rita C. Cabrera, President of the Saipan Women's Association, added that women leaders could start a community education program to teach mothers, who are responsible for the feeding of their family, proper diet and nutrition.

In reply to a suggestion from the ladies that a District-wide or Territory-wide Seminar on nutrition and diet be held, Dr. Schneider said plans are being formulated for such a seminar.

The two Manila Seminar attenders returned to their homes at the close of the Headquarters discussions.

# Bids Sought For 90 Homes In Trust Territory

Invitations for bids on 90 concrete block homes for the Government of the Trust Territory were extended to contractors early in January according to an announcement from High Commissioner M. W. Goding's office.

The homes will be used by United States elementary school teachers and are to be located in several areas of the Trust Territory.

John M. Spivey, contracting officer, said instructions for bidders, provisions and special conditions, site data sheets and other pertinent information is available in the office of the Trust Territory Liaison Officer, Mongmong.

Closing date for the bids has been set for February 24, 1964.

Construction of the housing units is being carried out to meet the established goal of at least one United States teacher teaching in English, where the population warrants, in each public elementary school in the Trust Territory by the end of 1966.

# University of Hawaii Anthropologist Returns To Continue Study in Trust Territory

"Over-population is a very real fact confronting people in the Pacific area now and these studies might well determine how others would adjust to new homes." This statement was made by Dr. Leonard E. Mason, Professor and Chairman of the Anthropology Department, University of Hawaii, upon his arrival in Guam in early January on his way into the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The trip is being made to continue his study and research into the resettlement of displaced persons moved in 1946 and 1947 from the Bikini and Eniwetok atomic testing areas in the Marshall Islands.

Dr. Mason was first called upon in 1948 by the former Naval administration of the Trust Territory to determine how well the people of Bikini would adjust to their proposed new home on the island of Kili in the southern Marshalls. The Navy had moved the people to Rongerik Atoll in 1946 but the move proved unsatisfactory.

Through Dr. Mason's study and findings and the mutual concurrence of the Navy and the people of Bikini the resettlement on Kili was made.

Dr. Mason said early German developers and later the Japanese had used the island as a copra plantation. With this material as the prime money crop the Bikini community took up a new life on Kili Island.

In 1949 Dr. Mason visited the island for one week and returned again in 1957 to spend the entire summer. Last year he returned again for a three month study and was accompanied by Univer-



DR. LEONARD E. MASON

sity of Oregon graduate student Robert Kiste and his wife Valerie. Though Dr. Mason left Kili in September, Kiste and his wife stayed on to continue their work. Kiste's wife Valerie carried on a teaching assignment in the island under the Trust Territory's Accelerated Elementary School Program while her husband pursued his studies.

Dr. Mason said this particular phase of his study is being financed by a National Science Foundation grant. Nearly a quarter million dollars has been set aside under a five year program to study ten communities of persons who have been displaced in the Pacific for a variety of reasons.

The first phase of the study saw research carried out with Gilbert and Elice Islanders who had been moved to the Solomon and Fiji Islands because of over-population in their former homes.

These studies, according to Dr. Mason, are to provide a firm base of factual case studies which can be used in determining future moves throughout the Pacific Basin.

The total program is headed by Dr. Homer Barnett, Professor of Anthropology, University of Oregon.

Though Dr. Mason is involved in this second year of the National Foundation study, he plans eventually to apply his finding to the study of aculturation of Polynesian Hawaiians in Hawaii. He

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# Sick Leave and Death Benefits Extended Micronesians

# MICRONESIAN SICK LEAVE

A Sick Leave Program for all Micronesian employees of the Trust Territory government was announced January 24 by Acting Deputy High Commissioner John M. Spivey. The program applies to all Micronesian employees who are assigned to full time duty on a regularly scheduled basic or administrative work week.

The establishment of such a program was considered and discussed during the 1963 District Administrator's Conference with the High Commissioner and his principle staff members.

District Administrators were asked to submit their recommendations for such a program. Upon their recommendations the final decision was made.

According to a Headquarter's memorandum the Micronesian Sick Leave program became effective with the pay period beginning February2. The program will be administered on the same basis as that of Civil Service personnel. Each employee will accrue four hours of sick leave every pay period or a total of 13 working days each year.

## DEATH BENEFIT EXTENDED TO MICRONESIANS

January also saw the announcement of a Death Benefit Plan for Micronesian employees of the Trust Territory government. High Commissioner Goding announced the plan on January 17.

The plan provides a lump-sum payment to the immediate beneficiary. Payments will be predicated on the base salary of the employee who has no less than five years of employment with the Trust Territory government, under the Navy or the Department of the Interior, on a full time basis.

