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## THE VIETNAM SITUATION

### In Vietnam

During the past week three important areas in North Vietnam have been bombed by United States planes. Two of the targets bombed were MIG airfields. The first airfield to be hit was Halac field which is located twenty miles outside of the city of Hanoi. This base was reported to be the first field to be put out of operation during the war.

Another airfield bombed was Kienan airfield which is located near Haiphong. The bombing of these two airfields shows an increase in pressure on North Vietnam and a change in war tactics. In the past only aircraft have been the targets, but now the effort is becoming greater to close off the airfields. There are three other airfields left in operation in the Hanoi-Haiphong area.

Also bombed, in the city of Haiphong, were two thermal power plants. This is the second time that bombings have occurred in North Vietnam's second largest city. Military observers report that this is a careful increase in the air war with small danger of an increase on the part of North Vietnam and its friends to the North, China and Russia.

### In the United States

Washington -- Fifteen Senators who disagree with President Johnson on his way of running the war in Vietnam are moving to tell Hanoi that the choice in Vietnam lies between peace talks and increased fighting.

Thirteen Democrats and two Republicans have sent a statement to Ho Chi Minh telling him that they are against the United States withdrawing from Vietnam fighting if the North Vietnamese are not willing to do the same.

Among the Senators who are sending this statement to Ho Chi Minh are J.W. Fulbright, Democrat-Arkansas, Wayne Morse, Democrat-Oregon, George S. McGovern, Democrat-South Dakota, John Sherman Cooper, Republican-Kentucky, and Mark O. Hatfield, Republican-Oregon.

The reason for the statement, the Senators said, was to show that while they may argue why the United States got into the war and the way Johnson is running the war they would not support a withdrawal on the part of the United States without a similar withdrawal by the opposing forces.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk said such a statement is good because it might help Hanoi to understand that constant refusals to take part in peace talks will not result in a withdrawal of American forces.

## VOLCANIC ACTIVITY SEEN ON THE MOON

Washington -- A new United States satellite, Lunar Orbiter IV, sent its first pictures of the moon back to earth last Thursday. The pictures were of the South Pole of the moon and were the first of their kind.

The pictures, taken at a height of 2,176 miles, showed there were craters of many sizes, some of which were very deep. There were also many long ridges on the pictures. When all the pictures have been taken, a map will be made of the southern part of the moon.

Some people believe that the large craters seen on the southern surface of the moon may be caused by volcanoes. Proof of this was seen in a crack on the moon's surface which had never been seen before by man. One scientist said the crack was caused by a moonquake and then was filled with lava. Other spots in and near the crack show signs of volcanic activity.

## EDITORIALS

The "New York Times" on U Thant and the Vietnam War

Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations is sure that the United States and China will go to war against each other if the Vietnam War continues, but Washington refuses to stop the bombing in Vietnam until Hanoi agrees to do the same. Washington is afraid that Hanoi would think that the United States is weak if the bombing were stopped. The American policy appears to be the winning of a military victory, but on May 23 there will be a truce for Buddha's birthday and Secretary General U Thant hopes that the United States will take the risk of a long halt in the bombing.

The "Evening Star of Washington" on Mrs. Gandhi

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has reason to feel happy over the election of Zakir Husain to a five year term as President of India. Mr. Husain is a Moslem in a country where most of the people are Hindus and when Mrs. Gandhi suggested that he be her party's candidate for President there were many questions as to whether or not he would be able to win. If he had lost the election Mrs. Gandhi's government would have been through, but as it turned out Husain was strongly supported throughout India. This is a good example of religious disagreements being pushed to one side to show India's secular nature. In this way the victory is not only Mrs. Gandhi's and Husain's, but the Indian people's as well.

DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER  
TO DELIVER GRADUATION TALKS

Saipan, M.I. (Trust Territory Release) -- The Office of the High Commissioner said that Martin P. Mangan, Deputy High Commissioner, will give graduation talks at the Micronesian Teacher Education Center in Ponape on May 26, and at Xavier High School in Truk on June 6, 1967.

After giving his talk at Xavier High School, a private high school run by the Society of Jesus, Mr. Mangan will go to Guam.

