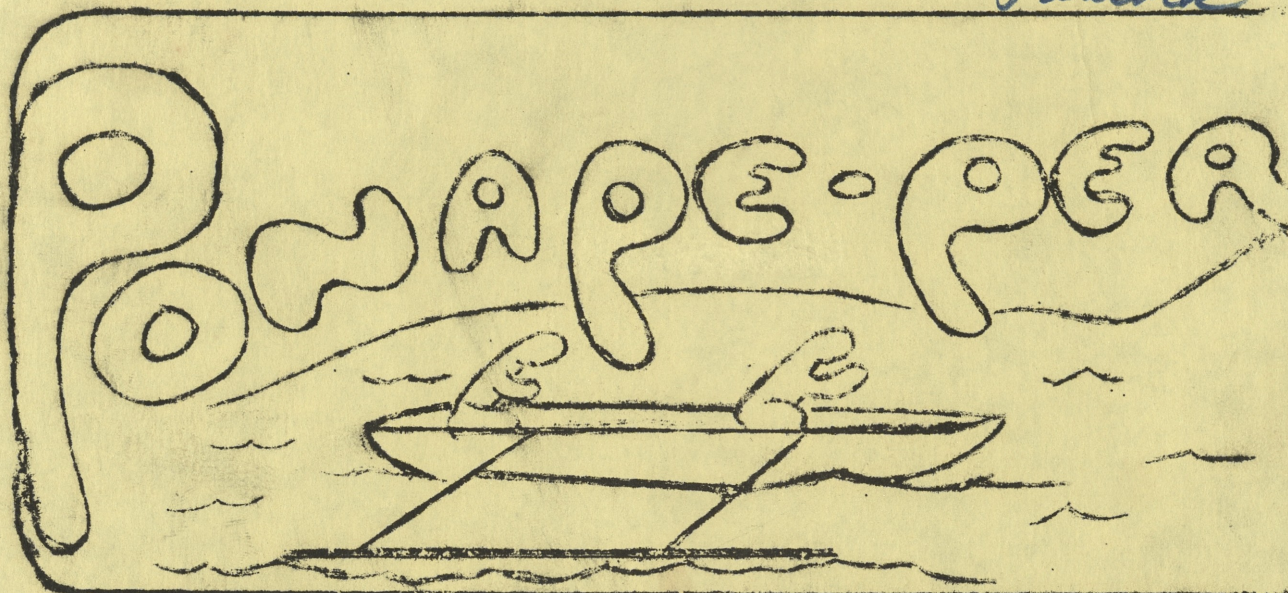


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PEACE CORPS WILL COME TO TRUST TERRITORY

Plans are being made for at least 350 Peace Corps volunteers to begin their work of improving social and economic conditions in the Trust Territory, according to High Commissioner M. W. Goding.

The High Commissioner's announcement followed immediately President Johnson's approval of a dramatic new use of the Peace Corps. The President responded to invitations of Micronesian and Trust Territory officials in sending a group of Peace Corps planners to Saipan on May 5 to make arrangements for the volunteers to spread throughout the six districts of the Territory probably beginning in October, following a training period which will get underway in August.

The following Peace Corps representatives who talked with Trust Territory officials in Saipan, and who left today for conferences with Trust Territory officials and Micronesian people in the various districts, are: Kevin Delany, Athos Revelle, Robert Burns, Roger Flather (Mr. Flather, because of a change in schedule, was unable to spend a week in Ponape as was originally planned), Dr. Stanley Schever and Mrs. Lola Smith. In their talks with Headquarters officials, ideas were exchanged as to where the volunteers can make their greatest impact. Exact numbers of volunteers and locations of their work will be determined after the programming trips are complete.

It is anticipated that immediate recruitment of volunteers will be started at a wide range of colleges and universities.

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Assistant Commissioner for Community Services James E. Hawkins outlined the role of the Peace Corps in the Trust Territory as follows: In general it will be the teaching of English as a foreign language in the elementary schools, village health and sanitation improvement; staffing teams for leprosy and tuberculosis control and detection; adding to the staff of our Nursing School with registered nurses; community public works projects such as streets, trails, water supply and waste disposal; engineering and surveying in order to insure the most productive use of land; agriculture extension activities and general community development assistance.

"The first wave of atleast 350 volunteers possibly will be followed by an additional 100 arriving by January. The Peace Corps staff will consist of a representative and deputy representative, one doctor and clerical assistance on Saipan, and one representative in each of the district centers, with clerical assistance.

"The Peace Corps will join forces with the administration in trying to improve social and economic conditions in the Trust Territory and will not be operating as separate entity. The use of Peace Corps volunteers will supplement the activities of administration employees and will not replace them. Areas for special focus of Peace Corps work will be chiefly in the outer islands. It is anticipated that relatively few will be concentrated in district centers."

