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NAVY UF-2 HERE FOR WEEKEND

Four officers and eight enlisted men from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kwajalein, arrived early this afternoon for a two-day stay in the District. Flight plans call for surveillance flights to Kapingamarangi and Kusaie before returning to Kwajalein Sunday.

Officers are CDR W.B. Coley, Executive Officer of PACMISRANFAC; LCDR H.C. Sample, Administrative Officer; LT. J.R. Denning and LTJG Rolf Vonlorenz. CDR Coley is from Pensacola, Florida; Mr. Sample is from Portland, Oregon; Mr. Denning from Wichita, and Mr. Vonlorenz is from Minneapolis. All of the officers are pilots.

Enlisted personnel are Eugene Glover, AT3, of Sheffield, Alabama; Nuel Halvorsen, PR3, of Alexandria, Minnesota; Darrell Summers, AO2, Hartford, Michigan; Jerry Payne, ATAN, of Gardena, California; George Allen, AM1, of Ithaca, New York; Lloyd Dempster, AD1, Philadelphia; G.D. Merrell, AM2, of Rio Hondo, Texas; and L.L. Ridner, AD2, from Terre Haute, Indiana.

As part of the crew training program, the officers and men will fly to Kapingamarangi tomorrow morning, returning to Ponape about 1800 local. Sunday the flight will depart early in the morning for Kusaie enroute to Kwajalein. The Kusaie flight will carry mail to Reverend and Mrs. Buck as well as to the islanders there.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

In London, Oliver Powers, father of U-2 pilot Francis Powers who was shot down 1300 miles within Soviet territory, says he has received word from Premier Krushchev that the Kremlin leader will help in his son's trial.

An American tourist has just been expelled from Russia on charges of spying. The young man denies the charges, saying that he asked permission of his official Soviet guide to take pictures and was told to go ahead. The State Department feels that the incident is an effort to inflame public opinion against the U.S. in preparation for the spy trial of Francis Powers.

Yesterday about 100 miles off Long Beach, on the California coast, the aircraft carrier Bennington and the destroyer Edwards collided during a refueling operation. The Navy reports there were no casualties involved.

Press Secretary James Haggerty has announced that President Eisenhower's speaking schedule between now and election day will include three non-political addresses to be given in September in New York City and Philadelphia. Asked whether the President would make any political speeches, Haggerty replied in the affirmative.

Chester A. Bowles has withdrawn as a candidate for re-election to Congress in order to devote full time to the Kennedy campaign. Bowles, former U.S. Ambassador to India, is Kennedy's foreign policy advisor.

HICOM AND STAFF COMMENDED BY LAUSI

By means of a memorandum dated August 4, High Commissioner Delmas H. Nucker forwarded a letter from the Director, Office of Territories, Mr. Anthony T. Lausi, which states:

"Dear Mr. Nucker:

You and your staff are to be commended for the active employee participation in the Incentive Awards Program.

We have been advised by the Departmental Chairman of the Incentive Awards Committee that the Trust Territory had one of the highest rates of participation in the Department during the past year.

Your active and continued support of this program is sincerely appreciated."

Mr. Nucker expressed the wish that all District Administrators convey his personal thanks to all employees for their efforts in making possible the Trust Territory's fine showing.

MIGVAR AT KUSAIE

Mr. Leo Migvar, District Director of Agriculture, flew to Majuro Wednesday to rendezvous with the M/V Roque for a diversion to Kusaie to investigate the reported discovery of the highly destructive coconut rhinoceros beetle.

Director of Entomology Robert P. Owen is standing by on Guam awaiting word from Mr. Migvar regarding his findings. Should the beetle be found, Mr. Owen will probably proceed to Kusaie as quickly as possible to begin corrective measures.

M/V RAN ANNIM DUE TOMORROW

Expected hour of arrival of the M/V Ran Annim is 10:00 a.m. Saturday, with 124 pieces of mail which Acting Postmaster Marti McNutt says she will process if it can be delivered to the Post Office on Saturday.

