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EDITORIAL

Congressional visiting parties are a rare sight any place and here in Micronesia where we are located clear across the Pacific from the United States, they are, unfortunately, even rarer. Palau is proud to be among the first districts to welcome the House members who arrived yesterday. This is the first Congressional group out in Micronesia after the Congress of the United States appropriated 15.5 million dollars to the Trust Territory, largest amount ever received in nearly two decades. The Congressmen will undoubtedly want to know what we have accomplished with that money. Palau is proud to present its accomplishments, and we invite the Congressmen to examine them while they are here.

To our honorable guests, once again, Welcome to Palau, the "Heart of Micronesian Charm".

--Lazarus E. Sali

NGI WAL EDGES AIMELI IK 3 TO 4

Acting District Administrator Flakne opened the 1964 Palau baseball season by throwing the first ball in the opener between Ngiwal and Aimeliik last Saturday at the Asahi Ball Field.

Ngiwal, which rates a good number of former Palau All Stars on its roster, including mighty Sammy Butelbai who relieved Tom Renguul, managed to edge Aimeliik by a score of three to four. The winning pitcher was Tom Renguul, the looser was Misiuch.

Due to heavy rain last Sunday which flooded the field to ankle-deep, the Peleliu-Ngaraard, Airai-Ngardmau and Asahi-Ngarchelong games scheduled for that day were postponed to a later date still to be announced.

Future games will be played each weekend with two games on each day. Rained-out games will be played on holidays if any fall within the week or on Sunday afternoons if the weather permits. The entrance fee to the games is a dime for adults and a nickel for minors and students.

The Baseball Association wishes to thank Mr. Flakne who so generously donated five dollars to the Association during last Saturday's game.

DOCTORS HOWE AND SWEI ON MEDICAL STAFF

With the expansion of our overall program in medical services, Palau is fortunate to have on its medical staff two new doctors who arrived early this month. Dr. Luke A. Howe graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1952 and took his internship at Mary Fletcher Hospital in Vermont. After his internship he practiced his profession for ten years as a general practitioner. Dr. Howe is a member of the American Medical Association, of the State and County Medical Society of Vermont, and the American Academy of General Practice. With him are his charming wife, Patricia, and children who will live in Palau with Dr. Howe during his tenure here as medical advisor and consultant to our Micronesian doctors.

Dr. Nobuo Swei is a native Palauan from Ngarchelong who graduated from the Fiji School of Medicine at the end of 1963. Dr. Swei, who is single, was on the Sanitation Department staff in Palau before going on a scholarship to the Fiji School of Medicine in Suva. Dr. Swei has already started his internship at MacDonald Memorial Hospital in Koror.

While Dr. Howe is an avid swimmer and skier (wish we had snow here), Dr. Swei takes to tennis, table tennis and is especially good in softball.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Palau Post will henceforth accept for publication letters from readers addressed to the Editor. All letters must be signed as unsigned letters will not be published. Constructive criticisms, suggestions, new ideas and just plain gripes will be accepted if they are not libellous and if they are worthy of publication in the opinion of the Editor. Address all letters to "Editor, Palau Post, Administration Building".

All letters, notices, announcements and articles for the Post must be turned in to the Editor by Wednesday each week in order to be published on Friday.

THE POST HEADMAST DESIGN

The new masthead design for the Palau Post is the handiwork of Dr. Vitarelli, our many-talented Assistant District Administrator. The design was selected among several submitted by artistic members of the Administration staff.

The Post takes this opportunity to thank Dr. Vit for the fine design which, though simple, is beautiful and very appropriate for Palau's newspaper.

NGAREMLENGUI DISPENSARY OPEN HOUSE

Ngaremlengui Municipality will hold an open house for its new dispensary on Saturday, January 25, according to Magistrate Dudiu. Members of the Medical Services staff, Acting District Administrator Flakne, Assistant Distads Vitarelli and Yano and all department and activity heads will be invited to represent the government at the opening ceremony.

The government M-boat has been requested to transport the Koror guests to Ngaremlengui on the morning of the 25th.