High Commissioner Goding had this to say in welcoming the new operations: "The administration strongly supports the Peace Corps idea and anticipates that with Peace Corps participation significant advances can be made in social and economic conditions in the Trust Territory in the years immediately ahead."

DISTAD APPOINTS COMMITTEE ON LOANS

Acting District Administrator M. N. Sproat announced this week the appointment of a District Loan Review Committee.

According to the directive from the High Commissioner, this committee of five shall be chaired by the District Administrator with two of his staff and two selected from a list presented by the District Legislature.

The other committee members are Mr. Bailey Olter, Assistant District Administrator for Public Affairs; Mr. Mort Colodny, District Cooperative Officer as staff members and Mr. Petrus Silibanuz, Chief Magistrate of Metalanim Municipality; and Mr. Damian Primo, Manager of the Uh Soumwet Cooperative Association as District Legislature nominees. Mr. Primo is also a member of the District Legislature.

It is the function of the Committee to review all requests for financial assistance from the Trust Territory Economic Development Loan Fund. Such requests may come from individuals or chartered companies having projects of benefit to the overall economic development of the District but are beyond their own financial capabilities. Such loan requests are then submitted to Headquarters with the local committee's recommendations.

PEOPLE AND THINGS . . . by Janet Schanck

ROBERT W. HEMPHILL

Robert (Bert) W. Hemphill, an individual who has drifted into our midst almost unnoticed this past week, is actually a man of renown, importance and experience. Mr. Hemphill, a cheerful white-bearded man of sixty-nine who has been described by one travel magazine as the world's most widely traveled man, has been surveying Ponape for tourist possibilities. He has traveled the far corners of the globe, and through strong efforts on his part, has gained various distinguished positions in several foreign countries. To name a few, six years ago he was honored by the Indian Government's Ministry of Transportation for his efforts in developing tourism in India, in 1955 at Lausanne, Switzerland, he was presented the Royal Viking Award by Scandinavian Airlines for "Distinguished Achievement in the Development of International Air Transportation" and this honor was repeated again in 1956, at the World Travel Congress in Madrid, in 1957 he was given the Award for Civil Merit by the Spanish Government, and he was awarded a similar honor by the French Government in 1959.

Mr. Hemphill's innumerable trips include nineteen trips around South America, a visit 5,000 miles behind the iron curtain, and just recently he has completed his twenty-sixth world tour. His air log lists over 1,300 flights, which total nearly four million miles spent in air travel. Mr. Hemphill has made over 200 ocean voyages which add up to about 350,000 miles spent at sea. This remarkable man has visited more than 190 countries and island groups in the past 50 years, and has visited every country in the world except Tibet and Antarctica.

Bert Hemphill, a modestly dressed man with a liberal manner is President of Hemphill World Cruises. His company, one of the principal tour operators, specializes in small, deluxe, personally managed groups and does very little domestic business.

When asked to comment on his impression of Ponape he described it as a "beautiful, lush, tropical island with beautiful natural scenery and good tourist possibilities." He further stated, however, that the island is completely undeveloped--no roads, no tourist hotels, or even an adequate airport. If and when these things are accomplished, with a greater air frequency, it should have a slowly developing tourism which could become an important economic factor.

As an experienced tourist and a professional traveler, he has given us this one last bit of advice. "The most important aspects for any traveler are an open mind, a sense of humor, and an open heart. With these you can travel far, fast, safe, sure, and free." He also stated that to his colleagues and himself travel is a kind of religion, and that, if there is any hope in the future for people to live in peace, understanding and goodwill must be developed between the nations by those who make travel their business.

CLUB KOLONIA PARTY - - - JUNE 4

(Continued from last week)....vegetable salad, breadfruit chips, potato salad, chicken sukiyaki and steamed rice, gomoku sushi, fried reef fish--sweet and sour sauce, tuna sashimi, hot rolls and butter, jelly roll and coffee. Cater by KI--it's gotta be good and only one dollar (mete dollar eh).

Tickets are still available until June 1 from the following committee members: Peter & Mary Johannes, Stan & Dina Tuberville, Jim & Janice Zaiger, Mort & Martha Colodny, Jack & Yvette Adams, John Mertel, Dr. Kim, Jack Sarino and Atanacio Actouka. Also, for your further convenience, former Board Member George Igawa has tickets at the Bank.

For fun, fellowship and frolic what could you do better on the evening of June 4?

A BOY FOR THE PLETCHERS

The Ponape-per this week received from Jim and Mary Sue Pletcher, former teachers here, the following announcement of the arrival of their second son:

Name:	Eric Stanley
Arrival Date:	5-11-66
Birth Weight:	8 lbs. 8 oz.
Parents:	Jim & Mary Sue Pletcher
Born:	12-9-65

The Pletcher's other son is Geoffrey.

