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## Micronesian Status Talks Concluded

Delegations from the Congress of Micronesia and the United States have concluded their fourth round of negotiations on the future political status of the Trust Territory. The meetings began on Easter Sunday, April 2, and concluded on Thursday, April 13, in Koror, Palau.

The following is the text of the joint communique released at the conclusion of the talks:

Members of the Joint Committee on Future Status of the Congress of Micronesia and the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian status negotiations, met on Koror, Palau from April 2 to April 13 for the fourth round of exchanging views on the future political status of the present Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Both delegations found the talks highly useful for their exploration of the two sides' views as to the future political relationship between the United States and Micronesia, when the present United Nations Trusteeship is ended. Beyond that, the two sides reached basic agreement on many crucial and difficult issues.

The first area of agreement is that the future relationship between Micronesia and the United States will be determined by a compact. That compact will be based on the sovereign right of the people of Micronesia to choose their own future. The compact will have to be approved by the Congress of Micronesia, the United States Congress, and by the people of Micronesia. The compact will establish a mutually beneficial relationship of free association between Micronesia and the United States and constitute the basis of the respective rights of the parties under it.

The people of Micronesia will vest in the Government of Micronesia authority over their internal affairs, and authority over and responsibility for foreign affairs and defense is to be vested in the Government of the United States. It was understood that the Government of Micronesia and Micronesian citizens would be free to negotiate and to sign contracts which will not involve inter-governmental obligations and responsibilities; that Micronesian participation in appropriate regional organizations will be permitted and encouraged; and that there will be consultations by both the United States and the Government of Micronesia in international matters directly in their counterparts interest.

The parties reaffirmed the preliminary agreement reached at Hana, Maui that the people of Micronesia have the right to write, adopt, and amend their own constitution, and that this constitution will not have to be

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*High Commissioner Johnston completed action on all of the legislation passed by the Congress of Micronesia at its Palau session this week. Senate Vice President Olympio T. Borja and Acting Legislative Counsel Mamoro Nakamura witnessed the signing of the Merit System Act and the Advice and Consent Bill (above). A final listing of the legislation appears on page 6.*

## First TT HiCom Dies

The first man ever to serve as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory has died in Washington, D.C. Retired U.S. Navy Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, 82, died last week following a heart attack.

Admiral Denfeld became High Commissioner on July 18, 1947, the day after the United Nations strategic trusteeship over Micronesia was established. He assumed the responsibility by virtue of his position at the time as Commander-in-Chief, Pacific. He governed the islands from his headquarters at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, although responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Trust Territory was delegated to the Deputy High Commissioner, Real Admiral Carlton H. Wright, and his staff on Guam.

Admiral Louis E. Denfeld remained as High Commissioner until April, 1948, when he was succeeded by Admiral Dewitt C. Ramsey. There were a total of three U.S. Navy High Commissioners before the first civilian HiCom was appointed in 1951.

## More on Status Talks

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consistent with the constitution of the United States; that the United States will not have the power to amend it; and that the legal force of the constitution will derive from the sovereign power of the Micronesian people. It was, however, agreed that the constitution of Micronesia, and any amendment to it, would not be in conflict with the compact.

The constitution of Micronesia will provide for the structure of the future government of Micronesia, the procedure for the enactment of legislation, and the relationship between the various districts and the future Government of Micronesia. The laws of the United States will apply to Micronesia only to the extent mutually agreed upon by Micronesia and the United States. It was further agreed that Micronesian lands will be under the control of the people of Micronesia and of its government. It is also agreed that any United States' requirements for defense will be negotiated before the signing of the compact. Any land requirements of the United States which should arise thereafter will be met only if the Government of Micronesia consents, and only in accordance with Micronesian law.

With the coming into effect of the compact, the United States will permanently relinquish the power of eminent domain in Micronesia.

The parties reached preliminary agreement on the principle of unilateral termination, under which either party may give notice after the compact has been in effect for a number of years. Details, in particular the precise length of that period, still have to be worked out.

Both sides agreed that new military leases and options to lease will continue for the length of their designated term, and that a mutual security pact which will provide for continuing U.S. defense interests will be negotiated in advance of the signing of the compact to go into effect in the event of termination.

