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Kabua and Henry Again Head Congress

The Fourth Congress of Micronesia opened its first session Monday, Jan. 11, in the congressional chambers on Capitol Hill, and promptly went into recess to resolve difficulties arising from last November's elections. By week's end, these difficulties still had not been resolved, preventing the seating of most of Palau's delegation.

High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston called the first session of the Senate to order, conducting the business until the election of Senator Olympio Borja (Marianas) as Temporary President. In the House, Deputy High Commissioner Peter T. Coleman presided until the election of Rep. Bethwel Henry (Ponape) as Temporary Speaker.

Both houses also adopted temporary rules of procedure, and then appointed credentials committees to review the credentials of all of the senators and representatives. All were approved and officially sworn into office except Senator-elect Roman Tmetuchl and Representatives-elect Timothy Olkeriil, George Ngirarsaol and Tarkong Pedro, all of Palau.

A challenge to the credentials of these men was presented by officials of Palau's Progressive Party (see accompanying story on Page Two). The credentials committees met through the week in an attempt to reach a decision. The only member of the Palau delegation to be seated was Senator Lazarus Sali, who was not up for reelection this past November.

On the second day of business, the Senate decided to go ahead and formally organize with only eleven members, and elected Senator Amata Kabua (Marshalls) to serve as President. Senator Kabua held the same post during the Third Congress. Also re-elected to leadership positions were Senators Borja as Vice President, and Tosiwo Nakayama (Truk) as Floor Leader.

The House delayed its formal organization until Wednesday, Jan. 13, and then elected Rep. Henry as permanent Speaker of the House, a position he also held in the Third Congress. Rep. Henry Samuel (Marshalls) was re-elected Vice Speaker, and Rep. Ekpap Silk (Marshalls) was re-elected to his former position as Floor Leader.

Both houses also selected committee chairmen, and the Senate named the members of its standing committees. The House, however, decided to delay the naming of committee members until the credentials question is settled.

One significant delay in the business of the Congress caused by the credentials challenge was the State of the



LEGISLATORS AND GUEST gather outside on the opening day of the Fourth Congress of Micronesia. The flags are those of the United States, Trust Territory, United Nations and the High Commissioner.

Territory address by the HiCom. Scheduled to be delivered Wednesday morning, the speech was postponed because the two houses were unable to consider and approve the required joint resolution inviting the HiCom to speak. What originally looked like a one-day delay soon developed into a much longer postponement, and by week's end it appeared that the address would not be given until the following week.

But despite the credentials difficulty, the Fourth Congress was shaping up into a most significant session for the future of the TT. And for the new members, it was an especially significant moment as they were sworn into office as the officially elected representatives of their people. Taking the oath of office for the first time were Senator Edward Pangelinan and Representatives Felipe Atalig, Carlos Shoda and Herman Q. Guerrero, all of the Marianas. (See pages Two and Five for more on Congress)

History of Palau Dispute

Throughout the first week of the first session, Fourth Congress of Micronesia, credentials committees of both the House and Senate met to consider a challenge to the credentials of Senator-elect Roman Tmetuchl and Representatives-elect Timothy Olkeriil, George Ngirarsaol and Tarkong Pedro, all of Palau. All of these men are members of the Liberal Party of Palau, and a challenge to their election has come from that district's Progressive Party.

During the November congressional elections, the Liberal Party won all of Palau's contested seats, as certified by the Palau Election Commissioner. The Progressive Party immediately petitioned the commissioner to declare the election void and illegal. They claimed that there were irregularities in the conduct of the election, listing among others allegations that persons whose names were not on the registration list were allowed to vote, some persons voted more than once, and absentee ballots were tampered with.

