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NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. Khrushchev announced this week that in general he was pleased with the meeting ke had with President John Kennedy. He said that the talks were worthwhile and "even necessary". He also said, "No one expected an agreement because the paths of the United States and of the Soviet Union are so far apart."

Khrushchev was speaking from a prepared text over a TV network in Russia. He repeated demands for a three-man rule of any disarmament control commission and for the speedy signing of peace treaties with East and West Germany. He said that if the West rejected a treaty the Soviet Union would go ahead and sign one with East Germany and it would then be necessary to get East German permission to reach West Berlin.

He also warned that any attempt to change the borders as established by the Potsdam agreement of 1945 would mean thermonuclear war". He said that the Soviet Union did not intend to start a war but "if any country attacks another" (by which he clearly meant East Germany) "on land, sea, or air, it will get a rebuff".

Krishna Mennon of India said that the shooting in Laos was not a renunciation of cease-fire attempts on the part of the Geneva conference members, and that he was confident a solution would be found to the Laes problem. Just what form the solution would take he was unable to predict. The Peace Corps selected the first 12 young men for training for service abroad this week. They will train at Texas Western College in El Paso, preparatory to going to Tanganyika. A total of 28 out of 40 trainees will eventually be sent to aid this African country in surveying and building secondary roads. The 28 include 20 surveyors, four civil engineers, and four geologists (Ponape could use 20 surveyors, ED). ... President Kennedy kept his back injury a secret from Mrs. Kennedy and she did not know of it until she read of it in European papers. The President was in severe pain during his recent trip to Paris, London and Vienna but told no one of his suffering.

Navy Secretary John Connally said this week that the Navy needs more and better ships for the money. He said recently constructed vessels had been too costly, too long getting into commission, and too restricted by technological modifications and changes in specifications to perform their intended missions. ...A 25 year old Chicago man confessed he helped rob a local YMCA hotel of \$1,000.00 because he needed \$111.00 to pay his income tax.

The U.S. Air Force has developed a huge camera which can take pictures of planets in daylight even when they are not visible to the naked eye. The camera, located at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, is the only one of its kind in the world. It recently took pictures of Venus and Jupiter although the operators of the camera were unable to see the planets. ... The U.S. has rejected Soviet Pre-

NEWS BRIEF'S CONTINUED

mier Nikita Khrushchev's proposal to merge the nuclear test ban issue with the broader problem of general disarmament.

Republican Congressman Seymour Halpern of New York said he had been denied access to an American-built air field in Saudi Arabia because he is a Jew. He has protested the action in a 4-page letter to Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Halpera planned a trip at his own expense to the Middle East and was told by an airline that they could not sell him a ticket to Saudi Arabia to inspect the air field because he is Jewish. ...At Holy City, California, a new political party has been formed by a sect calling themselves Prometheans. Anyone wishing to join the party must wear the sect's uniform. They are nudists.

TRUSTEESHIP SERIES - 16

Articles 89, 90, and 91 of the U.N. Charter spell out the voting procedure, authorize the Trusteeship Council to formulate its own procedural rules, and direct the Council to avail itself of the assistance which may be given by other specialized agencies.

"Article 89: (1) Each member of the Trusteeship Council shall have one vote. (2) Decisions of the Trusteeship Council shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

Article 90: (1) The Trusteeship Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its President. (2). The Trusteeship Council shall meet as required in accordance with its rules, which shall include provision for the convening of meetings on the request of a majority of its members.

Article 91: The Trusteeship Council shall, when appropriate, avail itself of the assistance of the Economic and Social Council and of the specialized agencies in regard to matters with which they are respectively concerned."

H&C REPS HERE

Peter Avilla, formerly of South Dakota, arrived Tuesday representing Heide & Cooke in subcontracting the plumbing job at the new Page Communications barracks and dining hall. He expects to be here only a week. Accompanying him is Amaz Siebetang, formerly of Palau, who will be in charge of the Heide & Cooke work here.

Dr. Hanlin to Address Kusaie Grads

Dr. Harold Hanlin will be the principal speaker at the first graduation ceremonies to be held at the Kusaie Intermediate School at Yekula. Graduation has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 20. Mr. Royal Gifford and Chief Magistrate Paul Sigrah are assisting local school officials with arrangements for the ceremony.

DHC, WIFE, COMING JUNE 27

Deputy High Commissioner Jose Benitez and wife will arrive here Tuesday, June 27, for their first official visit to the District. Mr. Benitez visited here overnight a few weeks ago.

While here, Mr. Benitez will address the PICS graduating seniors. His plane will remain overnight at Truk Monday, June 26, where he will speak to the Xavier High School graduates.

An official reception is being planned for Tuesday evening as the Benitezes will return to Guam Wednesday.

BOOK CLUB ADDS NEW VOLUMES

A number of new books went on the shelf this week for members of the Ponape Book Club. In the second shipment received since the club was founded are THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY by Stone; DON'T TELL ALFRED by Mitfort, THE LAST OF THE JUST by Schwarz-Bart; RISE AND FALL OF THE THIRD REICH by Shirer; SCIENCE PONDERS RELIGION by Shapley; STORY FOR TEARUS by Schnabel; THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE; TALES FROM A TROUBLED LAND by Paton; KALAHARI by Bjerre; SHADOWS ON THE GRASS by Dinesen; DAISHI-SAN by Lund; A BURNT-OUT CASE by Greene; RING OF BRIGHT WATER by Maxwell; NO FURTHER WEST by Jacobson; THE LOTUS AND THE ROBOT by Koestler; THE HEART OF THE FOREST by Cowell; and JAPANESE INN by Statler.