According to the plan if an employee, who satisfies the five year requirement, dies or is killed from any cause other than war or his own misconduct, the Trust Territory government will pay to the beneficiary a sum of money equal to two pay periods for every year of Government service. The amount paid to the beneficiary will be based upon the base salary of the employee at his highest rate immediately before his death. If a person who satisfies the five year requirement dies within one year after termination of his employment from the Trust Territory government his beneficiary will also be entitled

to the death benefit payment. The Government will pay up to a maximum amount equivalent to the salaries of 26 pay periods.

High Commissioner Goding added that the death benefit program, as it applies to Micronesian employees, is an interim step in the over-all program to establish a retirement and/or insurance plan for Micronesian employees and will be superseded at a later date upon final establishmen of such a program.

# Palauan Woodworker's Guild Awarded Furniture Contract

An \$11,963 school furniture construction contract has been awarded the Palau Handicraft and Woodworker's Guild according to a Trust Territory Headquarters announcement.

The contract, awarded February 3, will see student desks and chairs manufactured for 25 Accelerated Elementary School Construction Program (AESCP) classrooms in the Marshall Islands.

According to the announcement the furniture will be constructed of Ukall wood found in the Palau District. An earlier furniture contract for \$11,000 was awarded last July for furniture used in Palau Schools.

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said the continued study of the small displaced communities of Bikini and Eniwetok is valuable since predictions had been made earlier regarding their future political, economic, and social life in the new homes.

How true and valid these predictions were is the purpose of Dr. Mason's continued study in the Marshall Islands.

# AESCP TEACHER HOUSING NEARING COMPLETION IN FIRST CONSTRUCTION PHASE

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MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT . . . Percy Bauguess, his wife Linda, and their three children are the first family to occupy an AESCP teacher house in the Trust Territory. The family moved into the house on January 24 on Majuro Atoll during ceremonies attended by the Congressional Visiting Party and High Commissioner Goding.

Three districts of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands have dedicated or announced occupancy of new teacher homes constructed under the Accelerated Elementary School Construction Program (AESCP).

Truk District Administrator Boyd Mackenzie formally announced dedication of teacher housing late in January with more completed homes to be

ready in a matter of weeks.

AESCP teacher Percy P. Bauguess, his wife Linda, and their three children moved into the first fully furnished, ready for occupancy, home in Majuro on January 24 in ceremonies held with the recent Congressional visiting party in attendance.

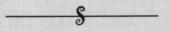
Bauguess is teaching at Rita School in Majuro. He and his family arrived in the atoll in November 1963. Marshall Islands District Administrator Peter Coleman said additional units would be ready for occupancy in a matter of days.

In Ponape the first home was shown in open house ceremonies held by District Administrator Robert Halvorsen January 31 with occupancy set for February 1.

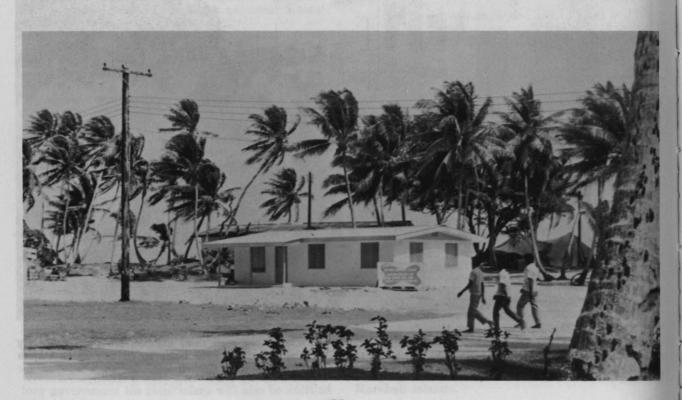
Seventy-Five AESCP homes are under contruction now. Prime contractor for the concrete block homes is the Jones and Guerrero Construction Company of Agana, Guam. Total value of the contract is \$1.038.750.



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MAJURO ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS



# New Radio Units Adopted For Field Trip Ship Use

Joint efforts of headquarters Saipan communication and transportation officials have brought a solution to the problem of communication between field trip ship and field trip parties operating ashore.

Portable transceivers, capable of transmitting and receiving up to 15 miles, are to be placed aboard all field trip ships for use by ship-board personnel and members of the field trip party. The units resemble the World War II 'walkie-talkie' but are much smaller and lighter.

First units have already been delivered to the "Four Winds" with distribution underway to the remaining field trip ships. The transceivers operate on a standard band and are fairly simple to operate.