The commissioner denied the petition, on the grounds that a recount would not change the result of the election as ballots that may have been illegal were not segregated from the rest of the votes. The Election Commissioner further reported to the High Commissioner on the problem that had arisen. Here is a portion of that report:

"As the election progressed it became more and more apparent that many people who had in fact registered to vote were not listed on the registration lists of the various precincts. Consequently after reviewing the situation with the candidates and chairmen of both parties and due to the obvious extent of this problem, at approximately 4 o'clock in the afternoon on election day I made the general announcement over the radio indicating that anyone who was qualified to vote should immediately go to their precinct, show age and residency within the precinct, and if their names were not in the registry to write in their names on the registry and at that time he or she would be given a ballot to vote.

"This procedure was followed in the precincts during the last several hours of the election and created a total write-in vote of 857 out of a total vote of 4,538."

After their petition was denied by the Election Commissioner, the Progressive Party brought their protest to the court. The Trial Division of the High Court, after affirming that the Congress of Micronesia is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members, gave the following opinion:

"After having carefully considered all of the (facts in the case), it is abundantly clear that there were serious and numerous irregularities in the election. This court is deeply concerned over these irregularities but nevertheless must grant defendant's motion to dismiss. In so doing this court does not condone any of the irregularities which were so clearly present and trusts that corrective action will be taken by proper authorities to prevent any recurrence of such regrettable acts and omissions which took place during the balloting and which led to understandable concern, not only on the part of plaintiffs, but also on the part of the public and this court."

Thus the case is now before the Congress of Micronesia.

Fourth Congress Leadership

The Senate of the Fourth Congress of Micronesia named the following officers, committee chairman and committee members:

President: Amata Kabua (Marshalls)

Vice-President: Olympio T. Borja (Marianas)

Floor Leader: Tosiwo Nakayama (Truk)

Committee on Ways and Means: Bailey Olter (Ponape), Chairman; Lazarus Salii (Palau); Rafel Moonfell (Yap); Tosiwo Nakayama (Truk); Amata Kabua (Marshalls); and Edward Pangelinan (Marianas).

Committee on Resources and Development: Ambilos Iehsi (Ponape), Chairman; Tosiwo Nakayama (Truk); Olympio T. Borja (Marianas); Isaac Lanwi (Marshalls); (Palau senator to be named).

Committee on Education and Social Affairs: Petrus Tun (Yap), Chairman; Bailey Olter (Ponape); Andon Amaraich (Truk); Edward Pangelinan (Marianas); (Palau senator to be named).

Committee on Health: Isaac Lanwi (Marshalls), Chairman; Rafel Moonfell (Yap); and Amata Kabua (Marshalls).

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations: Andon Amaraich (Truk), Chairman; Olympio T. Borja (Marianas); Petrus Tun (Yap); Ambilos Iehsi (Ponape); and Lazarus Salii (Palau).

In the House of Representatives the following officers and committee assignments were announced. On each of the committees a member from Palau will also be named at a later date.

Speaker of the House: Bethwel Henry (Ponape)

Vice-Speaker: Henry Samuel (Marshalls)

Floor Leader: Ekpap Silk (Marshalls)

Committee on Appropriations: Raymond Setik (Truk), Chairman; Endy Dois (Truk); Henry Samuel (Marshalls); Ekpap Silk (Marshalls); Carlos Shoda (Marianas); John Mangefel (Yap); and Olter Paul (Truk).

Committee on Ways and Means: Charles Domnick (Marshalls), Chairman; Heinrich Iriarte (Ponape); Masao Nakayama (Truk); Hans Wiliander (Truk); Herman Q. Guerrero (Marianas); and John Rugulimar (Yap).

Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Relations: Olter Paul (Ponape), Chairman; Ataji Balos (Marshalls); Hans Wiliander (Truk); Herman Q. Guerrero (Marianas); and John Mangefel (Yap).

Committee on Resources and Development: Sasauo Haruo (Truk), Chairman; Henry Samuel (Marshalls); Heinrich Iriarte (Ponape); Carlos Shoda (Marianas); and John Rugulimar (Yap).

Committee on Health Matters: John Mangefel (Yap), Chairman; Ekpap Silk (Marshalls); Joab Sighrah (Ponape); Masao Nakayama (Truk); and Felipe Atalig (Marianas).