The Ran Annim is expected to depart Tuesday with 29 deck passengers for Truk.

Dr. McNUTT TO SPEAK

The 2:00 p.m. Protestant service this Sunday at Kolonia Church will have Dr. Paul T. McNutt as guest speaker. His theme will be "Education Teaches Us to Use Our Hands". This weekly worship service is conducted in English and American personnel are cordially invited to attend.

MENLAU KALAIMWUN

"Thanks to all of you who contributed magazines and books to the Ponape elementary teachers for use in the summer teacher training session".--Mrs. Migvar and all the teachers.

THE BIG BAMBOO-ZLE . . .

We welcome to our pages the foreign correspondent Thelma Mackenzie of Majuro. Long have we felt that it would be helpful if district personnel could know more about each other's doings in those areas where common interests and problems are to be found. We hope that Mrs. Mackenzie will murmur Majuro doings to us each week.

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A very reliable source tells us that there are only two unpurchased bottles of champagne on the island. This means, of course, that we are reverting to the unfortunate status of a hardship area again. This means that our friends and relatives who wonder what in aitch we are doing out here anyway will once again start sending us CARE packages and go about telling their associates about the sacrifices we are making to do our duty for our country. There was a while there when our correspondents regarded us with the greenest of envy and were also a little piqued at no longer having someone in the far flung Pacific Islands who was showing the flag under conditions bordering, in a tropical sense, on the Winter at Valley Forge. What pricked the bubble was our mentioning that a lady we know had a big bruise ~~mark~~ on her leg because she tripped over a full case of champagne at a small dinner party.

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Our friends in Majuro are behind the 8-ball because of a series of accidents. Like bananas, troubles come in bunches and the Fates decreed that Mr. Maynard Neas would be the custodian of the Calamity Award. We just came back from those parts and we are wondering where there will be room for that trophy on Maynard's desk. Last look we had at the desk, it was well covered with problems that might make the trophy fade into limbo. We'd like to see some kind of gizmo placed on every DISTAD desk. What we have in mind is a series of prisms designed to help the boss keep everything in proper perspective. We of course wouldn't ask for this sort of thing on a selfish basis. We'd want everyone at HQ to have one, too.

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Those city slickers from the Big Town of Kwajalein who are visiting us this weekend are welcome indeed. The air arm of the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kwajalein, has a place of honor in our thinking for we clocked many hours of flying with the then Naval Station air department. We never made a field trip in the Marshalls in four years, but we managed to fly into 85 per cent of the atolls in the district, and one of the officers here now contributed much to our comfort and enjoyment on those flights. The red carpet is out to them, but we suspect they will enjoy even more the carpets of green that are the hills of Ponape, after the concrete jungle that is Kwajalein.

CONOVERS ON VACATION

Assistant Director of Public Health, Dr. William A. Conover, accompanied by his daughter Jerry, departed Wednesday for home leave. Plans were not definite, but the Olympics in Rome were to be included in their itinerary.

PONAPEAN PROFILES XVI . . .

by Diane Sammet

This Week: Robert Sutcliffe

Setting: Sutcliffe home, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, early thirties. Action: Bobb 5, enters front door. Older Brother: "Gosh, what's that?" Bobby: "Another rattle-snake for my collection. How are my turtles?" Harassed Mother: "Fine, and so are your mink, toads, fox, and fish. I don't mind the menagerie in the cellar, but, goodness, snakes in my kitchen!"

This scene might well have taken place, as Bob Sutcliffe has been an avid natural scientist since his pre-school collecting days. Along with high school friends Bob took frequent camping trips—as far as the Florida Everglades—combining fun with nature study and cave exploring. This led to his becoming an early member of the Speleological Society, a group interested in the study of caves. The founder of this organization was a man whom Bob grew to know well and who nurtured his interest in natural history. Bob accompanied him on field trips of cave exploration and study of amphibians and reptiles, called herpetology. Through him Bob met Dr. Emmett Reid Dunn, curator of herpetology at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia and professor of biology at Haverford College, with whom Bob was later associated.