Field trip officers have often complained of a lack of communication between the ship and field party. Frequently a ship has been forced by weather conditions to leave an area before the party has returned.

Field tests of the new equipment has been carried out to the satisfaction of communication and transportation officials at headquarters.

# Small Boat Freight Rate Cut

Ocean freight rates for small boats were drastically cut in February by the Trust Territory administration in an effort to spur greater economic development in the boatbuilding centers of the Territory.

The new freight rate, issued January 6 and effective February 6, provides that charges for the shipment of boats within the Trust Territory will be \$6 a measurement ton for craft up to 36 feet long.

Headquarters economic development officials said they felt the new freight rate should do much to encourage the expansion of boatbuilding in the Trust Territory. The new rate also makes it economically possible to ship small boats throughout the Territory.

# Commercial Tuna Fishing in Territory Moves Step Closer

Intensive commercial tuna fishing in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands moved a step closer in February with the arrival of two Van Camp Sea Food Company representatives in Koror, Palau.

David N. L. Hyams, Manager of the International Engineering Division of Van Camp and Peter Buchan, Assistant Director of Foreign Purchases for the company, met with representatives of the Palau Construction Company to discuss construction bid plans.

First construction item under discussion is a quarters building to house 120 fishermen. Van Camp officials indicated the quarters would be required for use by the middle of May.

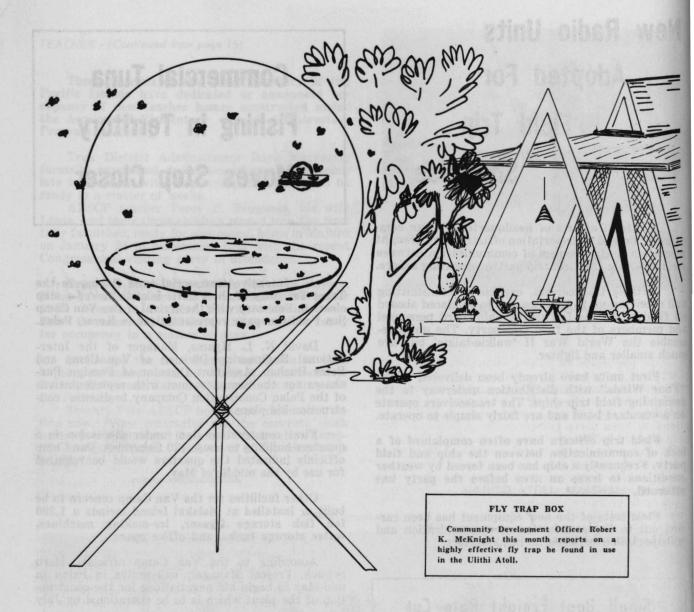
Other facilities for the Van Camp concern to be built or installed at Malakal Island include a 1,200 ton fish storage freezer, ice-making machines, water storage tanks, and office space.

According to the Van Camp officials, Herb Schuch, Project Manager, will arrive in Palau in mid-May to begin bid negotiations for the construction of the plant which is to be operational by July 1.

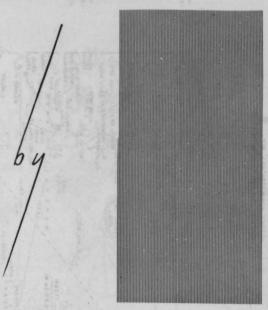
Trust Territory Economic Development Officer George Taggart said six 25 gross ton tuna boats will begin operating from Koror's main port with 72 Okinawans and 48 Palauans as crewmen and fishermen.

Under the provisions of the contract signed by Trust Territory and Van Camp officials the Palauans will be trained as tuna fishermen. It is hoped that through the training program all boats will ultimately be manned completely by Palauans.

Taggart said the heavy emphasis on boatbuilding and tuna fishing affords the Palauans every opportunity to build a solid economic footing in that part of the Trust Territory. He added that the expansion of tuna fishing in other parts of the Territory will depend to a great degree upon the success of the initial program in Palau.



# A Better Fly Trap: A Way To Better Health.



Dr. Robert K. McKnight

On the island of Ulul (Namunoito Atoll, Truk District), in connection with work in community development, our attention was recently turned upon flies. Poison cakes were distributed to several families in the 200 person community with instructions to keep some record of the number of flies found dead in the vicinity of the cake. During a five day period over 8,000 flies were among the victims; we can speculate that at least a like number chose to die elsewhere having sampled the poison cake. In a small community such as Ulul, this would appear to be an extraordinarily high fly count. Unfortunately the fact is that flies are not more noticable at Ulul than at most rural communities throughout the Trust Territory.