## PEACE CORPS WEATHERMEN

Saipan (Headquarter's Highlights) -- Some Peace Corps Volunteers working in the Trust Territory have the job of weathermen on some of the outer islands. The first weather report, from Utirik Atoll, Marshalls District, was sent by Jim Clark and Jerry McAvoy to the Weather Bureau Forecast Center in Honolulu.

Clark and McAvoy and other PCV's were told about the weather program at the training site in Molokai, Hawaii and they have received more training in weather reporting at the district centers.

During the next few weeks, weather reports will be sent by radio by PCV's from the islands of Satawal, Yap; Pagan, Marianas; and Ebon and Mili, Marshalls in addition to Utirik. To help in the day-to-day reporting of the weather, the Peace Corps volunteers will report on the wind, rain-fall, temperature, humidity and pressure.

## TO OUR READERS

During the last month we have stopped publication of The Micro Scope in order to redefine our aims in the interest of producing a newspaper both informative and educational for the people of Micronesia. The Micro Scope in the future will be a weekly publication devoted to both world-wide and Trust Territory news. However, this new publication will attempt to stress news of particular interest to the people of Micronesia. With this end in mind, we once again urge all of our readers to send us news of their districts. It is only through your participation in The Micro Scope that we can achieve our stated aims of sending you an improved paper.

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Japanese businessmen and officials welcomed by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at Saipan's Kobler Field. (Photo by P. Guerrero)

#### JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN SPEND DAY ON SAIPAN

Saipan -- On May 17th a group of thirty-six Japanese businessmen and officials arrived in Saipan after spending one day in Guam. This group of Japanese travelers is the second such group to fly to Guam and Saipan on a Pan American sponsored flight.

Included among the visiting Japanese were Senator Yoshitaka Tsuchiya, who is representing the South Pacific Memorial Association, and Mr. Albert Zynkand, the President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Tokyo.

Upon arriving in Saipan the Japanese were kept busy with the many activities that were made available to them by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Pan American Airlines. Among the activities were a tour of the island, a luncheon at the Saipan Hotel and a dinner party at the home of Mr. David Sablen, President of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

The dinner was highlighted by short talks given by High Commissioner William R. Norwood and Marianas District Administrator, Peter T. Coleman. The talks were followed by dinner and singing by the Japanese, American, and Saipanese guests.

#### NEW IDEAS AND OLD CUSTOMS

Fiji (News from Fiji) -- The people of Fiji cannot run and hide from changes in the world by finding a quiet island in the Pacific Ocean. This was the thought of Mr. Vijay R. Singh, a member of Fiji's Social Services when he spoke at a meeting on community development for people from eight island groups in the Pacific.

"The big airplanes and the small radio, books, magazines, and the newspaper, and many tourists from places with different ways of life are pushing our people closer to the rest of the world," said Mr. Singh.

From the meeting came the idea that the old way of doing things is changing and a way of putting something new in its place must be found. The new thing might be a mixture of new ideas and old customs. The people should think up the new ways to replace the old in the areas where they live, rather than having someone in the government tell the people what they should do. If the people are told what they should do, they probably will not want to do it.

PEACE CORPS REQUESTED  
BY FIJI AND TONGA

("News from Fiji" and "The (Tonga Chronicle") -- Fiji has asked the United States government for 50 to 100 Peace Corps Volunteers for the colony. The office of the United States in Suva was asked to send the request to Washington. The Volunteers would be used to help the farmers, and as teachers.

The request to send Volunteers to the Kingdom of Tonga was made by the King of Tonga when he visited the United States on his way to England. Last month three men from the Peace Corps office in Washington visited Tonga to see how the Peace Corps might be able to help the Kingdom.

PEACE CORPS OFFICIAL PUNCHED  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Honolulu (Honolulu Star-Bulletin) -- A University of Hawaii graduate assistant faculty member from Fiji this week struck a Peace Corps official recruiting volunteers for work in Fiji.

The campus incident began as a discussion of proposed Peace Corps work in Fiji. Sharp words were exchanged during a 30-minute conversation, which ended with James Anthony, the graduate assistant, striking and knocking down Kevin Delany, Peace Corps deputy director for East Asia and the Pacific Area.

Anthony knocked Delany to the floor and then hit him again as he got up. The blows apparently occurred because Delany used the term "boy," which is derogatory in Fiji.

