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To : District Administrator, Truk
From : District Director of Education, Truk
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During the month of January 1974, the Education Department has experienced both off-hours for power and water, as well as gas shortage. However, these constraints have not been limitations significant enough to handicap programs in the following areas:

GENERAL INFORMATION

A Micronesian Multilingual Materials Workshop II held in Palau, January 7-19, 1974. Truk's participants were representatives from the Language Arts, Social Studies, and Multi-Media Sections of the Department. Purpose completed were to develop reading materials and accompanying art work for the MICAL and Social Studies Programs and to develop a further federal program for Language Arts.

A second conference "Education for what?" held on ponape from January 7-11, sponsored by Xavier High School Micronesian Seminar was attended by two representatives from Truk Education Office: Bilingual Education Specialist and Moen High School Principal. A third conference Input meeting on CCM, held on Pon. from January 14-16, was attended by 3 representatives from our Department: Bilingual Education Specialist, Supervisor of Secondary Schools and Acting Coordinator of TRUTEC.

Visitors include Mr. Juan A Calbrera, T.T. Math Specialist, to discuss MMP; and Mr. Mark Laster, East-West-Center, to discuss bilingual education.

SECONDARY

The gas shortage has curtailed the inter-school recreation program, which had just gotten started.

Moen High School

Moen High School now has two newly hired teachers on campus. They are in the process of observing classes and orienting themselves to the classroom situation.

TRUTEC

Progress has been reported in the following courses: Developmental Psychology, Micronesian Government and Politics, Introduction to Micronesia, Human Body and Health, Foundations of Elementary Math, Introduction to ISCS, MMP Mathematics, Music Methods, Art Methods and English Methods.

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Special Education

As a result of the recent Special Education staff meeting it has been felt by the whole staff that the Special Education teams be brought back to Moen to work in two schools on Moen. One team is working at Sapuk Elementary School. Much of what they do is to work with hard-to-teach children. Another group is working at Mwan Elementary School on the same thing.

The Trust Territory Visually Handicapped Consultant was in Truk to train the people that are supposed to be working in the Visually Handicapped Program.

Adult Education

Recently, a new Adult Education class was started at Sapuk, Moen. The major thrust of the new class is to provide instruction in Oral and Written English.

Two of our N.Y. C. group members departed for the Jop Corps in Hawaii on January 22, 1974.

Vocational Education

MOC - Ten trainees have begun a shortened, condensed course in able-bodied seamanship. This period of training will continue until March when the training vessel M/V Pugh goes into dry dock.

MOC-Johnny Albert and Sleeper Sared (Truk High School graduates) began a year of agricultural training this month at Koror, Palau.

Truk District Vocational Programs are the recipients of the largest portion in the TT of monies of the recently released Presidential impounded funds. This money will be used in the rehabilitation of shop machinery. The supplemental budget has already been forward to Headquarters.

Scholarship and Student Services

The following Series of Tests were given to approximately 217 Truk High School Seniors during the week of January 14-18. The test were the MTELP, the LADO, AND CAT (Arithmetic). The same series of Tests were also given to Xavier High School Seniors, this week, January 21.

TRUTEC Group B trainees are in their seventh week of practice teaching; and 13 CGM students are now doing their work-study practicum at Truk High School, Moen High School, Education Office, Community Development Office and WSZC.

EDUCATION OFFICE SECTIONS

Language

Nearly the entire staff went to Palau and Ponape for conferences.

Already submitted to the District Director of Education are recommendations for establishing a Truk Education Newsletter which should become operative very soon.

The MICAL Project will call the Education Advisory Council of Moen together January 28 to discuss current issues in the bilingual education program.

Social Studies

The two specialists have completed a 4th-5th grade text, Truk and Micronesian.

At the Palau conference were completed the following projects:

"Ma an" (Animal Storybook), "Inepwinew" (Family storybook),

"Ewe kingen fan sat" chart time framework on Social Studies correlative with Language Arts.

Science

All supplies for implementing the Intermediate Science Curriculum Study program at Faichuk High School have arrived. It is hoped that this program will begin with the second semester of this school year.

The science specialists participated in the meeting of the Faichuk Teachers' Association at Patta School on January 16.

A new stereo-microscope for Moen High School has been received.

All Peace Corps Volunteers working in the science-math program have gone to their respective field assignments. One transferred from the science-math program to the adult education program.

Mathematic

The 3rd grade MMP book has been translated into Trukese.

Final revision, duplication and distribution shall occur in February.

Math Specialists also participated in the Faichuk Teachers' Association Meeting. Also a Math course has been started for trainees in the Micronesian Maritime Program on the M/V Pugh. Thirdly, the Math Task Force is currently investigating the MMP in lagoon schools and hopes to extend coverage in the outer islands soon.

The Trust Territory School of Nursing now opens applications to new applicants for the school 1974-1975. Deadline for submission of completed applications to Saipan is March 1, 1974.

Two new students left in the early part of this month to study in Suomi College. One will major in Marine Biology, and the other one in Education. Also one student was awarded scholarship to study at Vudal Agricultural College in New Guinea and left January 18, 1974.

The Home Economics Teacher at Moen Junior High School has been selected to study in Suva, Fiji, beginning January, 1974. The course will be of ten months duration.

This Office has received announcements from the East-West- Center Cultural Learning Institute for Administrators and Teacher Trainers. The project for Administrators will begin on August 1 - November 30, 1974. The project for Teacher Trainers will begin on September 1, 1974 - March 31, 1975.

Library Services

The Distad Library was set up during the month of January, 1974. Much has been done in receiving and filing books.

Some catalogs were received from different companies and are in files now also. Most of our latest book orders have not been received yet, since the year 1972, ~~since~~ a few of them were received and processed.

Media Center

The problem of air-conditioning still continues to plague this section. Yet, there is no report from Public Works as to what happened to the air conditioner which had been broken since last year.

Silander Manuel, Mimeograph Operator, LPC, is still on Saipan, where he is attending a workshop on Off-set Press operation and other printing techniques at the Headquarters Publication Center.


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