And finally, the agreements reached at Hana and Palau are understood by both parties to be preliminary, pending final agreement on the compact as a whole. There remains a number of areas which are in need of further discussion and agreement. They include the matters of finance and transition, and several other matters left over from the talks at Hana last year. It is anticipated that there will be further discussions on these matters at the time of the drafting of the precise language of the compact. It is expected that the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Future Status and the President's personal representative will be in communication to work out timing and procedures for the joint drafting of the compact, and for discussion on the issues on which preliminary agreement has not yet been reached.

*The Public Information Division is compiling the public documents from the status talks just concluded and will publish them in a special edition of Highlights dated April 21, 1972.*

## Marianas Negotiations

The two representatives of the Mariana Islands District at the Palau Status talks, Senator Edward Pangelinan and Representative Herman Guerrero, made a formal request to Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, who represents President Nixon as head of the U.S. delegation, asking if the United States would enter into separate talks leading toward a political union with the U.S. for the Marianas.

Ambassador Williams, noting that the official transmission of the request had been approved by the Micronesian Joint Status Committee, said that the U.S. is now willing to accede to the oft-expressed desire of the Marianas for separate talks and a separate status.

In the statement presented by the two Marianas lawmakers, they said that the Marianas advocates its position, "... for the sole reason that we desire membership in the United States political family because of the demonstrated advantages of such a relationship. More than any other nation with which we have had contact, the United States has brought to our people the values which we cherish and the economic goals which we desire. Continued affiliation with the United States offers the promise of the preservation of these values and the implementation of those goals."

The statement continued, "The people of the Marianas have for too long been dominated by autocratic powers, with little regard for the rights of their own subjects, let alone of the people of the Marianas... For the first time in four centuries, the people of the Marianas now live as free men. Political union with the United States will insure that we keep this freedom so long denied to us."

In his response, Ambassador Williams said that U.S. policy had been to develop Micronesia toward a common status upon termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, and that this had been the avenue that the U.S. had been pursuing throughout the status talks. He stated, however, that the record of the past ten years clearly indicates that the Marianas have long aspired to a close and permanent affiliation with the United States, and that this sentiment had been acknowledged by the Joint Status Committee at Hana, in October, 1971, and again by approving the transmittal of the request for separate talks by the Marianas delegation at the Palau talks.

Given these circumstances and this recognition of the desire of the Marianas for a status different from that contemplated for the other five districts, the Ambassador said that the U.S. did not wish to impose a solution on the Marianas against the expressed will of the people of that district. He stated firmly that he appreciated the warmth and sincerity of the Marianas statement.

## Calendars Available

The Trust Territory Government's Public Information Division has received a shipment of 1972 Micronesia calendars. The calendars are being distributed free of charge to each municipality in all six districts.

Distribution should be completed within six weeks to two months. After that time, persons desiring additional copies may contact the Public Information Division on Saipan. The calendars are intended primarily for distribution to Micronesian families within Micronesia.

## Marshalls Workshop

The first Magistrate's Workshop and Conference for the Marshall Islands District ended last week in Majuro. During the ceremony that marked the close of the two-week conference, District Administrator Oscar DeBrum and Senate President Amata Kabua of the Congress of Micronesia spoke to the more than 20 outer-island magistrates who had attended the event.

President Kabua noted that the meeting had given the district leaders a rare opportunity to have a better understanding of the problems of the outer-islands. He spoke particularly of the price of copra, currently very low. This is a problem which requires collective effort from all involved to solve, he said.

Kabua also talked briefly about the future political status of Micronesia. He expressed the hope that the status question will soon be resolved, and he urged that the Marshallese should not give up their traditional customs easily.

DistAd DeBrum urged the municipal council heads to accept the role of leadership in their respective communities, and to cooperate with other traditional and elected leaders so that the communities can be improved. He pledged the support of the district administration to the municipal government whenever and wherever needed.

The workshop and conference gave the outer island magistrates an opportunity to learn more about the functions of the three branches of the government, as well as a better understanding of a magistrate's responsibilities.