Membership in the club is open to all interested persons. Dues are \$3.50 per month per person or couple. Transients may draw books out for 25-cents per book. Resident non-members are not permitted to borrow books.

No Scoop on TPD Cut Yet

No official word other than that reported in last week's paper has been received regarding allowances in lieu of the TPD cut of 5%. However, usually reliable sources passing through here this week indicated that rental allowances ranging downward from around \$500.00 per year according to IGS rating and an additional 15 days home leave (not to be confused with annual leave) are among the new benefits.

Hear Ye!

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ALL CHILDREN WILL MEET AT CLUB KOLONIA FOR THE MONTHLY PARTY TOMORROWN JUNE 17. TIME: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

DANCING * GAMES * PRICES GALORE

(Parents must accompany children under 5)

PARTY FOR NEAS MONDAY

District Administrator Maynard Neas will be welcomed Monday with a community supper at Club Kolonia. The May-June party committees are in charge of arrangements. Mr. Neas departed on home leave April 5, flying to the mainland first. On his return trip he visited Alaska, Manila, Bangkok, Hong Kong and other Far East cities.

Mrs. Neas will return to Ponape in a few months' time. She may meet Mr. Neas in Honolulu when he presents a paper at the Tenth Pacific Science Congress in August. Mrs. Neas had preceded her husband to the U.S. in March.

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

The South Pacific Commission is an advisory and consultative body set up in 1947 by the six Governments responsible for the administration of island territories in the South Pacific region (Australia, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States of America).

The Commission's purpose is to advise the participating Governments on ways of improving the well-being of the people of the Pacific island territories. It is concerned with health, economic, and social matters. Its headquarters are at Noumea, New Caledonia.

The South Pacific Conference, which meets at intervals not exceeding three years, consists of delegates from the local inhabitants of the territories, who may be accompanied by advisers. The fourth Conference was held in New Britain in April-May 1959 and was attended by Kasiano Joseph from the Ponape District, accompanied by former District Anthropologist Frank Mahony.

At the present time Alexander Kubo, former Public Works employee, is studying boat building under sponsorship by the South Pacific Commission in the Solomon Islands, while Dr. Eliuel Pretrick is presently attending a conference on juvenile problems at Port Moresby, New Guinea.

Other Ponapeans have benefited, and in turn have benefited all of Ponape by SPC sponsored conferences and projects. An SPC economist, Mr. V.D. Stace spent two days in Ponape this week and will return Monday, June 19, to work with interested people in this district for another week. —HLF

Poll Closes Tonight

The poll being conducted by the PONAPE-PER will close tonight right after the movie. Kolonials are requested to have their questionnaires in the box at the club bar by that time. Some 73 questionnaires were passed out last week, and results of the poll will appear in next week's paper.

DR. STACE RETURNING

Dr. V.D. Stace, economist with the South Pacific Commission, will return here Monday for a week's stay before going on to Majuro for an overnight visit. Dr. Stace will meet with interested groups to discuss credit unions, generation of capital, and other financial matters.

The economist visited here briefly this week, touring the agricultural station and the cacao processing demonstration plant.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

The Kusaie field trip will depart tonight at 6:00 p.m. returning here Thursday, June 22. On Monday June 26, the M/V Kaselehlia will depart for Pingelap and Ujelang. Mr. Ekpap Silk of the Marshalls will arrive next week to act as Field Trip Officer. The stop at Pingelap is for the purpose of permitting members of the judiciary to work there while the ship proceeds to Ujelang. The vessel will also lift a number of people on Pingelap who wish to return to Ujelang. The vessel will be away for at least a week.

New Page Employees

Ed Bonner, who calls Baltimore home, and Chuck Powers, from Khrushchev's favorite American city San Francisco, both arrived June 10 on the M/V Kaselehlia for a tour of duty as electronics maintenance man and supply officer respectively.

Bonner is a 30-year Army retired Lt. Colonel while Powers saw Pacific duty during World War II in the U.S. Army and more recently has been employed in supply work in San Francisco.

Sorry, We're Late ...

but a Happy Birthday to Father Costigan and Karen Peacock, 3rd; Alicia Germinaro and Mary Louisa Hawley, 1st; Jim Zaiger, 4th; Shirley Peacock, 10th; Kyocko Ihara, 9th; Nan McNutt, 11th.

Other Kolonials having birthdays this month are Dr. McNutt and Leo Migvar, 22nd; Alicia Pearce, 24th; Henry Germinaro, 25th; Recula Germinaro, 26th; Cynthia Iwaniec and Bruce Weinrich, 28th; and Shirley Umhoefer, 30th. Figures refer to dates, not ages.

DON'T FORGET!

Alicia Pearce has invited all Kolonials from the age of one month to 99 years to her fourth birthday celebration next Saturday, June 24, at Club Kolonia.