Committee on Education and Social Matters: Joab Sighrah (Ponape), Chairman; Endy Dois (Truk); Ataji Balos (Marshalls); John Rugulimar (Yap); and Felipe Atalig (Marianas).

Progress in the Marshalls

Carlson Island Development

The pressures of overpopulation on Ebeye Island, Marshalls, may soon be somewhat relieved by plans to develop nearby Carlson Island. The plans were made public by Ebeye Distad Representative Walter Ownby and reported in the Marshall Islands newspaper, the Micronitor.

Carlson Island, at 55 acres, is said to offer good agricultural potential and the ability to accommodate up to 800 people. Ebeye has a population of about 4,500, most of them evacuees from some 15 different islands that were within the perimeter of the Kwajalein Missile Test Range. Reportedly about 200 Ebeye residents are ready to move to Carlson Island when the development is completed.

Ownby said the plans call for low-cost housing for 150 to 200 people, plus a pig and poultry farm. Money for the \$30,000 project will be requested from the district legislature during its next session in March. Another \$25,000 grant will be sought from the TT government Economic Development Loan Fund to finance the poultry-pig farm.

Ownby also stated that funds have been approved to hire an assistant Distad Representative to be on Carlson beginning with the next fiscal year.

Airport Work Begins

The faces of two islands of Majuro Atoll have been drastically changed recently to make room for Majuro's new airfield-water catchment system. About half of Enelelip and Lokojbar Islands, located six miles from the D-U-D area, have been stripped and cleared of all trees and bushes, the first part of Phase I of the airport construction work being done by American International Construction of Seattle, Wash.

In addition to the clearing, Phase I will consist of stripping the present topsoil and filling and packing land for the new, 7,000 foot runway. This phase is expected to be completed by early 1972.

When the entire project is completed, sometime in 1974, it will include a runway-water catchment, a terminal building, airfield lighting, and electrical navigational aids. The airfield will also be capable of being lengthened to 10,000 feet to accommodate the larger Jets.

Waste Recycling Project

With the ecological stress these days being placed upon conservation of resources and recycling of wastes, a pilot project at Laura village, Majuro Atoll, bears watching.

The project, scheduled to get under way soon, will use the waste of pigs, chickens and humans to generate methane gas for cooking or lighting, to grow algae for fish food, and to produce agricultural fertilizer. A South Pacific Commission consultant, Dr. George Chan, is supervizing the project.

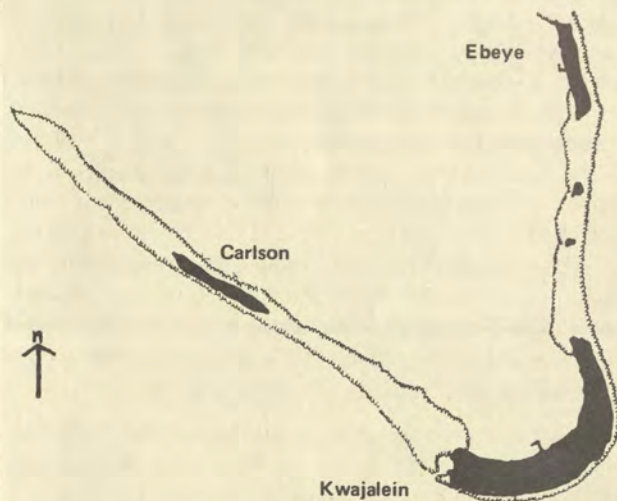
The collected waste material is placed in a 50-gallon drum and then sealed. The action of the sun on this so-called "digester" does the rest. As decomposition occurs, algae will grow, gas will be given off and, when the action is completed, the remaining contents makes an excellent fertilizer. Dr. Chan points out that in addition to the useful by-products produced, the system offers a more sanitary method of waste disposal. He said digesters with a capacity of up to 300 gallons are available.

Youth Center Dedicated

There was singing, dancing and speech-making on Darrit Island, Majuro Atoll, recently as a new community youth center building was dedicated to the use and enjoyment of the young people of Majuro. The dedication culminated three years of planning and labor for the people of the Uliga Protestant Church, sponsors of the project.