## DHC Reports on Conference

Trust Territory Deputy High Commissioner Peter T. Coleman returned earlier this month from Honolulu where he attended a week-long conference on Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention sponsored by the University of Colorado Center for Action Research. He was accompanied by Palau District Administrator Thomas Remengesau.

Coleman noted the conference was very timely and most informative. He said that there is a great need for bettering communication between parents and children since it is recognized that the social unit that affects the development of a child most is the family, and the influences in the family have a great effect on the growth of a child as a responsible and adjusted member of society.

The Deputy HiCom indicated that the government is also involved in the development of the child through the institutions that are established for servicing the public, including the young person. He said it must be remembered by the children that they also have an obligation to their parents so that their own actions bring fulfillment and joy to the parents.

During the institute Coleman met with young persons from correctional institutions and had long talks with some of them on how they get into such a situation. He said it gives the administration special insight into youth problems that may come to Micronesia and it behooves the administration to prevent, as much as possible, the creation of these problems in Micronesia.

## Senate Joint Resolutions

The last session of the Congress saw the adoption of 14 Senate Joint Resolutions. They included:

- S.J.R. 30, Requesting a Special Session;
- S.J.R. 39, Creating Congressional Committees for the six districts;
- S.J.R. 51, Requesting the Attorney General to review pertinent sections of the T.T.C. relative to election laws of the Trust Territory and to prepare draft legislation for the Congress requiring political parties to be registered, licensed, and otherwise subject to such censure, discipline, and privileges;
- S.J.R. 58, Confirming an appointment to the Micronesian Board of Education;
- S.J.R. 60, Requesting HiCom to obtain the services of Mr. Clinton E. Atkinson, Fisheries Attache, Embassy of the U.S. in Japan, as temporary consultant to the Trust Territory Government on Fisheries development;
- S.J.R. 66, Notifying the United Nations that Micronesia is interested in obtaining the services of the U.N. Volunteer Corps;
- S.J.R. 81, Requesting the High Commissioner to provide a marketing agent on Guam for TT products;
- S.J.R. 85, Conferring honorary citizenship upon Father Hugh F. Costigan;
- S.J.R. 87, Respectfully urging the HiCom and the Director of the Department of Transportation and

Communication to provide adequate information relating to a proposed shipyard project on Peleliu Island, Palau, to the Congress, the Palau District Legislature and the Municipal Council of Peleliu;

- S.J.R. 90, Extending appreciation to Count "Popo", the Clown;
- S.J.R. 91, Authorizing and Directing the Joint Committee on Future Status to continue negotiations with the U.S. toward the resolution of the issue of the Future Political Status of Micronesia, to seek a tentative agreement on such future political status which in its judgment is best suited to the needs, interests, and aspirations of the people of Micronesia;
- S.J.R. 93, Nominating a list of Micronesians to the War Claims Commission;
- S.J.R. 97, Authorizing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to appoint a committee to carry out the duties of interim advise and consent set forth in S.B. 190; and
- S.J.R. 98, Authorizing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House or their designees to attend the Pacific Conference of Legislators.

(A list of House Joint Resolutions appears on page 4. Bills are listed on page 6.)

## Joint Resolutions Passed by Congress

The Congress during its last session also adopted 25 House Joint Resolutions. They are:

—H.J.R. 81, Requesting the Chief of Marine Resources Division to formulate a plan and initiate action thereon to transfer ownership and control of the Palau Boatbuilding and Drydocking Yard from the Trust Territory Government to the people of Palau;

—H.J.R. 84, Respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Department of State through the High Commissioner and the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to seek associate membership for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands into the Economic Commission of Asia and the Far East;

—H.J.R. 91, Requesting the High Commissioner to take immediate steps to solve the critical power and water problems in Palau District;

—H.J.R. 92, Creating a Joint Committee on Appointments to the Board of Directors of the Bank of Micronesia;

—H.J.R. 93, Respectfully requesting the High Commissioner and the Attorney General to prepare and transmit legislation regulating lobbying activities for submission to the Fifth Congress of Micronesia;

—H.J.R. 95, Requesting the High Commissioner to apply for federal financial assistance in constructing airports in the Trust Territory under the provisions of the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970;

