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### Organization Formed To End The War In Vietnam

Washington -- An organization to build "A coalition of conscience" to end the Vietnam war said Monday it has cabled an appeal to Hanoi and the Viet Cong to respond to what it hopes will be an American Peace initiative.

Spokesmen for the organization -- calling itself Negotiation Now! -- said it had collected almost half a million names on a petition urging both sides to take steps to end the fighting.

The organization asks the United States to make the first move by stopping the bombing of North Vietnam without conditions and to agree to include the National Liberation Front -- the political arm of the Viet Cong -- as an official party to the negotiations.

In a statement read at a news conference by the Right Reverend Leland Stark, Episcopal Bishop of Newark, New Jersey, the Organization said its representatives were in Washington "to take our case for a changed U.S. policy in Vietnam to the Administration and the Congress."

And through the cables, the statement added, "We are making it clear to Hanoi and the National Liberation Front that Americans want a response from them that makes a negotiated settlement possible."

Negotiation Now! describes itself as a non-partisan movement of representatives of religious and youth groups, labor unions and about a score of voluntary social organizations.

"We are creating a new coalition of conscience on Vietnam similar to the coalition that assured the passage of major civil rights legislation in 1964-65," said the statement.

The group asks both sides to join in a cease-fire and to support "internationally supervised genuinely democratic elections" in South Vietnam.

### United Nations Members Pledge Money For Development Program

United Nations -- Members of the United Nations so far have pledged \$182,457,015 to the United Nations Development Program. This is an incomplete total not far below the 1967 goal, but much below the new goals outlined by Secretary-General U Thant.

At the opening of the annual Pledging Conference, U Thant appealed for the "establishment of a new annual goal of 350 million dollars to be achieved step by step."

Last year's pledges - for the current year's U.N. programs - totaled \$172,272,979 which is about 15 per cent short of the 200 million dollars goal.

Observers felt, however, that this year's pledges might at least reach last year's goal, since only 102 members have made pledges so far. That leaves 21 countries yet to be heard from, with about 17 million dollars to go.

The largest pledge was 75 million dollars from the United States, which traditionally underwrites up to 40 per cent of the total.

### Egypt Rejects Proposal To Reopen Suez Canal

Cairo -- Egypt has rejected a proposal for the reopening of the Suez Canal under the provision that Israeli troops withdraw 25 kilometers east of the waterway, according to the semi-official Cairo newspaper "Al Ahram."

The paper said the reopening of the canal will depend absolutely on Israeli withdrawal to the boundaries which existed before the outbreak of the June war.

Al Ahram said the proposal was put forward by "certain countries."

It speculated the proposal may have been made by Britain's Sir Dingle Foot, who arrive in Cairo on an unofficial mission to reconcile British-Egyptian relations.



### Trust Territory Transportation Officer, James Cook, Dies in Guam

### TT Quickies

Saipan -- Of the many problems the general public in the Trust Territory faces, transportation has been one of the severest and most prevalent. But problems in this particular area have not gone unnoticed nor have they been untended. The Administration saw the need and made arrangements for its remedy. Many improvements in both sea and air travel have resulted and most of them, if not all, came about through the unceasing efforts of James Cook, the late Trust Territory Transportation Officer.

Under his leadership, more ships have been added to the Micronesian fleet which formerly comprised of the Gunner's Knot, the Errol, Militobi, Kasehleria and other vessels of much smaller capacities. Now every administrative district is using at least one field trip vessel to satisfy the demands and the needs of the residents of the outer islands. The Trust Territory Government no longer pours a large amount of funds unnecessarily into the Commercial Port in Guam for defraying the storage, docking and stevedoring expenses now that Saipan is the center of sea commerce.

Under his general supervision the air traffic throughout Micronesia has also improved considerably. More frequent flights to the six districts are now possible as compared to the weekly SA-16 trips from Guam to the districts in the past years. Lower rates for students, families and round trips have also been established.

A man with unflinching humor and unrelenting devotion to the betterment of Micronesia as was Mr. Cook is badly needed in the Trust Territory. Mr. Cook will be remembered with high respect by all Micronesians and Americans who knew him. The staff of the "MicroScope" wishes to express their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and the many friends of James Cook.

Palau -- Three persons aboard a 24-foot motorboat have been reported missing off the reef of Ngiwal Municipality in Eastern Babelthau on September 30.

