

CONGRESSIONAL PARTY ENDS TOUR OF M. I.

Five Congressmen, two professional staff members, and a Department of the Interior representative ended their three-day visit of the Mariana Islands District Thursday, January 16, and departed yesterday morning for the second leg of their 11-day investigative trip throughout the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

High Commissioner M. W. Goding and Public Information Officer J. D. Livsey accompanied the Congressional Party for a two-day visit to Yap and Palau Districts. The Party is scheduled to return on January 18 to Guam, where it will remain for three days prior to resuming the remaining leg of its trip to Truk, Ponape and the Marshalls.

While in Saipan the Congressional group called for various Headquarters staff members to explain programs now underway in the Territory. Of particular interest to Congressmen Thomas P. Gill, Rogers Morton, and Winfield K. Denton was the Accelerated Elementary School Construction Program and the recruitment of American teachers to fill the requirements of the program.

The Party, accompanied by High Commissioner Goding and members of the District Administration staff, also visited Mnian Island during the course of its three-day visit in Marianas District.

The Congressmen and their party will conclude their investigative tour of the Territory on January 24, and will depart from Kwajalein for their return trip to the US mainland.

TWO TT WOMEN ATTEND NUTRITIONAL CONFERENCE

Two Trust Territory women, both prominent Administration staff members, will depart Monday, January 20, from Guam for Manila, Philippines, to participate in a World Health Organization Seminar on methods to improve nutritional standards at the village level. In attendance at the Seminar, which will run from January 21

through January 30, will be delegates from various countries and territories of the Pacific region. The participants will represent the fields of primary education, community development and village public health nursing and nutritional problems.

The TT delegates are prominent in women's activities in their respective districts. Mrs. Mary Lanwi of the Marshalls is the Women's Interest Officer for that district and is one of the pioneers in women's club work in the Territory. She formerly served as principal of one of the largest elementary schools in the Marshalls.

Mrs. Kiyoko Ren-gill of Palau was formerly instructor and dean of the TT Nursing School when it was located in Koror. She is now engaged in village public health nursing activities in the Palau District.

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DR. GIBSON IN SYDNEY

Director of Education Robert E. Gibson departed Wednesday, January 15, from Guam for Sydney, Australia, where he will attend a UNESCO Regional Conference on the role of schools and universities in adult education. This Conference, which will be held at the Women's College of the University of Sydney from January 18 through February 1, 1964, is sponsored by the Australian National Advisory Committee for UNESCO. In attendance will be leading educators from Australia and countries of the Pacific area.

Mr. John Trace, Coordinator of Accelerated Elementary Education Program, has been designated by the High Commissioner to serve as Acting Director of Education during the absence of Dr. Gibson from Headquarters. Dr. Gibson will also make an official visit in Manila, where he will meet with the Trust Territory scholarship students studying in colleges there.

TT AWARDS MENDIOLA ROTA SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

A \$29,583 labor services contract has been awarded Thomas Mendiola of Rota for the construction of nine classrooms and associated facilities, according to an announcement from the High Commissioner's Office.

The classrooms are

a part of the Accelerated Elementary School Construction Program (AESCP) now underway throughout the Trust Territory.

Site preparation in Rota for the classrooms has been completed and materials are on the island ready for use. (Con't on p. 2)

HELP WANTED

Applications will be welcomed by the HQ Personnel Office for clerical positions in HQ offices.

Requirements: Proficiency in English, good typing ability, and with high school education, or equivalent.

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INVITATIONS FOR BIDS EXTENDED

Invitations for bids on 90 concrete block homes for the Government of the Trust Territory were extended last week to contractors, according to an announcement from the High Commissioner's Office.

The homes will be used by American elementary school teachers and are to be located in several areas of the Trust Territory.

Acting Deputy High Commissioner John M. Spivey, who is also the TT Contracting Officer, said that instructions for bidders, provisions and special conditions, site data and other pertinent information are available at the Trust Territory Liaison Office in Guam.

Closing date for the bids has been set for February 24, 1964, at 3:30 p.m. in the Liaison Office. Bids will then be opened and read publicly.

Construction of the housing units is being carried out to meet the Administration's established goal of having at least one US teacher teaching in English, where the population warrants, in each public elementary school in the Trust Territory by the end of 1966.

NEW SHIPMENT

A shipment of fancy food items, which were ordered for the Holiday period but arrived after the Christmas, is available at the Community Store. Also, a new shipment which includes many items that have been out-of-stock has just arrived.

COMMUNITY STORE TO CLOSE DOWN

In consultation with the members of the Staff, High Commissioner M. W. Goding has made the decision to close down the Mariana Islands Community Store on or about March 31st of this year, according to Acting Deputy High Commissioner John Spivey.

Mr. Spivey added that this is being done because of the cost of the TT Government of operating this former Navy establishment, and the belief that the businessmen of Saipan have reached the point where they can provide the same services to the community at the same prices as the Community Store.

The policy and procedures to be followed in the Store's liquidation will be issued next week, Mr. Spivey stated in a memo advising all TT employees of the High Commissioner's decision to close down the Community Store.

CONTRACT AWARDED Con't

TT Special Project Unit Officer Frank Moulton said an estimated 270 students on Rota will use the facilities upon completion.

Thomas Mendiola, a Rota contractor, has also been engaged in sub-contract work on a number of teacher housing units on the island.

The established goal of the TT Administration is to have new elementary classrooms for every public elementary school in the Territory by the end of 1966.

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CHANGE OF TITLE

Effective immediately, the appropriate title for Mr. Raymond McKay, who represents the Marshalls District Administrator at Kwajalein and Ebeye, will be Assistant District Administrator, Marshall Islands, Kwajalein Atoll. This super-

sede the title formerly assigned him as Assistant District Administrator, Northern Marshalls.

The correct radio address for the Assistant District Administrator, Marshall Islands, Kwajalein Atoll, will be: DISTAD REP KWAJALEIN.

PONY LEAGUE OPENS

A brief ceremony tonight at the Saipan Municipal Ball Field will officially mark the opening of Pony League for Saipan youth. According to the League's spokesman, ten teams will be participating in the League, a team from each of the ten districts in Saipan.

Tonight's double-header will feature games between District No. 3 (Chalan Kanoa) and District and District No. 6 (San Antonio) and District No. 2 (also Chalan Kanoa).

Major Softball League will also open Monday night, January 20, with teams from each of the ten districts in Saipan competing.

Both leagues are being sponsored by the Saipan Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

GOLF TOURNEY

The Whispering Palms Country Club's Annual Golf Championship tournament opened last weekend, January 11, with eight men and two women participating in the first day of play. The tournament will continue through February 22, 1964.

Contestants may play their rounds during the six-week period of the tournament, as long as 72 holes for men and 36 holes for women have been played before the close of events. Men must play 18 holes in one day; women 9 holes in one day, and must be played in the company of one or more contestants.

Registration for the tournament is still open. Registration fee has been reduced to \$5 for US members and \$3 for TT members.