



TWENTY FIVE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

(Saipan, Mariana Islands, TTPI, September 6)...Twenty five out of the 29 measures passed by the Congress of Micronesia during its Second Regular and Special Sessions were signed into law on September 2 and 3 by High Commissioner W. R. Norwood. Four measures are still under consider by his office.

The High Commissioner stated that these laws were to him the expression of the substantial amount of work, effort, debate, and decision which the Congress had put into its legislative program for this year and that he was impressed that the members of the Congress as a whole were thinking generally of the needs of the Territory as a whole.

A short description of each law follows:

Public Law (PL) 2-1 established a Land Commission in each district to proceed on a systematic geographical basis to accomplish promptly the registration of as much of the land as practical, and provides, among other things, the procedures by which the determination and registration of title to land would accomplished.

PL 2-2 authorizes a Civil Service system for the Executive Branch of the Territory Government, based on the time-honored principles of appointment according to merit and fitness; nondiscrimination with respect to race, religion and sex; freedom from partisan political influence; protection from arbitrary removal, downgrade and other adverse actions through a system of tenure and job protection rights, and provision for lease and other employee benefits.

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PL 2-3 establishes the Office of the Legislative Counsel and sets forth its functions.

PL 2-4 amends Section 246 of the Trust Territory Code to make explicit the responsibility of the Insular Constabulary to provide bailiffs for District Court sittings away from the courthouse in cases where an outlying municipality is unable to provide adequate bailiff service.

PL 2-5 prohibits the use of the terms "Congress and "Legislature" by municipal governments.

PL 2-6 amends Section 815 (b) of the Code to make unlawful negligent and reckless driving. The purpose of the amendment is to make clear the seriousness of reckless driving in the sense in which that word is most commonly used in the United States, and to create a separate offense for merely driving in a negligent manner that would not ordinarily be called reckless.

PL 2-7 provides for a second Associate Justice of the High Court.

PL 2-8 amends Section 125 of the Code to provide that special judges for murder cases tried by jury in the Trial Division of the High Court shall participate only on the question of sentence. The purpose of the amendment is to remove a conflict between Section 125 and PL 1-7 which provides for trial by jury in certain criminal cases. The present language of Section 125 expressly places the responsibility for finding of fact in murder cases upon the Presiding Judge and the Special Judges of the High Court. Public Law 1-7, however, implies that where a jury has been authorized, the jury shall decide on the facts and the guilt or innocence of the accused, and removes this responsibility from the judges.

PL 2-9 amends Section 957 of the Code pertaining to Deeds of Conveyance. The purpose of the law is to shorten the period for obtaining a deed for homesteaded land from 5 to 3 years.

PL 2-10 provides for an undertaking to keep the peace. The proposed law was drafted by the former Code Revision Working Committee and submitted to the First Regular Session of the Congress where it did not receive final action. Passed by the Second Regular Session, the basic purpose of the law is to give the courts and the public an additional device for keeping the peace, i.e. a \$100 bond for a 6 month period.

PL 2-11 requires that rules and regulations intended to have the force and effect of law, issued on or after October 1, 1966, by administrative authorities, must be filed with the Clerk of Courts for each district before taking effect as laws in that district. Formerly it was difficult to discover what administrative regulations were in effect at any given time since no uniform promulgation was required.

PL 2-12 amends Section 577 of the Code pertaining to mandatory school attendance, changing the entering age from 7 to 6 and the compulsory attendance age from 13 to 14.

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PL 2-13 amends Section 463 of the Trust Territory Code which pertains to the disposition of arrested persons by policemen. The amendment changes the description of the time within which a policeman must bring an arrested person before a court or an official authorized to issue a warrant. The words "without unnecessary delay" are substituted for the existing language "as soon as practicable" and for the existing time-limit of seven days. "Without unnecessary delay" are the words used in the corresponding portion of the U.S. Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, namely, Rule 5(a). It is hoped that removing the maximum limitation of seven days and using the wording of the Federal rule will impress upon police authorities their duty to bring arrested persons promptly before a court or an official authorized to issue a warrant.

PL 2-14 provides clear and definite authorization for the execution of wills in accordance with common practice in the United States in addition to any other methods provided for by local customary or written law in the Territory.

PL 2-15 effects technical changes in certain sections of the Code of the Territory. These changes were recommended by a Committee on the Code established by PL 1-3, and do not change the substantive law of the Code, which consists of legal rights and principles.