The Rev. Pijja Matauto, pastor of the church, said the new youth center is more than a church-sponsored project. "The center is important for all the community," said Mr. Matauto. "It is a community hall available to the entire public for social activities."

More than \$20,000 in funds for the project were donated jointly by the United Church Board of World Missions and the Marshalls United Church of Christ, who also provided free labor.



Map shows the location of Carlson Island, Kwajalein Atoll, in the Marshalls. The island is to be developed for housing and agriculture to ease the population pressures on Ebeye, where 4,500 people now live. Most of these people were evacuated from the 15 islands in the Mid-corridor Missile Test Range of the atoll, to the north and west of Ebeye and Carlson. Some 200 people are initially slated to move from Ebeye to Carlson when the development is completed.

MRS. FARRINGTON CONCLUDES THIRD TERRITORY VISIT

Mrs. Elizabeth Farrington, Director of the Office of Territories, Department of the Interior, has concluded her third visit to the Trust Territory. She left Saipan Jan. 14 for Washington, D.C., after meetings with High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston and other TT officials.

In an interview, Mrs. Farrington expressed gratitude



MRS. ELIZABETH FARRINGTON is greeted by High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston as she steps from the plane at the Saipan Airport. Mrs. Farrington, Director of the Office of Territories of the Department of the Interior, recently concluded her third visit to the TT.

Boat Goes on Reef

A Japanese tour vessel, the "Oriental Queen," went aground on a reef in Saipan harbor early Friday morning, Jan. 15. The 103 passengers on board were taken to shore by the TT lagoon boat "Feioch," where they toured the island while efforts were made to free their ship.

As of the afternoon of the 15th, efforts were being made by the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter "Basswood" to re-float the "Queen" and remove a buoy chain from around her port propeller shaft. A spokesman said the ship did not appear to be damaged.

for the friendly way in which she was once again welcomed by the people of the territory, particularly those in Yap and Palau, which she visited for the first time on this trip.

"The people couldn't have been more cordial," she said, adding "I was very much pleased with their interest in their own government affairs, and the questions they asked."

She indicated that she was also pleased to have now had the opportunity of seeing all six of the TT districts, saying she feels she now has "a very much better picture of the Trust Territory as a whole."

In both Yap and Palau Mrs. Farrington was welcomed with special ceremonies and feasting. In Yap, on the last evening of her stay, special "stick dances" were performed and she was presented with a 160 pound piece of stone money. This was a very unusual gift, and a high honor, for the money is seldom allowed to be removed from Yap. Commenting on this gift, Mrs. Farrington said, "I had been told that there is only one museum in the continental United States that has a piece of this money, so I feel very privileged indeed."

In Palau, students from the Micronesian Occupational Center put on a special program for her, featuring dances of the districts from which they come. Mrs. Farrington said she was particularly impressed with this school, which she described as "one of the greatest strides forward in education that you have in the Trust Territory."

During her interview Mrs. Farrington also commented on events in Washington of concern to the TT. She indicated she feels the chances are very good that the new Congress will approve the supplementary request to the current TT budget. She said it was just a matter of time, and that the appropriate legislation would be submitted as soon as the new Congress convenes, later this month.

She described the appointment of Rep. Rogers C. B. Morton as Secretary of the Interior as "an excellent one." Morton, a former member of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, has "shown great interest in the territories, and especially in the Trust Territory," according to Mrs. Farrington. She added that she feels sure he will be making a trip to the TT just as soon after his appointment is confirmed as he can arrange it.

Mrs. Farrington was also enthusiastic about the possibilities for tourist development in Micronesia. She said she saw the nearly completed Continental hotel in Palau, and thought "no dream could be more beautiful" than its site, overlooking the fabled Rock Islands. She indicated it will not be long, in her opinion, before Americans in larger numbers begin discovering this Micronesian "dream" and making these islands an important tourist destination.