The new dispensary was built by the people of Ngaremlengui with some help from the Palau Legislature in grant-in-aid and with the assistance of the people of Ngatpang and Ngardmau who donated their free labor. This will be the fifth field dispensary in operation in the district.

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DOCTOR MINORU-UEKI TO GO TO GUAM

Acting Director of Medical Services Dr. M. Ueki will depart on Sunday's special flight to Guam where he will consult with specialists from the National Institute of Health on a couple of neurological cases from Palau. The two patients departed yesterday for Guam.

Dr. Teresita S. Elizan, a neurologist from the National Institute of Health (NINDR) who was in Palau a short while ago, will be among the specialists with whom Dr. Ueki will be consulting. The group of specialists is currently studying the phenomenal incidence of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Parkinsonism-Dementia (P-D) in the Pacific area.

In a letter to Dr. Scheneider, Assistant Director of Medical Services for the Trust Territory, Dr. Elizan requested that Dr. Ueki stay one week with the group in Guam to get an exposure to neurological disease and their management.

LIST OF CONGRESSIONAL PARTY MEMBERS AND THOSE ACCOMPANYING THEM

The visiting Congressional Party which arrived yesterday consists of the following:

Congressman Thomas P. Gill of Hawaii; Congressman Edward R. Roybal of California; Congressman C. B. Morton of Maryland; Congressman Ralph Rivers of Alaska, all on the House Interior Committee; and Congressman W. K. Denton of Indiana who is a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

The group also included Mr. Robert M. Mangan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior; Mr. James H. Gamble who is a professional staff member of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; Dr. John Taylor, House Committee staff members; and Dr. Baron Goto from the East-West Center, University of Hawaii.

High Commissioner M. W. Goding and Mr. James Livesey, Trust Territory Public Information Officer, accompanied the group to Palau.

VISITORS FROM HEADQUARTERS

The two special flights which arrived yesterday brought to Koror a number of Headquarters staff members, including Dr. Jeffee, Trust Territory Director of Dental Services; Mr. George Taggart, Headquarters Staff Economist; Doctor Scheneider, Assistant Director of Medical Services; Mr. Ownbey, Assistant Hospital Administrator; Mr. DuPont, Assistant

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EMILIA KOHAMA TO ATTEND UH

Mrs. Emilia Kohama has been granted permission by Headquarters to join her husband, Yoichi Kohama, in Hawaii where he is a Trust Territory Scholarship fourth year student at the University of Hawaii. Emmy herself, who has had two years at the same university, will register for the second semester which starts in February.

Mrs. Kohama, the former Miss Emilia Rechucher, has been with the Education staff for the last two years. Her husband was also on the Education staff before going to the University of Hawaii in 1962.

Emmy is scheduled to fly on January 29 for Honolulu.

SHIP AND PLANE SCHEDULES -(cont'd from right column)

gers on this flight will be Community Development Officer Dr. Robert McKnight, Messrs. Roger St. Pierre, Richard Backley and Dr. Ueki.

The plane will return on Sunday, January 19, for another turnaround flight.

Passengers on tomorrow's flight will check in at the Hotel at seven-thirty in the morning tomorrow.

PALAU POTENTIAL TOURIST RESORT

Some of the members of the visiting Congressional Party were impressed by the natural beauty of Palau and its great potential as a tourist attraction. They pointed out, however, that if Micronesia is to attract tourist it must first have adequate hotel facilities and all the right kind of services that tourists anywhere demand and pay money for. Some of them also pointed out that the natural beauty of these islands must be preserved if we want to develop Micronesia as a tourist resort, that the beautiful lagoons and the beach areas should not be used as dumps and littered with rusty oil drums and beer cans.

KIYOKO RENGIL TO ATTEND NUTRITION SEMINAR IN PHILIPPINES

Mrs. Kiyoko Rengil of the nursing staff in Palau left yesterday for the Philippines where she will be one of two Trust Territory delegates to attend a WHO-sponsored seminar in nutrition. The seminar will be held from January 21 to 31.

Mrs. Rengil was on the TT Nursing School staff before the school was transferred to Saipan last year.