Yap -- A new building capable of housing 100 persons is nearing completion. The dormitory-type-of-construction is being funded through the Office of Economic Opportunity grant administered by Yap Community Action Program. The \$12,800 building will be the future home of most of the outer island people who are on Yap for various reasons such as medical treatment, schooling and working.

Marshalls -- Ten Marshallese canoes will be rehabilitated and reconstructed with the aid of an OEO grant. The canoes have been used by the inhabitants of Ujelang for fishing, hauling copra and other items to the marketing center in the Marshalls.

Mariana Islands -- Because of recent trouble with one of the generators the people of Saipan have been warned to use as little electricity as possible to avoid an all island blackout.

### MICRO SCOPE May Be Discontinued

Saipan -- As of October 31, 1967 the "MicroScope" may have become a newspaper of the past. In recent discussions with officials in the Trust Territory Government it was learned by the editors of the "MicroScope" that monetary backing which, in the past, has been provided by the government may no longer be available for use by the "MicroScope."

The editors of the "MicroScope" are in the process of offering a proposal to the Trust Territory Government which, if accepted, would enable the "MicroScope" to continue operations.



## EDITORIAL

## COMMENT

### The Pacific JOURNAL on "The Image Gap"

About a year ago we met a group of youngsters who appeared to be sincere and eager to get to their assignments in Micronesia. They were properly dressed and sincerely interested in the area, including Guam. They wanted to see more, they wanted to learn more and they wanted to teach more.

This was the first bunch of Peace Corps volunteers to enter Micronesia. We were impressed with these youngsters who gave us a favorable picture of the Peace Corps program.

Now, the picture has been shattered to bits.

In today's edition of the JOURNAL there are some pictures of the latest gang of Haight-Ashbury refugees to be selected for the Peace Corps program. And they have been sent into an area where the people already think the program is a three ring circus. With this new gang of "expressionists" the people of Micronesia are going to be convinced the Peace Corps is a circus company.

We were told recently that the people who select Peace Corps volunteers are going to be more selective. If this is the best they can do they might as well abandon the program. We don't need this kind of *image of* the United States. Keep them at home if this is the best we can do. At least they could get a haircut. And to think there was some talk about sending volunteers to Guam!

We suggest it's time that someone- a third party -take a look at the Peace Corps in Micronesia.

One Trust Territory student has accepted a scholarship to study in Russia, while the Soviets have offered another six. It's no wonder that the thinking people in the Trust Territory would stray to Russia, where education is accepted as a serious business, not a three ring circus.

The people in the continental U.S. who permitted this last bunch of "expressionists" to board that airplane for Guam, should be called on the carpet and told the facts of life in Micronesia.

First thing we know, there will be a sequel to The Ugly American, and the setting will be Micronesia.

### Letters to the JOURNAL

In the October 2nd edition of the Pacific JOURNAL several letters in response to the editorial concerning the Peace Corps "image" were submitted by students from The George Washington High School journalism class. Two of the letters which were submitted are printed below.

Dear Mr. Williams,

I would like to express my opinions on the editorial and the pictures you had in the Journal concerning the image of the Peace Corps in the Trust Territory.

These people could have been liked more by the people of the Trust Territory if they had dressed properly. I think that they could be better teachers if they had been neater. As we know it, the Micronesian people want to be educated in a better way. They think that getting an education in Russia would be of more help to them than in the United States.

Well, as for me, the way a person dressed would be of no disturbance, it's what he teaches and how he teaches that depends. Learning is what we want.

Benny Garrido  
Talofofu Village

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT (continued)

The "MicroScope" on the Peace Corps Image

Throughout the world today there many complex changes taking place. These changes often cause large disturbances in the existing order of life and people everywhere react differently to these changes. At times these reactions can only be felt or seen on a material or physical level such as the changes in architecture or in a new satellite which is being sent into outer space. Other reactions take place on the human level and these can be seen or felt by the introduction of new ideas or policies in government, business and society in general.

The change from youth to maturity has always caused disturbances and reactions, but today these reactions seem stronger than ever before because 1) we are involved and 2) the world has become smaller because of the improvement in communications. We are all becoming more aware of what our neighbors all over the world are doing. Several ways in which young people are reacting to their environment is in their style of dress, musical preferences, literature and in their overall involvement. These are all methods in which these people are presenting their ideas to the world in which they live. As always the older generation also is disturbed by the changes taking place and one way they react is by attempting to discredit the younger generation for their methods of presenting their own ideas. Most recently the reaction of the older generation has been to attack youth on the grounds that their style of dress, long hair, beards, literature, etc. is unacceptable to their way of perceiving the world.