Leaving high school at 18, Bob joined the Navy and served two years in the Pacific as a pharmacist's mate, on casualty duty in the Amphibious Corps. While in the Navy he made two decisions: to enter college and to return to the Pacific. He implemented the first decision by taking U.S.A.F.I. courses, and after his discharge in 1946 he completed high school requirements at night while attending Rutgers University during the day. After a year, he became a full-time college student and worked in a machine shop at night.

Dr. Dunn asked Bob to assist his wife and him in research at the Academy, which Bob did while a student at Rutgers. As a junior he transferred to Haverford College, where he majored in zoology and biology under the tutorship of Dr. Dunn.

He graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree and became staff assistant ichthyologist under Henry W. Fowler at the Academy. When he wasn't looking at fishes Bob admired the pretty receptionist, Joan Nealon. They soon became acquainted, were married in May of '52. They honeymooned in Washington, D.C. while Bob handled details for his job as civilian medical technician for the Navy. His second dream came true when they left for Saipan and the Pacific in August. In his spare time there Bob made zoological surveys of land and marine fauna. Bob said, "I explored every reef. When we left Saipan two years later, our effects included hundred of shells and bottles, cans, and drums full of specimens, including 4,000 fishes." These are presently installed in the research collections of the Museum of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia and are serving as the basis for a book that Bob is co-authoring called Fishes of Saipan, soon to be published by the Bishop Museum.

While on Saipan Bob temporarily alienated the friendship of Public Works when he and a friend became trapped at the bottom of a cave 120 feet deep. Men from P.W. had to be summoned from a Sunday baseball game to rescue the explorers with block and tackle.

Bob and Joan returned to Philadelphia in October of 1954, where Bob held a job as a company quality control chemist for 2½ years. Their son Kim was born in 1955, so now three Sutcliffes headed for Amarillo, Texas, for a job with the Fish and Wildlife

PROFILES CONTINUED

Service. Bob investigated problems resulting from water reclamation projects. About Texas Bob said, "We loved it. Joan acted in a little theatre group and did soap commercials for the local radio station. I wrote radio skits and gave some lectures on Micronesia." Unfortunately Joan and Kim developed allergies to the Panhandle dust and the family left for Trenton, New Jersey, where Bob took his first teaching job and where their second son, Mark, was born in 1958. Bob worked under the State Department of Education, lecturing visitors to the museum and organizing school science programs.

Bob read about P.I.C.S. at the museum library and became interested in teaching there. His application was accepted, and he has handled the science department since last September. A daughter, Cathy, was born on Ponape in March. Bob is enjoying his teaching experience very much and is adding to his knowledge of natural science by frequent exploration trips around the island.

17 COMPLETE S.D.C.

Seventeen American and Micronesian employees completed the Supervisory Development Course which started last February by taking their final examination yesterday afternoon.

At the end of the testing period all hands met at the Club Kolonia to celebrate the demise of the 20-lesson program. Mesdames Rose Ownbey and Shirley Umhoefer prepared hors d'oeuvres for the hungry and thirsty scholars. Course moderator R.J. Umhoefer expressed satisfaction with the performance of the student body both during the course and at the club. Enthusiasm was high both places, he said.

ACCORDING TO HICOM . . .

"In cases where an employee takes home leave incident to renewal of his employment agreement under the provisions of Public Law 737, it is the responsibility of the Trust Territory Government to provide transportation from duty post to place of recruitment and return via the shortest most usually travelled route.

Travel by indirect routing may be permitted at the request of the employee, provided no additional costs accrue to the Government beyond the normal fare for the regular direct route. However, an employee electing to travel indirectly should be made fully aware that such a decision is his own, and all problems resulting therefrom are his own responsibility to be worked out between himself and the transportation company concerned.