KASELEHLIA MIKE!

MR. HAROLD W. HUGHES, our new District Public Works Officer, arrived yesterday on Ponape to assume his new duty station replacing Mr. Clyde Wertz who transferred to Saipan. Mr. Hughes, better known as "MIKE", has been with the Trust Territory Government Service since 1958. As a Construction Planner and Estimator, he has traveled throughout the districts, and was Public Works Officer in Majuro for 10 months before he came to Ponape.

Mike Hughes has hopes of staying on Ponape for a long time, and is looking forward to meeting and getting acquainted with everyone. Welcome Mike!

POSITION VACANCY

Temporary substitute Clerk is wanted for the Post Office. See Acting Postmaster.

PICS GRADUATION & NEXT YEAR'S ENROLLMENT.....

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Ponape, Caroline Islands, Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands.

The Pacific Islands Central School Graduation will be held on Friday, June 3rd, at the school auditorium at 7:30 PM. Admission will be by ticket only because of the lack of seating space. Speaker for the occasion will be Ponape's Acting District Administrator, Mr. Sproat.

School will end on June 10th for students of 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.

School will start next year on Tuesday, September 6, 1966. All Classes have been scheduled and the selection of students has been made. Students selected will be informed by letter immediately after the close of school on June 10th. Names will also be announced on the radio.

Next years enrollment will be increased to 360 students, to 90 in each grade. This is an increase of 32 in the 10th grade, an increase of 30 in the 9th grade, 9 in the 11th grade and 7 in the 12th grade. There are still some openings in the eleventh and twelfth grades. Interested parties should apply at the PICS office. Ninth and tenth grade applications are closed. The students have been selected and the classes are filled.

PASSPORT PICTURES

In order to have acceptable passport pictures, applicants are requested to wear white shirts or white dresses.

MISS BETTY O'CONNELL SUCCUMBS

The following message was received this week from High Commissioner M. W. Goding:

"I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT MISS BETTY O'CONNELL MY SECRETARY DIED TODAY MAY 17 AT 9:46 AM. AT THE NAVAL HOSPITAL IN GUAM. PLEASE INFORM MISS O'CONNELL'S FRIENDS OF THIS SAD NEWS."

CLASSIFIED.....

FOR SALE: DATSUN 1200 Pick-up truck. Contact Jones at PICS, Qtrs 12

FOR SALE: Gray HONDA 90cc in EXCELLENT condition for only \$160.00. Contact Moses R. Hespak at the Supply department for further details.

DISTRICT LEGISLATURE HIGHLIGHTS

The Fifth Session of the Ponape District Legislature adjourned at 2:30 PM on May 17, 1966. Highlighting the most active session were the State of the District Message by Acting District Administrator Mr. Sproat, the unanimous re-election of Speaker Bethwel Henry and Vice Speaker Kasiano D. Joseph, introduction of 43 bills and 12 resolutions, adoption of new rules of procedure based on the Congress of Micronesia, General Assembly's rules, informative public and executive committee hearings, and long hours of Legislature and committee meetings.

Twenty eight bills and nine resolutions were passed. Among the bills were family allowance for Ponape students who are working their way in school or are sponsored by the Legislature outside the Trust Territory; election law for the Legislature; amendments to the liquor law, the residency law and the municipal improvement tax law; amendments to the Charter of the Legislature; a district economic loan fund; coconut subsidy program; scholarship; municipal aid; and a 'soun apwapwalih' for the schools.

Among the funds established or continued in the Appropriations Bill were for a basketball court, etc., at PICS; municipal aid; cooks for certain elementary schools; training program for nurse and health aides; room and board allowance for 1966 summer school teachers at the College of Guam; water system for Kolonia; scholarship; reef markers; means to improve transportation for dental service; Micronesian Day celebration; surveying and mapping; roads, wharfs, and channel improvement; and the legislature building.

The nine resolutions were (1) commending Father Costigan for his services to Ponape; (2) requesting a graduate nurse for each dispensary; (3) requesting the Peace Corps to enter the Trust Territory; (4) requesting the killing of all wild carabaos in Ponape Island; (5) requesting WSZD to open at 6:00 am; (6) requesting the Administration to consider reimbursement for damages incurred by the government in surveying the airfield site in Metalanim; (7) authorizing the appointment of a committee to plan for the construction of the Legislature Hall; (8) requesting the medical officer on duty to be at the hospital at all time; (9) requesting a department representative to help the planning of materials for broadcasting.

Another of the many products of the Fifth Session was a recommendation designating primary and secondary roads in Ponape District.

The invocation was given by Rev. Cantero and the benediction by the Rev. Edward Rospel, member of the Legislature.

Clerk Herman Semes sat with the session. -- AI