The reactions of people in the Pacific have been no different from reactions in the United States or elsewhere in the world. This has become particularly true in the case of the Peace Corps which has received unfavorable comments from several people in the Trust Territory and even in an editorial in a recent Guam newspaper (see editorial in this issue). While it is undoubtedly true that in some specific instances the actions or dress of Peace Corps Volunteers has been unacceptable to the majority of people in all age groups we feel that the attempt to discredit the entire Peace Corps for the actions of a few is highly

unfair, just as it is unfair to say that all the young people in the world are dirty and unkempt because a few people choose to live in this manner.

The recent group of trainees traveling to Udot from San Francisco was selected by the Guam newspaper as being a good example of the poor image Peace Corps is creating because of their style of dress and beards. What the Guam paper did not say was that these trainees (of whom less than 8% were teachers in the literal sense of the word) were informed by the Peace Corps staff that the journey would be a long, tiresome trip and that there would be many transfers including riding for an hour or more in a World War II Landing Craft from Moen to Udot. The paper also failed to say that the reservations for the trainees in a Guam Hotel, where they were to rest for a couple of hours, was cancelled at the EDITORIAL continued on page 8.



We asked his name! And more!

# VOLUNTEER CHANGES

Moscow -- Radio Moscow announced the creation of the "International Voluntary Youth Service for Solidarity and Friendship" during a meeting of BITEJ (International Bureau for Tourism and Youth Exchanges). Mr. Ivan Ganef, from Bulgaria, Secretary of the "World Federation of Democratic Youth" (Budapest) has been appointed as its director.

Prague -- About 200 young Hungarians and Bulgarians have left for Cuba recently where they will spend up to two years serving as volunteer engineers, agricultural specialists, veterinary experts, agronomists and agricultural mechanics in projects of this program. The volunteers' board and lodging is provided by the youth movement of the host country, along with approximately three dollars weekly pocket money. Fares are shared jointly between host and guest country.

Berlin -- About 200 East German youths are now serving in "Friendship Brigades" in Algeria, Egypt, Ghana, Mali and Tanzania. They receive three months training before going overseas for their one year term of service, and receive a readjustment allowance equal to 70% of their yearly salary earned just prior to joining the service, or a minimum of 3,600 marks.

Saipan -- Peace Corps

The Peace Corps announced today the appointment of Francisco S. Chong as Deputy Director for the Peace Corps in the Marianas District.

For the past several months Mr. Chong has been serving as an Assistant to the Marianas District Director. Prior to that appointment, he was the Community Development Officer for the Marianas District and has also served as Principal of Chalan Kanoa School. Mr. Chong is the first Micronesian to serve in this capacity for the Peace Corps. He is presently on Udot, in the Truk District, helping to train 18 new Volunteers for the Marianas. These Volunteers will be working in Agriculture, Economic Development, Law, Engineering, Nursing, and Education. Upon his return from Udot in November, Mr. Chong will assume his new duties.

Paris -- A number of young French farmers and artisans may now do their military service with the "Volontaires du Progres". Instead of the regular 18 months' of service with the Armed Forces, they may be detached by the French Army to the French volunteer organization. In the past a similar "civic service" alternative to service in the Armed Forces has been available only to those with university degrees and professional qualifications.

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## Hanoi Fails To Respond To Offer To Begin Negotiations

United Nations -- Thai Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman said he had learned "three or four days ago" of a direct contact with Hanoi to see whether cessation of the U.S. bombing of North Vietnam would produce a response leading to peace talks.

He said Hanoi did not even reply. Khoman, lunching with U.N. correspondents near here, made that comment on Indian Defense Minister Swaran Singh's statement in the General Assembly Friday that cessation of the bombing would lead to cessation of hostilities throughout Vietnam and to a "Genevatype meeting."

He did not say which country had contacted Hanoi. He visited Washington last week after telling the assembly that public dissent in the free world from the war in Vietnam was encouraging Hanoi to keep fighting.

He told the correspondents he expected the war to continue in a "twilight zone" for two or three years because "neither side wants to stop, neither side wants to escalate."



## LETTERS TO THE SCOPE

The first two letters printed below were mailed to the "MicroScope" by Mr. F. T. Uludong in response to Resolution No. 39-1967. The first letter printed below was sent to the "MicroScope" after we had returned Mr. Uludong's first letter in which we enclosed our own letter asking him if he wished to withhold comment until Resolution No. 28-1967 appeared in a later edition of the "MicroScope."