In concluding her interview, Mrs. Farrington expressed the hope that, in the next few years, "there can be sufficient political education to result in a greater sense of unification among the districts. Of course we got a start on that by creating the Congress of Micronesia in 1965, but I think there is still a long way to go until the individual Micronesian will have the sense of unity that he should have if it is to be one unified territory."

Kapingamarangi Greetings

Residents of tiny Kapingamarangi Atoll, Ponape District, received Christmas greetings from High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston by telephone on Christmas Eve. It was the first call from the HiCom's office to the atoll, one of the most remote in the entire TT.

The call utilized the TT's newest telephone linkage, between Saipan and Ponape. The HiCom placed a call to Ponape and asked for a radio patch to Kapingamarangi. There, the islanders were standing by to receive the historic call.

Speaking at his desk telephone, the HiCom said, "We want to wish everyone on Kapingamarangi and everybody else in that part of Ponape District a very

Merry Christmas from all of us here on Saipan."

From Kapingamarangi came the voice of Apiner Mateak, Kapingamarangi Chief, saying "We also send our Christmas greetings to everyone at headquarters and on Saipan."

While the atoll of Kapingamarangi is just a thousand miles away and in these days of long-distance communication that may not seem like such a great distance, good quality voice communications did not exist to this or many of the other remote islands of the TT until the modern communications system began extending its arms from Saipan early last year. Truk and Ponape Districts are now included in the system, with the Marshalls scheduled to join the hookup soon, and Yap and Palau to be added before the end of the year.

Successful Fish Story

The fishing is better these days for the villagers of Ngaremlengui, Palau District, thanks to a Hawaiian-style in-shore fishing sampan provided by the Palau Community Action Agency and the Department of Resources and Development Marine Resources Division.

The fishing is so good, in fact, that the fishermen have made the first down payment, \$3,000, toward purchase of an identical sampan of their own. The boat costs \$15,000, and is being constructed at the Palau Shipyard. Thus the TT Government has assisted a group of fishermen to use their skills and knowhow by providing them with a vessel, and the Ngaremlengui villagers are beginning to accumulate enough money as a result to pay for a vessel of their own.

Peter T. Wilson, Chief, Marine Resources Division, hopes to duplicate this type of program in other parts of Palau and the TT.



AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN the US Army, the TT Government, and the traditional leaders of the Marshallese people was signed recently. It provides for equitable compensation to people forced to give up their homes on outer islands of the Kwajalein Atoll in 1964 because of the Army's missile testing program. Shown above signing this "Mid-corridor" agreement are, from left, Kabua Kabua, Albert Loeak and Lejolan Kabua. All three men are Iroij (Paramount Chiefs) with an interest in the Mid-corridor area.

Senate committee reports

Shortly before this issue of Highlights went to press, the Senate of the Fourth Congress of Micronesia heard the report of its credentials committee. The committee recommended that the senatorial election held in Palau District in November, 1970, be declared null and void. The man who won that election is Senator-elect Roman Tmetuchl.

The committee further suggested that the High Commissioner be informed of the recommendation and asked to take immediate action to fill the vacant seat. The recommendations came in an oral report on the committee's findings by its chairman, Sen. Andon Amaraich (Truk).

Sen. Amaraich said his committee was also recommending that the TT administration conduct a thorough investigation of the alleged irregularities in the handling of the election and take steps to prevent such irregularities from occurring again.

Formal action of the entire Senate on the report was delayed until Monday, Jan. 18, to give all of the senators time to read the entire report. The House credentials committee is also expected to make its report on that day.

Also shortly before the Highlights deadline, the two houses approved a joint resolution inviting High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston to deliver his State of the Territory address Monday afternoon, Jan. 18, at 2:00 p.m.

December in Washington



Editor's note: With this issue, Highlights welcomes a regular columnist. He is Fred Radewagen, the Trust Territory's liaison officer in Washington, D.C. Each month Fred's column will bring us news of Micronesian people and activities in the Nation's Capitol. This is his first.

