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A MESSAGE FROM:

For me this is a particular time of assessment and review--partly because American educators, at least, are typically thinking of the coming academic year, but also because I've spent two years now in the Territory, and I comprehend with some broader perspective.

The admonition to see the forest as well as the trees in this instance applies but a lumberjack who deals with individual trees inevitably has some difficulty with forest considerations--which may be my constraint too.

However, I find much good which has transpired this past year. In fact I see a reasonably concerted movement in educational development in the Trust Territory which bears noting, always, of course, in the face of our shortcomings and limitations.

Perhaps the most significant single thing to me is the growing involvement of the Micronesian citizens in their educational affairs. Not only the 1500 Micronesian teachers but the growing number of boards and advisory councils, and most importantly, the Congress of Micronesia and the district legislatures, are making their views known. And these views have changed, verified, strengthened the direction of educational development.

What we have not had in recent times and perhaps will never have again is the luxury of time--time to construct, time to train and staff, time to design programs. The collective impatience, frustrations of the past, the inexorable grind of events, simply do not allow us to dawdle.

How we balance off this pressure so that the system will emerge as one of high quality education is our fundamental problem for the '70's in Micronesia.

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THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA

High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston in his report to the United Nations Trusteeship Council stated, "... I am very please to inform you that as of June 1, 1970, the Micronesian Teacher Education Center on Ponape has been officially designated 'The Community College of Micronesia'. This facility offers a two-year teacher training course culminating in the awarding of an Associate of Science degree in elementary teacher preparation. Starting next year a new facility for the college will be constructed at a different site.... Our eventual plans are to enlarge the community college in connection with our proposed Ponape training and referral hospital and increased facilities for advanced agricultural training..."*

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE MICRONESIAN TEACHER EDUCATION CENTER

- 1962 - The Micronesian Teacher Education Center (MTEC) was established at the Pacific Islands Central School (PICS). A one-year in-service teacher training program was developed.
- 1967 - A two-year in-service Trust Territory program was developed.
- 1968 - An interim campus was developed adjacent to Kolonia Elementary School in Ponape.
- 1969 - A two-year pre-service Trust Territory program was established.
- 1970 - The name was changed to the "Community College of Micronesia". A permanent site was selected in Palikir on Ponape.
- 197? - Development of the new facility and move in. An expanded curriculum for a community college will be developed as facilities, staff, and students are prepared.

FALL STUDENTS ENROLLMENT AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA

The Community College of Micronesia will have 110 freshmen and sophomore students from all six districts of the Trust Territory on campus in Ponape as fall orientation week begins September 7, 1970. Fifty-two new freshmen students will be tested for placement before classes begin on September 14, 1970.

The presently enrolled 58 sophomore students, all in the Teacher Education Center of the Community College of Micronesia, will be students teaching either in the fall or spring semester. They will be completing their five semesters either in June or August 1971.

ELEMENTARY TEACHER PREPARATION

Students attending the Teacher Education Center of Community College of Micronesia have their efforts directed in three areas: 1) communication skills 2) academic background, and 3) methodology.

ELEMENTARY TEACHER PREPARATION (Cont.)

Communication Skills: All students develop their ability to communicate in both spoken and written English. Some remedial experiences are provided, however, since all students are high school graduates, proficiency is expected. Basic English skills, essentials of written English, and basic composition are course offerings which develop writing ability. Oral English for non-native speakers of English, language arts, and teaching English as a second language complete the communication skills area.

Academic Preparation: Strong emphasis is placed on developing an academic background in subjects taught in the elementary school. Modern mathematics, elementary school science, social studies, music, and art complete the area.

Methodology: Most of the courses in this area involve observation of children or teachers or the participation in giving bit lessons. Developmental psychology, educational methods, audio-visual methods, observation/participation, and student teaching with seminar are usual to the methodology area. Additionally, special methods courses in subjects and an instructional materials laboratory experience complete the curriculum.

The satisfactory completion of 64 required units in the five semester program will entitle graduates to the certificate of completion.

SUMMER TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Twenty elementary school teachers from Truk, Marshalls, and Ponape districts completed eight weeks of cooperating teacher training in a workshop at the Teacher Education Center on July 31, 1970. The workshop activity was coordinated by Dr. Mary Reddin of the University of Hawaii. (Dr. Reddin was the first Director of MTEC in 1962.) Other members of the team are Mr. John White from the University of Hawaii, and Mrs. Grace Eckes, District Coordinator of Teacher Education, from the Marshalls.

HOW WILL THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA GROW?

The Community College of Micronesia became a reality on June 1, 1970. The training of elementary teachers, formerly being done by MTEC, will continue in the Teacher Education Center of the new Community College of Micronesia. Gradually, the curriculum offering will be expanded to encompass other areas, such as agricultural, health services, transfer courses, etc.

The growth of the new Community College will be slow at first. The rate of growth will depend upon (1) the availability of the planned new campus at Palikir, (2) the recruiting of qualified staff who hold a bachelors', masters' or doctorate degree, and (3) qualified students to enroll in the classes.

The present dormitory facilities are filled to capacity. There are 72 beds in the men's dormitory and 16 beds in the women's dormitory, totaling to 88 spaces. Twenty-two students will be day students living off campus. The first increment on the new campus is planned to house 200 students.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Workshop: On June 12, 1970, thirty-six elementary school teachers completed a two-week workshop in special education, learning how to recognize and work with handicapped children in regular elementary classrooms. The workshop was held at the Teacher Education Center of the Community College of Micronesia in Ponape.

Dr. James McLeod, Dr. Raymond Lehrman, and Dr. Ralph Carlson from the Northwest Regional Special Education Instructional Material Center and the University of Oregon conducted the workshop.

New Building: A twenty-four by eighty-eight feet Special Education Facility is nearing completion on the Community College of Micronesia interim campus. It is to be the center of a three-year federally funded project which will give all graduates of the Teacher Education Center of Community College of Micronesia knowledge and skills of working with physically emotionally, and otherwise educationally handicapped children. The new facility includes a materials and media center, a demonstration classroom with a clinic and office area.

Dr. Ralph Carlson will become a full-time staff member and coordinator of the activities of the facility. He will arrive in Ponape early in August.

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