Although the Trust Territory Government's responsibility extends to direct routing arrangements only, all possible assistance will be given to an employee requesting indirect travel. All such travel must be approved by Headquarters in advance to insure that the routing complies with the provisions of Public Law 737.

Generally speaking, the law requires that the employee reach home or an approved alternate destination in the same country and return to duty post, regardless of the routing involved."

MAJURO MURMURS . . .

Murmured by Thelma Mackenzie

We are exhausted down this way, or whatever the direction is from Ponape, and we blame it all on the socializing incurred by the visit of a certain editor who uses blue pencil. Between your AD and our own Bill White, no kitchen or juice bar was spared (or safe) and we are still recuperating.

The Coconut Rendezvous club members got together Friday night and plotted against first of all Dick Backley who was elected Club president and Grace Neas likewise as Secretary. Executive Board now boasts of Monie Leftwich and Kazu Matsumuro. During a series of gifted speeches and fascinating debate it was decided to buy a new juke box. Decisions are eloquent, momentous affairs around here sometimes.

All of the hostesses vitiminizing like mad preparing for the advent of Horace Leavitt Judge McCormick and Attorney General See--typical remarks--"What night are you havin' them"--or "What are you going to serve"--roast beef five nights in a row sometimes presents a crisis of sorts--especially if the husband type is convinced that turkeys were invented for Thanksgiving, period.

The ol' swimming hole (down here, we can go swimming, you know) becoming more and more popular not only with the small fry but the hardier types as well--Evans, Neas, Backleys and Charles James Bailey extolling the benefits of the daily splash.

Father Hacker's back--complete with band which played and marched all the way from Rita to the Mission--We are air conditioned and were the last to know--oh, well, scooped again--Yok we!

MOST EMPLOYEES TOOK HIGH OPTION PLANS

The overwhelming majority of Government employees chose a high-option plan under the various health insurance programs they selected, according to preliminary Civil Service Commission figures.

Regarding the most popular plan, preliminary Commission figures indicate the service plan (Blue Cross-Blue Shield) outdrew the indemnity (Aetna) plan by a margin of about 5 to 3. This was a very good showing by the indemnity plan, CSC officials feel, considering the relative newness of the insurance companies in the health insurance field.

Over 50 per cent of Trust Territory employees on Ponape are now covered for health benefits under one of the plans.

TERPSTRAS, LEE DEPART

Mrs. Margery Terpstra and sons Michael, Merrill, and Marshall will depart next Tuesday via Kwajalein for the Mainland where Mrs. Terpstra will enroll the children in school. Miss Alice Lee will accompany them as far as Honolulu where she expects to begin the fall term at Kanehameha School.

Mission-sponsored Johnny Hadley will also travel on this flight to Honolulu to attend Honolulu Christian College. Johnny is from Metalanim and recently completed studies at the Mission School at Ohwa.

BEATNIK SUPPER CLUB OPENS 27th

The gala opening of the Beatnik Supper Club is scheduled for the evening of August 27 at 6:30. Located on the present site of the august and staid Club Kolonia, the new bistro will have a completely fractured decor.

Opening night there will be a name band featuring All Star Acts. There is to be a cover charge of \$1.00. The menu is strictly ala carte.

Co-managers of the new night spot are Twinklotoes and Goron-is-Dead DuPont and Limpid-Pools-for Eyes Cadwell and his wife, Dingle-Dangle-Earrings.

Local police have already indicated they plan on closing the joint during a raid early Sunday morning, the 28th. Club Kolonia members will then return to their over-stuffed barstools in front of the plate glass window.