December is usually the shortest month of the year, with the holiday season upon us and Government employees scrambling to use their leave time. Nevertheless, our town was not without TT visitors. DR. WILLIAM PECK and DR. MASAO KUMANGAI conferred with various Health officials in Washington, including DR. GLEN WEGNER, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Legislation at DHEW.

JESSE R. QUIGLEY, TT/LNO — Okinawa — had a two-day round of briefings with Assistant Secretary of Interior HARRISON LOESCH, Director FARRINGTON of the Office of Territories, and a host of DOD officials. Topic of conversation was the overwhelmingly successful excess materials program on Okinawa.

The Community Development division sent BILL JACKSON and JUAN LIZAMA to a week-long series of meetings held at the brand-new Quality Hotel on Capitol Hill. BOB OWEN, TT entomologist was in town to emphasize concern for the environment in Micronesia.

Congress gave us our Christmas present in the form of a three year \$60 million authorization package.

TT delegation to PATA

A five-member TT delegation will participate in the 20th Annual Pacific Area Travel Association (PATA) Conference in Manila Jan. 25-29. The delegation, headed by Department of Resources and Development Director Wyman X. Zachary, will also attend the 11th Annual PATA Workshop in Baguio, north of Manila, Jan. 21-22.

Others in the TT delegation include: R&D Deputy Director Eusebio Rechucher; Marianas Tourist Commission Chairman Frank Diaz; and commission members Pete Igitol and David Maratita.

The TT is hosting a hospitality room at the Manila Inter-Continental where handicrafts and photographs of Micronesia will be displayed.

Briefly

High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston was one of the dignitaries attending the recent inauguration of Guam's first elected governor, Carlos G. Camacho. In a message of congratulations, the HiCom said, "The citizens of the Trust Territory join me in extending congratulations and sincere best wishes to you and Lt. Governor Moylan as you begin your term of office as Guam's first elected leaders."

He added, "We look forward to continuing friendship and cooperation between the people of Guam and of the Trust Territory."

An agreement has been reached between the TT Government and the Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America, to develop a "truly Micronesian" scout program in the territory. Scout organizer Lee Prentice, who is now residing with his family in the TT, says it will take about three years to fully train Micronesian scout organizers and leaders in all six districts.

The Congress of Micronesia will be asked for guidance and financial support for the program, and the Aloha Council hopes to raise up to \$300,000 over the next three years to match any congressional appropriations. The international scouting program is seen as one means of dealing with Micronesia's growing youth problems.

The 400 people of Dambei Village, in Sokehs Municipality, Ponape, are now receiving 50 gallons of pure water a day through a new, \$6,000 water system that they built themselves. The project was formally dedicated on Jan. 4.

The project was funded by the Department of Health Services, and consists of three tanks with a total capacity of 25,000 gallons, 4,000 feet of three-inch pipe and 3,100 feet of one inch pipe. The system was designed, engineered and supervised by the Seabees.

A \$2 million luxury hotel, the Princess Kalou, is to be constructed on Saipan this year. Announcement of plans for the hotel and an adjoining resort village was made jointly by Mrs. Louise I. Stout and TT Department of Resources and Development Director Wyman X. Zachary.

The complex will be located on a 73 acre site at Laulau Beach on the southern tip of the island. It will be within the Papot Latte sites where ancient Chamorro villages flourished, sites which are to be preserved by the developers. More than 100 Micronesians will be employed at the hotel and village when it is completed.

Donald M. Evans, assistant professor of Biology at Mauna Olu College on Maui, Hawaii, has been appointed teacher education specialist in science at the Community College of Micronesia. The 26 year-old educator began his new duties this month.

A United Nations housing expert, Eric Carlson, recommended in a recent UN report that a joint committee of the Congress of Micronesia be formed to initiate legislation vital to the development of housing for low-income families and to insure wholesome growth of residential environments in Micronesia. The report was based on Carlson's visit to the TT last year, and is being widely distributed to all TT groups concerned with housing and community planning.