—H.J.R. 96, Repealing Senate Joint Resolution No. 32 of the Third Congress of Micronesia relative to the appointment and retention of Professor Harrop A. Freeman of New York;

—H.J.R. 70, Requesting the Joint Committee on Program and Budget Planning to insure that the Five Year Plan includes provision for new docking facilities at Colonia, Yap;

—H.J.R. 72, Requesting the Director of Transportation and Communications to undertake a complete study of the conditions on field trip vessels operating in the Trust Territory and to make periodic reports to the Congress of Micronesia thereon;

—H.J.R. 74, Requesting the United States Congress to enact legislation making the Trust Territory eligible for central community facilities for safe water and the elimination or control of water pollution under Section 113 of S. 2770 or any other amendments enacted by the Congress to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;

—H.J.R. 77, Respectfully urging the United States Congress to amend the United States Code and the Secretary of the Interior to amend Secretarial Order No. 2918 to require that the Congress of Micronesia be included in the process of selecting the High Commissioner, the Deputy High Commissioner, the Chief Justice, and Associate Justices of the Trust Territory;

—H.J.R. 78, Respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Interior to amend Secretarial Order 2918, relating to reapportionment of the House of Representatives;

—H.J.R. 80, Directing the High Commissioner to take active steps and where possible to solicit the assistance of

specialized agencies of the United Nations to undertake a feasibility study for and to promote the establishment of food processing and canning industries in Micronesia;

—H.J.R. 39, Respectfully requesting the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense through the High Commissioner to release the present Mobil Bulk Plant site on Saipan Island, Mariana Islands District, from its current retention area status under the United States Navy and to allow Mobil Oil Micronesia, to construct additional tanks and other facilities on this site in order to efficiently serve the Micronesian people;

—H.J.R. 53, Resolving that the two Houses of the Congress meet in joint session for the Honorable Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner, to give such address or greetings he may be pleased to make;

—H.J.R. 56, Extending deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Chief Petrus Mailo and to the people of Truk District;

—H.J.R. 59, Respectfully requesting the United States Congress to appropriate funds for the payment of Micronesian war and post secure damage claims and respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Interior to expedite funding for the payment of Micronesian war and post secure damage claims;

—H.J.R. 67, Requesting the High Commissioner to implement the construction of the Koror-Bebelthaupt bridge across Rengrak Channel;

—H.J.R. 68, Requesting the High Commissioner to relocate the sewage treatment plant on Malakal Drydock between the Palau Boatyard and Dilmicro, Koror Municipality;

—H.J.R. 69, Expressing deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Judge William O. Wally of Palau District;

—H.J.R. 6, Requesting the High Commissioner, the Chief Justice of the High Court and the Superintendent of Public Safety to separate juvenile offenders from adult criminals in jails and other detention facilities;

—H.J.R. 9, Requesting the High Commissioner and the Director of Personnel to expand the In-Service Training Program so that Micronesian citizens employed at all levels in the Trust Territory Government can pursue training and educational programs both inside and outside the Trust Territory and still receive their regular salaries while enrolled in such training programs;

—H.J.R. 19, Urging and requesting the Marshall Islands District Chief of Police to procure and the Superintendent of Public Safety to provide fire fighting equipment and trained operators therefor to Ebeye, Marshall Islands District;

—H.J.R. 23, Requesting the United States Congress to amend, and the Secretary of the Interior to actively support an amendment to the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, to make its provisions applicable to the Trust Territory; and

—H.J.R. 29, Requesting the Joint Committee on Program and Budget Planning to place the construction of an airfield for Kusaie Island among its highest priorities for capital development.

## Ambassador Bennett Tours TT

Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett arrived on Saipan Sunday (April 2) to begin an orientation tour of several district centers of the Trust Territory. Ambassador Bennett is the U.S. representative to the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

The Ambassador spent most of Monday morning (April 3) meeting with local leaders of the Marianas, including the Marianas Delegation to the Congress of Micronesia; members of the district legislature and the Saipan Municipal Council; the president of the Territorial Party; and the president of the United Carolinians Association on Saipan. Monday afternoon, the Ambassador met with several staff people of the Marianas District Government, and with people from the private sector on Saipan.