U.N. DAY BASEBALL LEAGUE

<u>STANDINGS</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Net	10	3	.769
Kusaie	7	3	.700
Sokehs	7	4	.636
Madolenihmw	6	6	.500
Kiti	5	5	.500
Uh	0	13	.000

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 13	1000	Sokehs	vs	Kusaie
	1400	Madolenihmw	vs	Kiti
Sunday, August 14	1100	Kusaie	vs	Madolenihmw
	1430	Net	vs	Sokehs

MISS SHAPIRO IS LOST

A reward is being offered for the return of Miss Ming Toi Shapiro, a Siamese cat belonging to Carol Umhoefer. Miss Shapiro left home rather unceremoniously last Wednesday evening and has not been seen since.

Along with her sister, who goes by the name of Miss Odell Ginsberg, she was tossed out the front door in hopes she would avail herself of the tonic effects of some grass and green leaves. Miss Ginsberg returned home the same night, and has gone into a decline over the loss of her very cross-eyed sister.

She pooh-poohed the idea that Ming Toi had eloped. Romance, she said, was no longer in the picture since the visit by Dr. Rae of Guam.

KIDS' COLUMN

FISH STORY

Last Saturday, the Hiratas and the Weinrichs went fishing at the water front. My mama caught one little baby fish; my father caught a pretty big one and almost caught another big one, but his line snapped and the fish got away; and I caught four medium sized fish.

Mr. Hirata caught a middle sized fish, and Liann caught a grouper and so did her mom.

It was a hazy day and fishing was fun. We had our dinner just before sunset while gazing at the dim sun rays reflecting on the water. We had such a nice time, I hope my mommie and daddy will take us out again.

—Prissy Weinrich

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Janice Zaiger is our new Sunday School teacher for the fourth and fifth grade pupils. Last Sunday was her first class with Johnny Hawley, Sharon and Carol Umhoefer, Prissy Weinrich and Lynn McNutt attending.

-- Lynn McNutt

Riddle Me This

1. What do you call a man who wires for money?
2. If all Ireland should sink, which Irish city would remain afloat?
3. Sisters and brothers have I none, but that man's father is my father's son. Who is he?

ANSWERS

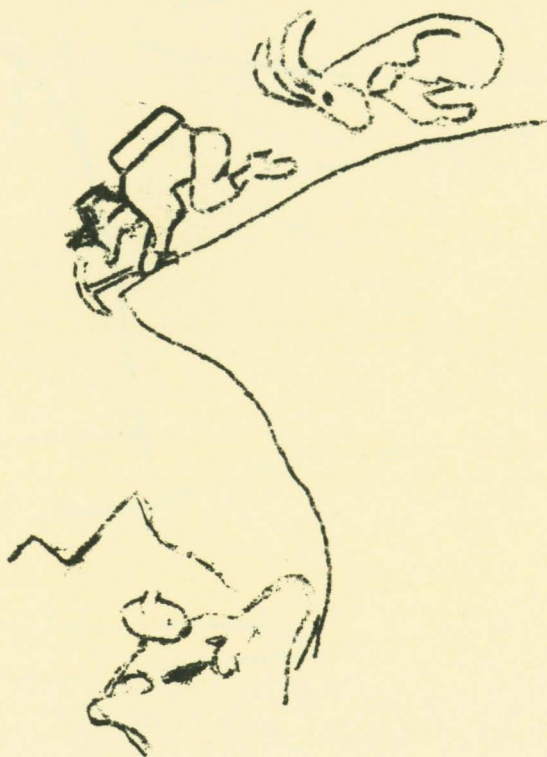
1. An electrician 2. Cork 3. My son

BIRTHDAY DINNER HELD

Last night, August 11, Linda Iwaniec was honored with a birthday dinner party at the McNutts. Her birthday cake was angel food cake, frosted white with orchids on it. Three white candles were lit and everyone sang "Happy Birthday". After everyone was through eating the birthday cake, Mr. Weinrich showed his motion pictures of Hawaii. Everyone enjoyed the film, even three-year old Linda.

Letter from Murakamis

Murphy Ownbey just received a letter from Glenn and Mark Murakami. They said they were having fun but missed their friends in Ponape. They also said to say "Hi" to all their friends in Ponape.



"Keep calm - I'll be right down!"