Archbishop Terrence Cardinal Cooke of New York paid a one-day visit to the Island of Moen, Truk District, on Jan. 2. High district and church officials, including DistAd Juan Sablan, played host to the Cardinal and accompanied him on his tour of the island, which included a luncheon, a special Mass and a visit to the sick at Truk Hospital. The Cardinal's Moen stopover came at the end of a Christmas tour of American military bases in Southeast Asia.

Four TT officials are attending a training course on Solid Waste Management in Honolulu, sponsored by the Bureau of Solid Waste Management. They are: James Pualoa, District Director of Public Works, Marshalls; David M. Atalig, Deputy Director of Public Works, Marianas; Richard Sidener, Department of Public Works Planner, Yap and Palau; and Nachsa Siren, Chief, Division of Environmental Health, Department of Health Services, TT Headquarters.

"Living in Town — Problems and Priorities in Urban Planning in the South Pacific" will be the theme of the Second South Pacific Seminar, 1971, to be held at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji July 14-17. Questions regarding the seminar should be directed to John Harre', University of the South Pacific, P.O. Box 1168, Suva, Fiji.

Dr. Joseph Nonemacker 65, the first Peace Corps volunteer dentist assigned to a post in Micronesia, died in Yap Dec. 24. Dr. Nonemacker had come to Yap in October under a new program making it possible for highly skilled individuals to volunteer for work without the larger group training normally associated with the Peace Corps.

Services for the Doctor were held in the Mainland U.S.

Five TT students were among members of the University of Guam's fall graduation class. Receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees were: Hermana Ramarui, Palau, majoring in English; Walter Myazo, Marshalls, business administration; Mitchell Aaron, Kusaie, sociology; Alex Phillip, Kusaie, sociology and political science; and Tadao Sigras, Kusaie, political science.



TRAINING IN SAN DIEGO are Antonio A. Arriola, left, and Jesus P. Mafnas. See Story below.

Jesus P. Mafnas and Antonio A. Arriola, headquarters trainees, are in San Diego, Calif., for the next few months to learn about the various departments of a typical county government. The men will study the kinds of work done in the San Diego County Government and how to relate this work to the various departments of the TT. Both men will return to Saipan April 30.

A two-week workshop was conducted this month for the six district Prosecutors and the two TT district attorneys on Saipan. The purpose of the workshop was to review the TT Code and the various legal programs that are under the direction of the office of the Attorney General. One special emphasis of this month's workshop was the problem of narcotics and drug abuse.



DISTRICT PROSECUTOR'S WORKSHOP participants shown here are, from left; Fujita Peter, Truk District Prosecutor; Lyle Richmond, Truk/Ponape District Attorney; Miguel Sablan, Marianas District Prosecutor; Ioanis Kanichy, Ponape District Prosecutor; Lawrence Mangefir, Yap District Prosecutor; Benjamin N. Oiterong, Palau District Prosecutor; Beia Lalej, Marshalls District Prosecutor; James White, Palau/Yap District Attorney; and Robert Bowles (partially obscured), TT District Attorney.

More Pictures of Fourth Congress



MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE of Representatives take the oath of office in the House chambers on Capitol Hill.




FIVE OF THE SIX senators elected in November take the oath of office from Chief Justice Harold Burnett (left of flag). They are, from left, Sen. Andon Amaraich (Truk), Edward Pangelinan (Marianas), Ambilos Iehsi (Ponape), Amata Kabua (Marshalls), and Petrus Tun (Yap). The sixth Senator-elect is Roman Tmetuchl of Palau, whose credentials have been challenged (story Pages One and Two).



A SPECIAL RED MASS was held on Sunday, Jan. 10, to seek Divine blessing on the work of the Congress. The Mass was celebrated at Saipan's Mt. Carmel Church by Bishops Felixberto Flores of Guam and the Marianas and Martin Neylon of the Caroline and Marshall Islands. Congressmen from the Marianas District were hosts for the Mass, following which a reception was held.



CHOSEN AGAIN TO LEAD the Fourth Congress were, Sen. Amata Kabua (Marshalls), left, President of the Senate; and Rep. Bethwel Henry (Ponape), Speaker of the House.



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