TODAY'S ITINERARY FOR CONGRESSMEN

Our distinguished visitors from the U.S. Congress departed this morning to Airai for an inspection of the Airai Airfield Construction Site and the Airai Elementary School. They were accompanied by District Administrator Flakne, Assistant Distad Vitarelli, Speaker Toribiong Uchel of the Palau Legislature, Chief Aibedul Ngoriakl Torwall, Tom Remengesau and Jonathan Emul of the Administration staff.

The group will return to Koror in time for lunch and then will be taken on an observation tour around Koror from about three to five in the afternoon.

This evening at seven the Congressmen will be guests at a reception in their honor sponsored by the Koror Municipal Council and the Palau Legislature at the Peleliu Rendezvous Club on the causeway to Malakal. Some 200 local guests from all over the district will also be attending tonight's reception.

VISITORS FROM HEADQUARTERS -(cont'd from page 2)

Director of the Public Works.

Dr. Teoho Oiph, Palau's Director of Dental Services, returned yesterday from Saipan where he attended the dental conference for Trust Territory dentists.

Five Van Camp representatives who had been scheduled to arrive on one of the flights did not come but are expected to arrive soon.

SHIP AND PLANE SCHEDULES

The SERENA arrived at the Port of Palau this morning from Guam with materials for the J & G Housing Project in Koror and some 323 tons of cargo for this district. It was not learned before press time when the ship will depart.

Trust Territory's own GUNNERS' KNOT will be arriving here on Sunday, January 19 according to the latest dispatch from the ship. The Knot had been requested to bring all cargoes for Palau which had been left at Truk and Ponape on the last voyage.

The SA-16 is scheduled for a turnaround flight tomorrow to bring the members of the Congressional Party back to Guam. Other outgoing passen-

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WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Senator Barry Goldwater earlier this week fired off another salvo in his battle with the Defense Department over whether United States ballistic missiles are reliable: Goldwater says they are not, and the Defense Department says that the statement is misleading. Goldwater called for an investigation by a Senate sub-committee to settle the argument. The Arizona Republican said he would be pleased if he is proved wrong.

Goldwater took pains to explain what he meant by his assertion in a New Hampshire campaign news conference Thursday last week that such missiles are undependable. The Senator said the statement does not mean that missiles cannot be launched with firm precision under ideal conditions. But he said he does question the dependability of missile systems that might have to be launched in the middle of the night, during a storm and upon an instant's notice. Goldwater asked for an inquiry by the Senate Preparedness Sub-committee. He is a member of the sub-committee.

President Sukarno of Indonesia, now visiting the Philippines, says that President Johnson wants to visit Indonesia. Sukarno said he knows the date of the visit, but will not make it public yet.

The Foreign Minister of Indonesia has implied that Britain's attachment to Malaysia stands in the way of a solution to its dispute with its young Asian neighbors. He said Indonesia does not want a war over the dispute.

Premier Chou Enlai of Red China met with Tunisian officials in Tunis. The North African nation has let Chou know that although it will work for Red China's admission to the United Nations it does not approve of all of Peking's policies.

The Italian government said it would be willing to accept Cuban goods rather than money, to enable the Castro regime to pay off its debts.

POST OFFICE HOURS

Mrs. Pauline White of the U. S. Post Office in Koror has announced the following schedule for the post office during this weekend:

Tonight: Open from six-thirty to eight in the evening.

Saturday: Window service from 9:30 to eleven-thirty in the

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VISIT TO PELELIU YOUTH CORPS

By Robert McKnight

A "flying" trip to Peleliu on January 15 enabled the Headquarters and Palau District Community Development Officers to visit briefly with the young men of the Peleliu Youth Corps and their leaders, Mr. Ichiro Blesam and Mr. Kulas Oikull.

Answering a request that the Corps follow a regular schedule of activities, the visitors found the young men hard at work clearing the shallow-rooted trees from the former Peleliu air field. This ambitious task, seen as eventually adding to the tourist potential of Peleliu, has been going on for about two months. Following their schedule, the young men put in about one day of work per week on this project. Other activities include the construction of wells for the community, the building of a waiting house at the village dock, and general clean up activities throughout the village.