This then brings us to the question "Is there a better fly trap?" We have known several types:

The poison fly-cake (used at Ulul) which is quite expensive for home use and difficult to obtain;

The long ribbons of gummed tape which are not very effective in open areas and tend to catch human hair as readily as they do flies;

Screen boxes with up-turned cones in the bottom (bait is placed on the ground below the cones and flies are trapped after they feed and fly up through the cone into the box), but cats, dogs, rats and ants are equally attracted to the bait;

"Black-light" traps that attract and electrocute flies, but which require electrical power; and there are no doubt countless more.

On Asor Island (Ulithi Atoll, Yap District) we believe that a type of trap has been devised that could have wide application where-ever one finds long-line fishing. Credit for finding a connection between long-line fishing and fly-catching may be

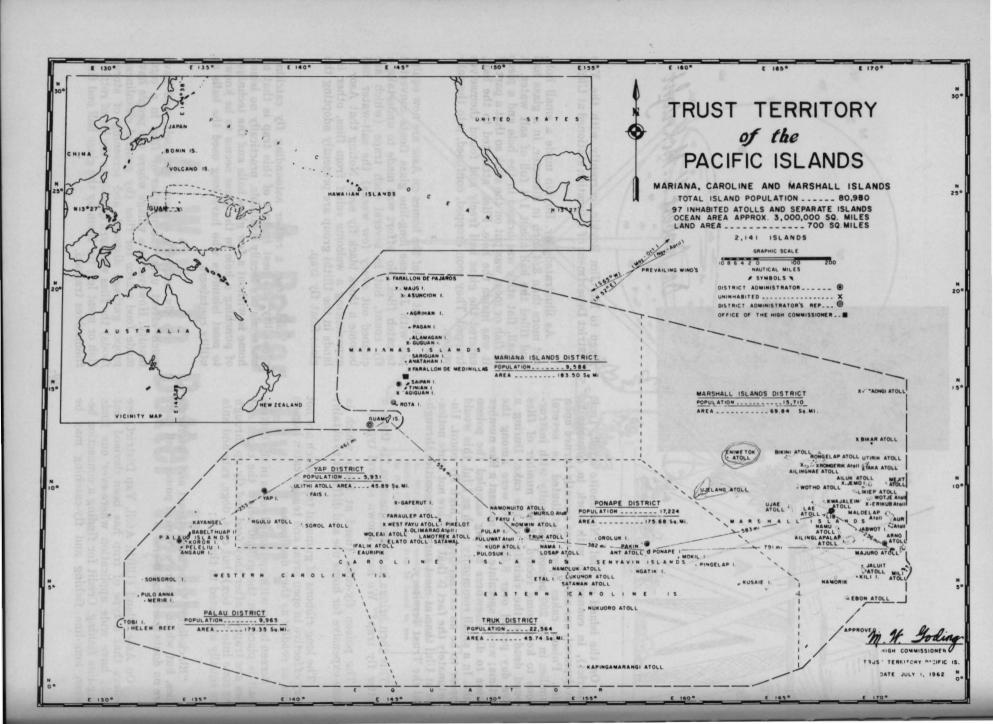
given to Mr. Jim Boykin, currently with the Yap District Department of Education stationed at Ulithi.

As illustrated, Mr. Boykin made a small hole, not more than 3/4 inch in diameter, in a glass ball and filled the ball about 1/4 full of salt water. A small, flat stick was braced in the hole and a piece of fish or meat was put on the stick so that a part of it was inside the hole. Flies, attracted to the bait, entered the glass ball freely and found themselves trapped. They soon dropped, confused, into the saltwater.

About half of the homes on Asor are now equipped with Japanese long-line glass floats converted to catch flies. No effort was made to undertake a fly count, but in several such traps (which are cleaned out every few weeks) the salt-water had become a thick black fly soup. Noting that Asor is experiencing a welcome relief from flies, other islands in the Ulithi group are presently adopting the glass-float fly trap.

Aside from a rather astounding fly catching capability, the best feature of this trap is that all materials are locally available, practically no island home is without a few glass balls and the technique of punching a hole in the glass seems to be known to most islanders who have long used the balls as utility containers.

No fly trapping system, by itself, will have much effect upon the number of flies in a community. However in a village where the people have made food scarce for flies (by general cleanliness, proper garbage disposal, and screening of stored foods) the flies will turn quickly to the bit of rotting fish or meat left for them by the glass ball and find themselves trapped.



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