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## EDITORIAL

Typhoon Karen, the most destructive typhoon in Guam's long history of violent winds, destroyed millions of dollars worth of property as it roared across the island last November.

But very few lives were lost as a direct result of the 150 mph winds that roared through the densely populated island. Now, five months after the storm, three small children have been sacrificed to careless handling of a storm damaged freezer.

A recent issue of the Guam News carried a heart-breaking story of how three small children while at play found an abandoned freezer in the vicinity of a wrecked store and crawled into it and closed the door. Unable to unlock the door, the children suffocated and died before they were missed by parents. Now Guam is making a desperate effort to locate and eliminate other death traps left by the storm. All of which calls to mind that we have many death traps in and around our own community. Let's keep our eyes open constantly for all kinds of danger spots and do something about them before we are made painfully aware of controllable hazards by unnecessary death.

## COPRA PRICE STEADY

The price of first grade copra delivered to district center warehouses will remain for at least another three months at the present price of \$90 per short ton, according to information just received from the High Commissioner. The Copra Stabilization Board met at Saipan this week and took action to hold all copra prices at the present levels.

Copra now being loaded on the PACIFIC ISLANDER will go to market in Japan. For the past year the Japanese market has been as high or a little higher than the California market. Dr. Henry Samuel, of the Marshalls, a member of the Copra Stabilization Board, will return to Majuro this week after attending the meetings of the Board in Saipan.

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## COUNCIL OF MICRONESIA MEETS

Mr. Heinrich Iriarte, one of Ponape's delegates to the Council of Micronesia, returned from Saipan on last week's plane. Mr. Joab Sigrah, the second delegate, was bumped in Guam. They attended the sessions of the Council at Trust Territory Headquarters in Saipan from March 19 to 25. Mr. Iriarte reported that the two main subjects discussed by the Council were the formation of a Trust Territory legislature in the place of the Council of Micronesia and an upward revision of salaries of Trust Territory Micronesian employees. He said the Council recommended its next meeting be held in the Marshalls.

Mr. Iriarte said the Council recommended a bicameral legislature for the Territory. The recommendation of the Council on C Schedule salaries, if approved by the High Commissioner, would place the initial wage at \$3455 per year and run to a maximum of \$6005 per year for the highest grade with seven in-grade promotions. Present C salaries range from \$2080 to \$4846 per year.

The present Council of Micronesia is an advisory body. The bicameral legislature recommended by the Council at the last session would have law making power. The High Commissioner's actions on the recommendations of the Council have not been received in Ponape.

## WINTER TO PONAPE

Mrs. George (Sally) Winter, Trust Territory's handicraft saleslady at Guam, is expected to arrive in Ponape for an overnight visit this week. She will be treated to a handicraft exhibit by the Ponape Women's Association in the Association's clubhouse. Ponape's handicraft workers will have an opportunity to get pointers on how to make their merchandise command better prices.

Mrs. Winter will continue on to Kwajalein for conferences with Mrs. William White and others at the Missile Base who are interested in promoting TT handicraft. Mrs. White has been operating a very successful handicraft sales operation in the Kwajalein air terminal for the past several months.

## FROM HEADQUARTERS NEWS

### TT STUDENTS TO HONOLULU

Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, will fly approximately 40 high school and college TT students from Guam to Honolulu during Easter vacation to observe a metropolitan area and in particular to study the "civics" of an American city. They will observe an elected legislature and governor in action and meet with Honolulu city officials.

The workshop program is intended to help TT students who are encountering difficulty in their civics courses because of lack of basic knowledge of what an American metropolitan area is like.



## TWO MORE CO-OPERATIVES

High Commissioner M.W. Goding approved two more co-operatives of Ponape last week. The Kolonia Consumers' and Producers' Co-operative Association and the Kiti Minimin Co-operative Association have been granted charters and the Kolonia organization is already in business. It has taken over the operation of the Micro Mart from the Ponape Co-operative Company.

Kolonia Consumers' and Producers' Co-operative Association has been formed to "serve all of the people of the Ponape District without discrimination or exploitation", according to the charter granted by the High Commissioner. Mr. Goding commended the organizers of the co-operatives and their advisor (Mr. D. Zaiger) "for their pre-incorporation study and work".

Mr. Goding requested the District Administrator to present the charters to the two organizations with his personal best wishes to the Boards of Directors and to the shareholders for continued success in their operations.

As rebates are given to co-operative shareholders based on their purchases from the organization, most co-operatives throughout the world maintain a cash only basis of doing business. The Micro Mart is following this plan. However, officials have indicated they will study credit plans and see if a suitable one can be developed to fit local needs. During the early stages of the Kolonia co-operative officials believe it would be impracticable to make any credit sales.

## COMMEND PACIFIC ISLANDER

The M/V PACIFIC ISLANDER departed Ponape for Majuro early Sunday morning after a very pleasant visit at Net Point dock. From the "on time" arrival of the vessel until its departure, all hands were involved in one of the most pleasant Ponape ship operations in recent years. Strong praise went to Captain Le Blanc and his men from local officials for the efficient way in which they handled their ship. Everyone agreed the PACIFIC ISLANDER is a great ship and it has a worthy Master and crew.

## BASEBALL AGAIN

The sharp crack of ash meeting horsehide will return to the athletic field at Ponape Junior High School. The open ditches on the field which have made the park useless for athletic events will be closed next week, according to Public Works officials.

Dr. Eliuel Pretrick, head of Ponape's Recreation Association, has met with Ponape municipal officials to organize a baseball league and get ready to meet a challenge recently received from Palau's rampaging ball players. Ponape's adult baseball teams have been dormant the past year on account of having no place to play.

THE SAGA OF THE INTREPID THREESOME, PART II, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEK'S PONAPE-PER.