Anthony, who was raised in Fiji, today said he's never gotten used to the word and has never been able to accept it. Delany insists that he meant nothing bad. He said he was not hurt and will not file charges against Anthony.

Delany and two other Peace Corps officials were in Hawaii to recruit volunteers for Fiji and Western Samoa. Anthony began talking to Delany at a recruiting table outside Hemenway Hall on the Manoa campus. Anthony said the Fijians don't want the Peace Corps in their islands and that the Fijian government has been sold a bill of goods.

Their talk continued for about half an hour before Anthony struck Delany. Delany said Anthony called him "kid" three times during the discussion.

"I was disappointed at the offensive language he (Anthony) used. I didn't care to continue the conversation when his language took on racist overtones," Delany said.

"He tried to make it appear that I was casting aspersions on his race. I don't think the Peace Corps could truthfully be accused of such a thing," Delany continued.

Anthony, a former East-West Center scholarship winner who was chosen as an outstanding student by the scholarship organization in 1963, was a trade union official in Fiji before coming to Hawaii. He is now a graduate assistant in the political science department at the University and plans to return to Fiji in about three weeks.

He said today that if he gets the opportunity, he will speak against the Peace Corps at public meetings when he gets back to Fiji. In his opinion, the Peace Corps will be only a short-time cure in Fiji and is not the kind of help that Fiji needs.

Anthony says Fiji has a significant unemployment problem and that Peace Corps volunteers going there may take jobs away from Fijians.

Delany says, "Members of the Fijian government have chosen to request Peace Corps volunteers. I think they are competent to determine the needs of Fiji. I've recently returned from Fiji. I received the friendliest receptions possible wherever I went there. I know that Mr. Anthony's accusations certainly do not in any way represent the Fijian people."

THREE TRUST TERRITORY NURSES  
TO ATTEND NURSING CONFERENCE

Saipan - Trust Territory Release  
Three Micronesian nurses have been picked by the Trust Territory Department Of Public Health to go to a nurses' training program to be held in Apia, Western Samoa, from May 15 to 20. The program is being set up by the East-West Center of the University of Hawaii.

## YAP LAUNDRY OPENS

Yap (The Rai Review -- Carmen Chigiy) -- The Yap Women's Association welcomed its first customer to the laundromat on Saturday, April 22nd. At first they wondered if anyone would show up, when all at once, a line was formed. In laundry baskets, in sacks, local type taro-patch baskets in all forms, the laundry was brought in. It was a big day! It was a step which our club hopes to be the first of many to be taken.

The idea of a laundromat was not very clear when it first started. One of the main purposes of the Yap Women's Association was to have the members to help themselves solve the many problems of today's changing world (Yap is no longer an exception) that add to a woman's work as a wife, mother, housekeeper, nurse, and a member of the community. From all of these jobs, laundry stood out as one of the hardest.

While a water shortage remains, laundry items keep increasing as more and more members of the family choose to wear Western clothes and more women work with men in jobs, the laundry is left as a problem. Thus, the idea of laundry aids was a good project for the Yap Women's Association.

The first to be owned by the Yap Women's Association was a used wringer-type Maytag, given to the Association by someone almost three years ago. It helped the members, but it was used too much, the motor burned out and, once again, back to washing by hand.

It was not until the early part of 1966 when the women talked about ways to solve the laundry problems again. This time, some action was taken. The members voted to own new washing machines. At that time, the Y.W.A. had about \$200.

At the same time, the Yap Cooperative Association voted to either start a laundry or help someone else start one. The word of Y.C.A.'s new project passed to the Yap Women's Association. Our proposal to Y.C.A. to take the laundry, not quite knowing how or what may happen, was immediately given to the Co-op Board for approval. The order for two laundromat washers and one dryer was put in and the subject of the laundromat was filed for future action.

Receipt of the bill for the machines by Y.C.A. caused both the women and the Co-op to start moving again. The worry was where will the necessary funds of about \$1,000 come from. In a hurried attempt to raise money, some of the women tried many ways. Contributions of \$5.00 each were made by each active member of the Association, with hopes to raise \$500, which would allow for a down payment on the machines on Y.C.A. credit terms. Other projects to raise the \$300 included dancing for the Yap Council, providing food for O'Keefe's Oasis, serving at dinner-parties and making leis.