PL 2-16 provides for election of the members of the Congress of Micronesia.

PL 2-17 concerns the post differential of the Legislative Counsel for FY 1967.

Public Laws 2-18, 2-19, 2-20, 2-21, 2-22, 2-23, 2-24, and 2-25 are appropriations for the operating expenses of the Congress, its committees and its staffs during FY 1967 and FY 1968. A total of \$353,980 is appropriated for FY 1967 for the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Office of the Legislative Counsel, including amounts for any special sessions and attendance at meeting outside the Trust Territory. Some \$346,500 has been appropriated for these purposes for FY 1968.

U. S. SENATE AUTHORIZES TT APPROPRIATION

(Saipan, Mariana Islands, TTPI, September 6)...Word has been received that the U.S. Senate on August 26 passed Senate bill 3154 providing for authorization of 32 million dollars for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for Fiscal Year 1967 and 35 million dollars for Fiscal Year 1968.

The authorization bill now needs approval of the House Interior Committee and House of Representatives to become effective. If approved by the House of Representatives, a supplemental appropriation for Fiscal Year 1967 would have to be introduced and approved by the Congress to bring the FY 1967 budget to the 32 million authorization level. Congress already has approved the original FY 1967 budget request of approximately 17 and one half million dollars for the present fiscal year.

CLAIMS REVIEW TEAM TO TOUR TERRITORY

(Saipan, Mariana Islands, TTPI, September 7)...A three-man Claims Review Team will start a tour of the Territory on September 19, 1966, to review and identify any legitimate claims against the United States for use or loss of property after the date of secure of the Territory. The review team will be made up of Mr. Robert Shoecraft, Attorney General of the Trust Territory and currently Acting Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Chester Leedom, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Territories, and Mr. James Johnson of the Department of Interior, Land Management Division. Mr. Johnson formerly served as Land Title Officer in the Marianas District during the Navy Administration period.

The review team plans to visit all districts of the Territory to meet with representative leaders as well as individuals who wish to make representations to the Team.

The sole objective of the Claims Review Team is to identify post-secure and post-treaty claims against the United States. The Review Team will not deal with any war claims properly to be charged to Japanese war activity.

These so-called "war claims" were the subject of an investigation carried out in June-July 1962 by Mr. George Milner, Office of Territories and Mr. Robert Coote of the Secretary of Interior's Office. Negotiations with the Japanese Government on the so-called "war claims" currently is underway. The present Claims Review Team will attempt to investigate all legitimate claims which can be substantiated for use or loss of property by the U.S. Armed Forces after the area had been secured.

Proposed itinerary of the Claims Review Team to Ponape will be October 18-25.

FINANCE AND SUPPLY REPRESENTATIVES HOLD CONFERENCE

(Saipan, Mariana Islands, TTPI, September 15)...Trust Territory District Finance and Supply Officers from the Marshalls, Marianas, Palau, Ponape, Truk, and Yap are meeting in Saipan this week with their counterparts from Headquarters to discuss mutual problems connected with their job responsibilities.

According to Headquarters Finance Officer Lorin D. Anderson, who is coordinating the conference, the primary topics of discussion include mutual problems concerning Finance-Supply relationship with the Micronesian Line Agencies at the district level and other problems common to Property and Supply and Finance as present policy affects their relationships. All the representatives from Micline agents will be present also.

The District Finance Officers will also hold a separate conference to discuss payroll procedure change for Micronesian employees, local purchasing procedure, allotments, budgets, and other finance problems. The District Supply Officers

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will also meet separately with Headquarters Property and Supply staff to discuss problems in their area of responsibility. The group is also expected to meet with Mr. Sidney Larsen from Washington during his visit here. Mr. Larsen is the Director of the Budget for the Office of Territories, Department of Interior.

The conferees are: District Finance Officer Robert L. Beengin and District Supply Officer Reinold G. Weinrich, Yap; Finance Officer Francisco Perman and Supply Officer Harry M. Schanck, Ponape; Finance Officer Sailass Andrike and Supply Officer Harry E. Durbin, Marshalls; Finance Officer Benito K. Moufa and Supply Officer S. Masaichy, Truk; Finance Officer Shiro Kiyota and Supply Officer Blaine Leftwich, Palau; and Marianas Finance Officer Vicente S. Camacho.