The visitors were accompanied by Mr. Isaac Ngiracheluolw of the Sanitation Department and, with his guidance, a rat-control program utilizing both poison and traps was initiated. The Youth Corps, in cooperation with Community Development Officer Kulas, is expected to be the principal agency responsible for this continuing program.

The suggestion was made to Youth Corps Captain Ichiro that the young men be instructed in the use of Morse Code, utilizing flashlights to maintain contact with their brother organization on neighboring Angaur.

BUFFET AND BINGO AT ROYAL

The Palau Community Club has announced that there will be a buffet dinner and bingo plus happy hour at the Royal Palauan Hotel next Friday, January 24. Club members and guests will be welcome for the dinner and to try their luck (skill?) at the --- BINGO.

REGULAR PLANE SKED TO RESUME ON

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After the special turnaround flight on January 19, there will be no flights to Koror until the 28th when the regular weekly plane schedule will be resumed

morning. Will not be open Saturday night. Outgoing mail will close 5:00 A.M. Saturday, January 18.

Sunday: Mail will close at eight in the morning.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND

According to the baseball schedule just issued by the Palau Baseball Association, four games will be played this weekend, with two on Saturday and two on Sunday. Saturday morning at eleven-thirty Airai will tackle the Blue Sharks of Ngarchelong; at one-thirty Ngardmau will play Asahi.

The Sunday games will be Ngiwal-Red Torch in the morning at eleven-thirty, and Peleliu will take on Aimeliik at one-thirty.

PALAU TRAVEL BUREAU

Looking ahead to the day when tourists will be coming to Palau, a group of local businessmen have been meeting with Dr. Vitarelli and Economic Development Officer Thomas Remengesau to lay down plans for the establishment of a Palau Travel Bureau. A start has already been made the construction of the Travel Bureau building which is annexed to the government-owned terminal building at the Koror Air Terminal in Arkabesang.

The Travel Bureau building, a triangle-shaped structure built mostly with local materials, was financed by the Palau Handicraft and Woodworkers' Guild with assistance from the District Public Works Department. The Guild will sell concession spaces in the building to local businessmen.

DENTAL CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

Dr. Teoho Oiph, District Director of Dental Services, returned yesterday from Saipan where he attended the first Territory-wide Dental Conference held since 1952 which opened in Saipan on January 10 with representatives from the six districts in attendance.

The primary purpose of the conference was, accordingly to Dr. A. A. Jeffee, Director of Dental Services for the Trust Territory, to provide an exchange of information on present dental services throughout the Territory and to gain suggestions and recommendations regarding future policies of the Dental Public Health Service.

Heavy emphasis was placed on public dental health education during the conference, according to a Headquarters press release of January 7. Seventeen conference topics covering a variety of fields including a review of dental fees in the Territory, Caries preventive education for all children, field service, recruitment of qualified students for the study of dentistry

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ALL AESCP SCHOOLS IN PALAU OPEN

By January 5, with the opening on the same day of the Ollei and the George B. Harris Elementary School in Koror, all seven AESCP schools in Palau were open and in operation. Only the windows for the schools have still not been put on, and materials for the windows are still being awaited.

The schools are in Koror, Melekeik, Airai, Ngiwal, Kayangel, Ngchesar, and Ollei. Nearly 1,000 children are in attendance at these various schools.

The AESCP program was launched when increased appropriations for education provided the initial four million dollars for the construction of 234 elementary classrooms and 104 housing units for 140 American school teachers in fiscal 1963. Palau's quota was 25 classrooms and ten housing units.

Local Palauan contractors obtained contracts to build the 25 classrooms. The Jones and Guerrero Company of Guam is building the housing units.

CONGRESSMEN VISIT PALAUAU HOMES

Yesterday evening the visiting Congressmen were guests of Acting District Administrator, at a reception in their honor at the home of Mr. Godinez.

Later in the evening the Congressmen, members of their committee staff, High Commissioner M. W. Goding and Mr. James Livesey were divided into three groups and went for an evening of informal discussions at the home of Dr. Minoru Ueki, Mr. Felipe Bismark and Mr. Indalecio Rudimch with some members of the community.

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