Dear Mr. Gage:

I do not have any intention of withholding my comments. I want them published in the "MicroScope"; that is if you permit me as a reader of your paper to air my comments.

The vote of 7 to 6 on Res. 1967-39 of Mariana District Legislature is indicative of the unfavorable stand that this legislature has taken against the principle of free press. My comments are directed not at the resolution being official or unofficial but the intent and the fact that the legislature even took action on it.

I will appreciate it very much if you publish my comments.

Sincerely,  
F.T. Uludong

Dear Editors:

The Mariana District Legislature's Resolution No. 39-1967 makes one wonder whether this legislature no longer finds any measure worthwhile, meaningful and beneficial to act upon instead of such a nonsense. Furthermore, it makes one feel that the legislature is not worthy of its name. It was a sheer waste of time and efforts to act on such a childish and stupid resolution.

The vote on the resolution is a clear indication of how naive, narrow-and-shallow-minded, and short-sighted these so-called law-makers are. Only people in such a frame of mind can do such a thing. Again, they are not worthy to be called honorable.

The resolution is a disgrace to the rest of Micronesia and utter disappointment to the American Administration. The democratic ideals which the Administration has been trying to implant in the minds of the Micronesians in the Marianas for the last 25 years have all been in vain.

The members of the Mariana District Legislature need to be enrolled in a course dealing with the appreciation of nature and simple living in order to appreciate the pictures and articles about the other districts which this paper so competently publishes.

I strongly suggest that if the Micronesians in the Marianas can no longer tolerate the presence of your paper in their district, the MICRO SCOPE and its staff are always welcome by the Micronesians in Palau. There the people will appreciate and love to see your pictures and read your articles about the rest of Micronesia, in particular the Mariana Islands District.

I want the staff of the MICRO SCOPE to know that MICRO SCOPE is unsurpassed all over Micronesia in its depth, selection and coverage of news about Micronesia and elsewhere.

F.T. Uludong

P.S. My fellow Micronesians in the Mariana District, for God's and Micronesia's sake do not be led by your blind leaders!

Dear Sir:

As a student from the Marianas District I am very interested in reading every issue of your "MicroScope" regardless of the contents. Please send me a copy of every publication you print.

Thank you,

Ignacio Villanueva

last minute. No one should have expected the trainees to arrive in a coat and tie or evening dress. These people traveled for more than eleven hours without a rest expecting to arrive at the island of Udot where living accomodations are hardly similar to those enjoyed by the people of Guam or of Capitol Hill.

Remarks about and photographs of people with long hair and beards indicates to the reader of average intelligence that the author or photographer is only interested in the appearance of things and not in the thoughts or motivations of the people dressing and acting in this manner.

The Peace Corps selects a variety of people with a variety of backgrounds, skills motivations and desires and it is because of this variety that many people feel the Peace Corps offers the best opportunity to discover the best way to reach a better understanding of other peoples and their ideas and beliefs. Why is it that the same people making complaints about the appearance of Peace Corps Volunteers or trainees never writes editorials or takes pictures of educators who wear beards or strange looking clothes? Are the people who have taken this stand impressed only with paper credentials and ideas which coincide with their own that they cannot take the time to discover what other people think and feel? Are these people so unique that they can judge a person by his appearance?

### World Series To Go Seven Games

St. Louis, Missouri -- "Well, it's back to Boston."

That brief comment by Pitcher Nelson Briles as he entered the St. Louis Cardinals dressing room summed up the determined but grim feeling of the National League Champions after their 3-1 loss to Boston.

The defeat sent the 1967 World Series back to Boston with St. Louis holding a 3 to 2 lead in the best-of-seven playoff.

The Cardinals had high praise for Jim Lonborg, the hard-throwing Boston Red Sox righthander who won his second game from St. Louis

Dear Mr. Williams,

In regards to your editorial concerning the Peace Corps, I think you're condemning them unfairly.

Who are you to call them Haight-Ashbury refugees? Did you really expect them to show up wearing suits and ties?

I've just elected myself the third-party and my view of them is good. Of course to really be able to give an opinion I would have to talk to them. Did you?

Just why are you trying to show them up? Are you against education in the islands? And do you always judge a book by its cover? Give them a chance to prove themselves before you condemn them.

Cathi Lipko  
Barrigada

COVER: Miss Viola Margarita Sablan is shown watering her yard at her home near the Whispering Palms Golf Course in Saipan.

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