The ambassador met Tuesday, April 4, with High Commissioner Johnston and other TT Government officials. A reception was held in honor of Ambassador Bennett by the High Commissioner Tuesday evening.

Ambassador Bennett left Saipan Wednesday (April 5) to continue his tour of the other district centers before returning to Honolulu. He visited all of the district except Palau.

## Lay Missionary Dies

The "final chapter in a story of love and dedication" was closed recently, with the death in New York of Mrs. Kathleen Finn, a longtime lay missionary for the Jesuit Fathers on Ponape Island.

Mrs. Finn and her husband, Dick, went to Ponape in 1948 as teachers. Dick taught mathematics, carpentry and electricity to a generation of young Ponapeans until his death in 1965. His wife, known as Kay to all her friends, was the bookkeeper, accountant and secretary to the Jesuit community, and taught English to all the young Novices of the Micronesian Sisters of Mercy. After her husband's death she remained in Ponape, serving as Liaison in Kolonia for the Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS).

In late 1971 Kay Finn returned to the U.S. to visit her family in New York. She had planned to return to Ponape, but in February she was injured in a fall, and died on Good Friday, March 31, 1972. Funeral services were held on April 4 in New York, after which her body was flown to Ponape for burial. She was laid to rest on April 10 in the mission cemetery in Kolonia, where her husband is also buried.

MR. and MRS. FINN



*U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Trusteeship Council is honored at a reception held at the HiCom's residence. From left to right are: Mrs. Sablan, Mr. Manuel A. Sablan (shaking hands with the Ambassador), High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, Mrs. Johnston and Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett.*

## Peace Corps Returnees

One of the residual benefits of the presence of the Peace Corps in Micronesia since 1966 has been the creation of a pool of trained Americans, familiar with the language, culture and area, who have remained in Micronesia following their two-year tours with the Peace Corps.

According to a report from Peace Corps/Micronesia headquarters on Saipan, there are now 98 former volunteers living and working in the Trust Territory. Many are working for the government, but many also have found employment with private industry. The list includes a large number of school teachers, but also includes architects, civil engineers, lawyers, business advisors, nurses, community development specialists, and even a newspaper editor.

Trust Territory Director of Public Affairs N. Neiman Craley, Jr., has commented that "these people have contributed to the development of Micronesia in many, many ways. Certainly their knowledge and understanding of culture and the language has made them extremely effective and their prior service here as volunteers should indeed make them most productive employees and residents," he said.

Nearly three thousand Peace Corps Volunteers have served in Micronesia since 1966. At one time there were nearly 700 volunteers in the Trust Territory, but the number presently stands at 274, with the vast majority engaged in teaching and teacher training.

## Hicom Takes Action on More Bills

The following bills were signed by the High Commissioner in the period April 1—April 14, 1972. This completes the Highlights listing of measures passed by the Congress during the Palau session. The listing began in the February 15, 1972, issue.

--HB 17--Amending the TT Code regarding judgments affecting land (Now Public Law 4C-34)

--HB 20--Prohibiting fishing with explosives, chemicals, poisons and other harmful substances (PL 4C-35)

--SB 40--Relating to wrongful death actions for the death of a child (PL 4C-36)

--SB 80--Relating to reciprocal enforcement of support (PL 4C-37)

--SB 111--Creating a fund for the development of marine resources on a commercial basis (PL 4C-38)

--SB 121--Providing for contempt of the Congress (PL 4C-39)

--SB 142--Amending the TT Weapons Control Law (PL 4C-40)

--SB 151--Amending the TT Code provisions for eligibility for membership in district legislatures (PL 4C-41)

--SB 172--Relating to non-resident workers (PL 4C-42)

--SB 178--Establishing fisheries zones for the Trust Territory (PL 4C-43)

--HB 195--Amending the TT Code relating to applications for business permits (PL 4C-44)

--HB 196--Expanding the powers of the District Economic Development Boards (PL 4C-45)

--HB 197--Amending the TT Code to provide certain powers for the district representatives of the Chief, Division of Labor (PL 4C-46)