## FIELD TRIP SERVICE

The M/V KASELEHLIA departed Ponape this week for Mokil, Pingelap and Kusaie. It is due back next Monday and will prepare for the run to the Southern islands of Ngatik, Nukuoro and Kapingamarangi. The Southern trip will be for administrative services and passengers. Traders will not be accommodated on the voyage.

Public Works Officer George Hartung is aboard the KASELEHLIA for his first visit to the Eastern Islands. He will inspect the channel improvements effected by Navy EOD men at Pingelap and Mokil. Also, he will confer with citizens of Kusaie on construction of the Grant-in-Aid Malen Elementary School. Sheriff Yasuwo Johnson is expected to return with the party. The Sheriff has conducted an intensive police training school at Kusaie the past two and a half months. Also, the return party is expected to include Adult Education Advisor Rose Makwelung. Mrs. Makwelung has been in Kusaie since January conducting classes in adult education.

## MILNE TO MALAYA

Mr. Ernest Milne, Marketing and Co-operatives Officer in the Economic Development Department, has been offered a six to eight month scholarship by the UN for co-operative and marketing training in Malaya and Tanganyika. Mr. Milne left Saipan March 25. Mrs. Milne, secretary to the Staff Programs Officer, will join her husband in the near future.

## RED CROSS DRIVE ENDS TODAY

Kolonials who have not made their annual contribution to the Red Cross have just enough time to enroll before the 1963 drive ends. Mr. Leo Delarosa said he will accept contributions up to close of business today. Ponape has 19 contributors thus far for a total of \$101.00.

## "SOCIAL EVENING" AT CLUB

President Bob Jennings has announced that there will be a "social evening" tomorrow at Club Kolonia. Members are invited to come to the Club Saturday evening when teriyaki steaks will be served at 7:30; the bar will feature 20¢ drinks, and dancing will follow a presentation of feats of magic by Rod Over.

## TIDES

Saturday, April 6			Sunday, April 7		
HIGH	0246	2.9	0300	3.2	
	1430	3.5	1454	3.6	
LOW	0828	1.2	0854	1.0	
	2100	0.7	2114	0.6	



## LOOKING BACK . . .

Three years ago the Moshers packed up and went to Majuro for a brief stay. . . the PONAPE-PER announced that "FIZZIES ARE AGAIN AT THE COMMISSARY!" . . . and Eiden Buck of Kusaie reported seeing a land crab throwing gold and silver coins out of his hole.

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Two years ago Captain W. McDonald hosted an open house aboard the M/V KASELEHLIA and Mr. Neas conceived a new mixed drink which he named after the ship. . . Dr. Harold Hanlin left on church business in Samoa and Fiji. . . and Miss Lolita Hohnsbeen's house was invaded by a horde of worms which fell from the ceiling. Large and old trees outside her quarters were detected as the source.

A year ago saw the transfer of Headquarters to Saipan getting underway under the guiding hand of a planning committee . . . Dr. Vitarelli was named staff community development officer . . . and the Reverend Paul R. Gregory of the United Church Board visited Protestant missions here.

## DARO WEITAL DUE BACK

Mr. Daro Weital, Ponape District Teacher Trainer, is due back from the Philippines within the near future. He has been attending the Philippine Normal School at Manila. Mr. Weital will resume his work with the District Department of Education for approximately two months. Later this year he will return to the Philippines to resume studies at the Normal School on a Headquarters Scholarship. He expects to graduate within two years. Mrs. Weital will accompany her husband when he returns to college.

## PONAPE TOUR POSTPONED

The Around Ponape Island Club which suspended hikes last week on account of competition from PACIFIC ISLANDER operations will postpone the next step for another week to permit District Agriculturist D. Zaiger and Assistant District Administrator R. Umhoefer to return to the fold. The area between Wone Kiti and the Sokehs/Kiti boundary remains to be covered. Employees who are interested in the next trip should contact the Tour Director in the Office of the District Administrator.

## RABBITS FROM HATS

Tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 P.M. Rod Over will entertain at Club Kolonia with a performance of magic. This Saturday afternoon show is for the children. He will repeat the program during the Club party Saturday night.



# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Week services at the Catholic Mission were announced this week by the Reverend George P. McGowan, S.J. The calendar includes:

April 7	Palm Sunday	Blessing and Distribution of palms followed by procession before the Mass. 9:00 A.M.
April 11	Holy Thursday	Services begin at 5:30 P.M. Paschal Communion.
April 12	Good Friday	Services begin at 4:00 P.M. Veneration of the Holy Cross.
April 13	Holy Saturday	Services begin at 10:30 P.M. Blessing of the Paschal Candle, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, Midnight Mass.

Note: Holy Communion may be received on Holy Thursday and Good Friday at the afternoon services, and at the Midnight Easter Mass. Communicants must abstain from solid food and alcoholic beverages three hours before receiving, and from liquid food one hour before.

April 14	Easter Sunday	For those unable to attend the Midnight Mass, two Masses, at 7:30 and at 9:00 will be celebrated Easter Morning.
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## DR. MC KNIGHT AT SAIPAN

Dr. Robert McKnight, former Palau District Anthropologist who has been reassigned to the position of Staff Community Development Officer, reported for work in his new position at Saipan, March 25. The position has been enlarged to include the duties of former Staff Anthropologist.

## Weather Report

Weather Statistics for March:

Average Temperature	80.5
Highest Temperature	89 on the 31st
Lowest Temperature	71 on the 31st
Total Precipitation	17.06, +2.51 from normal
Greatest in 24 hours	4.39 on 24-25

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### GUEST EDITOR

Guest Editor of this week's PONAPE-PER during absence of Editor Umhoefer is DISTAD Maynard Neas.