Other members tried for bigger amounts. Credit Union by-laws didn't allow the Credit union to lend to non-members or to another association. Y.C.A. advised against the women running the laundry while "it" still belonged to the Coop. The only possibility then was to try for a loan from Headquarters.

The loan was made. But even after the loan of \$1,000 (with an additional offer from HiCom of \$500 more if Y.W.A. desired) was approved and the check sent to the District Finance, the members were still afraid. The question has then changed from where the money was to come from to how it is going to be paid back.

There is still this shakey feeling among the members about the whole business. The excitement of a successful opening has helped to ease some of our worries. Headquarters has approved of the lowest terms of repayment -- a period of about five years. With continued help from everyone, we are sure we will meet the terms and have "boch-wu" for future improvements of this fine project.

## WOODEN WASHING MACHINE SEEN IN TRUST TERRITORY

New Caledonia - "South Pacific News"  
A hand-operated washing machine made out of wood has been set up by the Community Development Department, U.S. Trust Territory to help the life of village women living in areas without electricity. The machine has been shown in San Antonio Village which is on Saipan, Mariana Islands and will be shown very soon in Yap where it is being sent by the Palau Islander. The machine will hold six pounds of clothes and fifteen gallons of water. Many washers of this kind are being used in the Marshalls District.

## YAP LEGISLATURE IN NEED OF FUNDS

Saipan - A Special Report by Luke M. Tman  
The 17th Session of the Yap Islands Legislature, which is now in session, is having money problems. The Yap Legislature believes they will take in \$60,000 during 1968 but they need another \$10,000 to pay its debt to the Yap Construction Company which built the Legislature building where the legislators are having their meetings. The \$60,000 is being used quickly due to a large number of Congressmen asking for the money to use for their projects.

For example, the Gagil Congressmen are asking for \$9,000 for the building of a Gagil Municipal Office. During the past few years, the Legislature has used money for the building of Municipal Offices on Rul, Weloy and Dalipebinaw, but only the Rul Municipal Building, which holds the Peace Corps District Staff, has been finished. Weloy and Dalipebinaw office buildings are almost finished, but more money would be needed this year to complete the jobs.

To help solve this problem some of the legislators already are talking about enacting a general sales tax, but no one is willing to support such an unpopular legislation.

Educator/Legislator John Mangefel, who is asking for \$15,000 for the Education Department, was asked many questions in the Legislative session about why the Education Department needed the \$15,000. The questions pointed out that the Legislature does not have enough money to satisfy everyone's needs. Congressman Mangefel might have to cut down the amount of money he is asking for if he hopes to get money for the Education Department, one of the departments which has been strongly supported by the Legislature in the past.

The Agriculture Department has also been strongly supported by the Legislature in the past to support the Yap Farmers' Market but the money made from sales by the Market has not been reported to the Legislature. Some of the legislators are worried about this and are asking to have the money from the sales put in the Congress Treasury or to stop supporting the Farmers' Market

The only legislators not worried about their own projects are Congressmen Edmund Gilmar and Gernando Falauaath. Gilmar, who was Secretary of the Congress in 1959, is more interested in the rules and charters. Falauaath, on the other hand, is more interested in changing the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act by making the time of sales go from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays.

Being a District Safety Assistant, Falauaath is also trying to change a safety law which he brought up last year to require the driver and passenger of motorcycles and motorbikes to wear safety helmets.

The Legislature is to be over on May 12, but may go on as is usually the case.

## SOLAR DISTILLARY ON DISPLAY

New Caledonia - "South Pacific News"  
Professor E.D. Howe of the University of California, and Mr. G.L. Chan, the South Pacific Commission's Public Health Engineer, have recently put three solar distillation units on Majuro Atoll in the Marshall Islands. A solar distillation unit is used to make drinking water out of sea water and on a sunny day each unit can make over five gallons of drinking water from ten gallons of sea water. These solar stills are a part of the Commission's Health Program in the field of water supply. Mr. Chan has already visited eleven other South Pacific areas and has seen water supply programs in many islands and atolls.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC REDISCOVERS MICRONESIA

The May issue of the National Geographic Magazine featured a 40-page article with pictures entitled "Micronesia -- The Americanization of Eden." Reporter David S. Boyer spent several weeks traveling throughout the Trust Territory gathering information for this story. For information about reprints of the article, write the Public Information Office in Saipan.