--SB 113--Appropriating \$300,000 for Public Improvement Projects in Ponape (PL 4C-47)

--SB 190--Providing for the organization of the Executive Branch of the TT Government and providing for advice and consent by the legislative branch on major administrative appointments (PL 4C-48)

--SB 196--Revising the Trust Territory Merit System (PL 4C-49)

--SB 197--Declaring certain public lands in the Kagman and Marpi areas of Saipan agricultural and village homestead lands (PL 4C-50)

--SB 36--Defining "resident worker" and "nonresident worker" to include people in managerial, professional and executive positions (PL 4C-51)

--SB 146--Amending the TT Code to provide for transfer of interest in land upon the death of the owner (PL 4C-52)

--SB 150--Providing for a boat building program in Truk (PL 4C-53)

--SB 199--Appropriating \$300,000 for various projects in Palau (PL 4C-54)

--HB 31--Relating to limitations of actions (PL 4C-55)

--HB 55--Relating to domestic relations (PL 4C-56)

--HB 121--Providing exemptions from the prohibitions against the taking of certain animals when done for scientific purposes (PL 4C-57)

--HB 125--Authorizing an appropriation of \$60,000 for typhoon relief to certain islands in the Marshalls which suffered damage from a typhoon in 1968 (PL 4C-58)

--HB 1--Amending the TT Code to allow municipal governments to impose greater penalties (PL 4C-59)

--HB 4--Amending the TT Code to provide for teacher training programs (PL 4C-60)

--HB 25--Amending the TT Code relating to extraterritorial jurisdiction (PL 4C-61)

--HB 128--Appropriating \$35,450 to supplement the cost of the Social Security System for fiscal years 1971 and 1972 (PL 4C-62)

--HB 129--Appropriating \$350,000 for Trust Territory scholarships (PL 4C-63)

--HB 130--Appropriating \$87,500 for the operating expenses of the Social Security Office for fiscal year 1973 (PL 4C-64)

--HB 131--Appropriating \$825,000 for the construction of roads (PL 4C-65)

--HB 165--Amending PL 4C-1 to conform with local liquor laws (PL 4C-66)

--HB 192--Appropriating \$200,000 for the Kwajalein Atoll Development Fund (PL 4C-67)

--HB 221--Appropriating \$250,000 for public works and social and economic development projects in the Marshalls (PL 4C-68)

--HB 224--Appropriating \$160,000 for Satawan High School in Truk (PL 4C-69)

--HB 227--Appropriating \$150,000 for certain projects in Yap (PL 4C-70)

--HB 228--Appropriating \$200,000 for certain projects in Truk (PL 4C-71)

--HB 237--Appropriating \$325,000 for channel blasting and improvement projects in all districts (PL 4C-72)

--HB 175--Appropriating money for the operating expenses of the Congress of Micronesia for fiscal year 1973 (PL 4C-73)

--HB 176--Amending PL 4C-11 to appropriate additional money for the operating expenses of the Congress of Micronesia for fiscal year 1972 (PL 4C-74)

--HB 202--Appropriating \$200,000 for various projects in the Marianas (PL 4C-75)

--HB 51--Establishing planning commissions (PL 4C-76)

--HB 91--Prohibiting a nonresident worker from engaging in any employment other than for his employer during the term of his employment agreement (PL 4C-77)

--HB 127--Establishing a Trust Territory Environmental Protection Board (PL 4C-78)

--HB 215--Relating to licensing of motor vehicle operators (PL 4C-79)

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## Economic Development Chief



**G. DUDLEY DAMBACHER**

Director of Resources and Development Wyman X. Zachary has announced the appointment of G. Dudley Dambacher as Chief of the Economic Development Division. Dambacher arrived on Saipan last month to take up his new position, which has been filled on an acting basis since August of last year by Manuel A. Sablan.

The new Economic Development Chief is from Honolulu, where he was President of Punahou Cliffs Corporation, a real estate, land management and development company. He also worked for 17 years as Hawaiian Area Manager for Pillsbury Company, a major U.S. food products firm.