SPC OFFICIAL VISITS TRUST TERRITORY

(Saipan, Mariana Islands, TTPI, September 15)...Dr. Guy Lbison, South Pacific Commission's Executive Officer for Health, is currently touring the Territory for general orientation and familiarization purpose.

He visited Truk District early this week. He was scheduled to visit Yap today, returning on tomorrow's flight to Saipan, where he will confer with the High Commissioner and Headquarters Public Health Staff on Territory's health program. He is scheduled to return to Guam Saturday, September 17, and thence on to Noumea, South Pacific Commission's Headquarters.

WHITE NAMED DISTAD YAP

(Saipan, Mariana Islands, TTPI, September 15)...The appointment of William C. White as District Administrator of Yap District effective September 11, 1966 was announced today by Trust Territory Headquarters.

Mr. White, who has been Assistant District Administrator of Yap District since 1963, joined the Trust Territory Administration in 1953 when he was appointed Claims Examiner and assigned to Majuro, Marshall Islands.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. White later moved to Georgia where he was engaged in public safety and detective work prior to World War II. He served in Korea in 1948-49 as Deputy Property Custodian for the Civil Property Custodian's Office, U.S. Army. With a change in Trust Territory organization in the early 1950's, Mr. White became Land Title Officer for the Marshalls District, a post he held until 1956 when he was promoted to Assistant Administrator. He served in this latter capacity at Majuro and later as District Administrator's Representative at Kwajalein. In November 1963, he was transferred to the post of Assistant District Administrator in Yap District.

PEACE CORPS

PEACE CORPS HEADQUARTERS MOVES TO NEW OFFICE BUILDING

(Saipan, Mariana Islands, TTPI, September 2)...The Peace Corps Headquarters for the Trust Territory moved from its temporary office in the Micronesian Insurance Underwriters building to its permanent headquarters on the second floor of the new Villagomez store in Chalan Kanoa on August 31. The overall Trust Territory Peace Corps program will be administered from this office. In addition, each of the six Districts will have Regional Peace Corps Directors, who will represent the Director locally.

The following staff members will be located in Peace Corps Headquarters:

John Pincetich, Peace Corps Director/TT
Robert Burns, Deputy Peace Corps Director/TT
Harold Flickinger, Peace Corps Executive Officer/TT
Jerry Fite, Regional Director/Marianas
David Spencer, Peace Corps Physician/Marianas
John McColgan, Contract Overseas Representatives for Education

In addition there will be a contract representative for health from Hawaii, as yet, unnamed.

FIRST PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER ARRIVES IN TRUST TERRITORY

(Saipan, Mariana Islands, TTPI, September 8)...History was made on Saturday, September 3, when Mrs. Alice Ambrose arrived on Saipan as the first Peace Corps Volunteer to be assigned to the Trust Territory.

Mrs. Ambrose was a Peace Corps Volunteer Secretary in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and transferred directly from that city to Saipan to serve in the same capacity to Peace Corps Director John Pincetich.

After a number of years in the commercial field, Mrs. Ambrose volunteered to become a PCV, and entered training at Hilo, Hawaii in February, 1965 and arrived in Malaysia in May, 1965.

Prior to her Peace Corps service, PCV Ambrose worked in Denver for eighteen years as mortgage loan examiner for a bank and then as supervisor for Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation.

PCV Ambrose has two sons: Sam in the Navy and Mike, a junior at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

CLUB KOLONIA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOVIE SCHEDULE

9/23 - Friday	<u>16 FATHOM FEET</u> Lon Chaney Lloyd Bridges	(Martin)
9/25 - Sunday	<u>THE RIGHT APPROACH</u> Juliet Prowse Frankie Vaughn Martha Hayes (The lowdown on bachelor boys and their search for girls)	(Martin)
9/28 - Wednesday	<u>CONGO CROSSING</u> Virginia Mayo George Nad r Peter Lorrie	(Martin)

KAMADIPW EN MWAR MWAR - September 24, 1966 (September Party Committee)

Has it!

Don't forget -- tomorrow's the big night when we all welcome the "new comers" to the island so be at the Club Kolonia at 7:00 p.m.

Party time!

Under the stars!

Don't forget -- this is "Pot Luck" so bring a favorite dish to serve six. Plates and forks will be furnished.

Yess!

Food!

Don't forget -- Come for an evening of food, dancing and fun!!!

Music!

Party time!