Dambacher is a graduate of Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration and journalism. He is a veteran who saw service during World War Two with the first B-24 Liberator bomber squadron which arrived at Saipan's Isley Field, in April, 1944. He is a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

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The following bills were disapproved by the High Commissioner:

—SB 35—Establishing a Workmen's Compensation Act

—SB 58—Relating to Administrative Law

—SB 129—Regulating political activities of employees of the Trust Territory government

—HB 139—Providing payments for forfeited annual leave for employees of the Trust Territory government

The following bills were allowed to become law without the signature of the High Commissioner:

—HB 122—Appropriating \$166,000 for expenses of district tax offices (PL 4C-80)

—HB 249—Appropriating \$5,000 to pay for the services of Harrop A. Freeman (PL 4C-81)

In addition, six measures passed by the Congress were signed by the High Commissioner and designated as private laws, as they dealt with matters which were not of general public concern. Each of the bills was an act of the Congress to make individuals named in the bills eligible to become a naturalized citizen of the Trust Territory.

## Briefly

Truk District Administrator Juan Sablan left Truk this month to attend a Public Leadership Workshop at the East West Center in Honolulu. The workshop is scheduled for April 10th to 21st. DistAd Sablan is the TT Government's representative to this workshop.

A Trust Territory Curriculum Council meeting began Sunday, April 9 on Rota. The main agenda for discussion during the meeting included a Policy Statement for Adult Education, and the Scope and Sequence of the general course content for Social Studies. Regular Council members from all districts in the TT are scheduled to attend the meeting.

Plans for the next semi-annual conference of Trust Territory District Administrators are now being formulated, according to Palau DistAd Thomas Remengesau. He said the meetings will be held in Palau, possibly during the second week of May. The agenda for the meetings is still not final. The Six DistAds meet twice each year, with one of the two meetings normally scheduled for Saipan and the other in one of the other districts.

The Senior Land Commissioner for Yap District, Michael Kilian, has been transferred to Palau. Kilian arrived in mid-March at his new duty station to permanently fill the position which has been vacant for several months following the resignation last year of Keith Findley.



Construction of a major new power plant to meet the increasing power needs of Saipan is proceeding on schedule, according to a spokesman for the public works department. Shown above are the men who are building the plant, and they are at the same time receiving on-the-job training in power plant construction and maintenance. They are, from left: James Elidechedong, Pedro Lizama, Jesus Pinaula, Joe Santos, Pedro Sakisat, Thomas Camacho and Elogio Camacho, with the supervisor, Julian Adams, kneeling in front. The photograph was taken at the recent dedication of a new power plant at the government's Lower Base complex on Saipan. In addition to the Saipan facilities, these men have also recently completed new power plants on Tinian and Rota in the Marianas.

# Youth Take Over Day



At the TT Headquarters Saipan high school students participated in the Youth Program. From left to right is Alex Chong as Deputy High Commissioner; High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston; Maximo Attao as the High Commissioner; Leonicia Igitol as Executive Officer; and Leo Falcam, Executive Officer.

Youth had its day at the Trust Territory Headquarters and District Administration Thursday (April 6) as young people on Saipan "took over" the government.

Over forty-five students from Marianas High School participated in the annual Youth Takes Over Day program coordinated by the Marianas District Community Development Office.

The students were assigned to various departments of both headquarters and district government and spent the whole day working with counterparts to enable them to understand programs and functions of departments in the district and headquarters.


The 1972 student High Commissioner was Maximo Attao; Deputy HiCom, Alex Chong; Marianas District Administrator, Winifreda Cabrera; and Saipan Municipal Mayor, Antonio Aldan.



The first Rotanese residents to receive housing loans from the Mariana Islands Housing Authority (MIHA) totaling \$41,500 are shown in the photo with the Mayor of Rota and DistAd of the Marianas. From left to right are: Juan Muna, Mayor of Rota Antonio Atalig, Roberto M. Calvo, DistAd Francisco C. Ada, Jose Cabrera and Dimas Hocog.

Acting Deputy High Commissioner Falcam congratulates Manuel Sproat on his retirement from long government service with the Trust Territory. Sproat has been Chief of the Agriculture Division since 1963. His government service dates from December, 1945.





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