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# HEADHANDS

## DISPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

30 JUNE 1951-"PASS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS X ON THIS DATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CMA ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES CMA PASSES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR X WHILE WE REGRET THE TERMINATION OF OUR BRIEF BUT PLEASANT ASSOCIATION WITH YOU CMA WE WANT TO SHARE OUR BELIEF THAT THIS CHANGE IS SYMBOLIC OF THE FIRM TENET OF ALL FREE PEOPLES THAT IN TIMES OF PEACE A CIVILIAN POPULATION SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY CIVILIANS X WE WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR ENDURING INTEREST IN YOUR WELFARE AND BETTERMENT AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL GIVE TO OUR SUCCESSOR AGENCY CMA THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR CMA THE SAME LOYALTY AND COOPERATION WHICH IT HAS BEEN OUR PRIVILEGE TO RECEIVE DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS X THE HEART-FELT GOOD WISHES OF ALL IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY ARE YOURS TODAY AND ALWAYS X

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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## MAJURO NEWS

Majuro, Marshalls- A group of Marshallese led by some of the Iroiij visited the home of the administrators. A number of officers and the two administrators were there when the group sang songs and marched into the house. Both the former and present administrators and their staff members were crowned with leis and showered with gifts.\*

## NEW ADMINISTRATOR TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

On July 4 at 11 A.M. there was a very impressive ceremony at which the new District Administrator took the oath of office. All the representatives from all of the branches of the new administration set-up and all the Marshallese were present at the former Navy chapel to witness the occasion. Mr. Raymond de Brum, the clerk of courts, presented the oath in the performance of the ceremony to our present Administrator, Mr. D. W. Gilfillan.

Preceding the swearing Mr. Simon Lazarus conducted a service in which he said a short prayer which was translated into English by Mr. Dwight Heine. LCDR. F. W. Avila, former administrator under the Navy, made a speech in which he said, "Today marks the eighth 4th of July since the United States government has occupied the Marshall Islands. I first arrived in the Marshalls in 1944; from that first visit to now, I have seen you from time to time. I have seen the rehabilitation of your islands and observed you at work and play, and it is with regret that I leave the Marshalls. However, the time has come for the United States to reassign the responsibility of administration from a military to a civil agency of government. This is in consonance with American ideals, for the mission of the United States Navy is to protect and to meet the needs of maritime defense. The administering of peoples is more properly done by a civil agency. Thus, with the completion of our mission in the\*\*

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## NEW ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Donald W. Gilfillan, District Administrator  
Richard Lahr, Medical Officer  
John R. Brown, Medical Officer  
Earl A. Nielsen, Communications Specialist  
John Murphy, Legal Dept.  
Ben R. Kesler, Internal Affairs  
John Tobin, Anthropologist  
Richard A. Crider, Educational Administrator  
H. E. Blodgett, Manager, ITC  
A.A. Jaffe, Dentist  
Mrs. Rose Murphy, Clerk-typist  
R.M. Wimer, Electrician  
Virginia S. Varney, Secretary to Mr. Gilfillan.  
Louis B. Varney, General Engineer  
Harry Tubb, Carpenter  
Louis Furtado, Fiscal Accounting Clerk  
Marian C. Furtado, Clerk Typist - Medical Div.  
Golden W. Jenkins, General Supply Clerk  
Betty M. Nielsen, Clerk-stenographer, Internal Affairs Department

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## THE O'HARA

The superstructure of a steamer was sighted on the horizon of the lagoon of Majuro in the late afternoon of June the 12th. It was the O'Hara, the Navy liner of about 11000 tons with a capacity for accommodating nearly 870 passengers, approaching to the anchorage of Uliga, where the Naval Base has been located. Every one in this section of Majuro Atoll rushed to see her. The pier had never been so crowded as it was that day, with all of the Americans and Marshallese who were on hand to witness the occasion. In the midst of the great excitement, the O'Hara, the first big steamer to visit Majuro, anchored just before sunset.

An opportunity was given the Navy personnel and dependents aboard who were from the other districts in the Trust Territory to come\*

## EDITOR'S NOTE

There were not many articles available to speed up the completion of the paper due to the fact that all of the publishing and editing members went home for their vacation. However, the teachers in the Intermediate School have put forth every effort to make up this issue.

The temporary editor expresses that he is most grateful to Mr. Crider and Mr. Heine for their most cooperative manner in devoting their valuable time to assist him reach the completion of this issue.

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\*ashore and see the island. A welcome party was arranged by the Navy personnel on the base for the visiting group from the O'Hara. Among the visitors were Mrs. Kenney and Lt. Bass who were once on the staff of the administrative unit in Majuro previous to their designation to the Civil Administration duties on Ponape. The party consisted, as usual, of social dances, entertainment, refreshment and probably American Jakaro.

On the next day, the ferry boat, the good old skimmer, was rather in a busier operation. There were more visitors from the ship to see the islands; on the other hand there were some people from shore to see the ship. Permission was granted by the Executive Officer on the base to the teacher staff of the Marshall Islands Intermediate and Teacher Training School to visit the O'Hara. They were Mr. Crider, Mr. Hone, Mr. Bartimeus, Mr. Katil and Mr. Kabua. We started on a short trip from the pier to the liner on the ferry boat. We reached her and happened to meet the Captain right where we entered the ship. He was very kind and assigned one of the crews to be our guide. We thanked him and commenced our spectating around the ship. It was just like walking in a city of dream. We went from fore to aft, from deck to deck, to the bridge, the radar room\*\*\*

### Majuro News Con'

\*A speech in behalf of the Marshallese was given by Ircij Lejolan Kabua in which he bade the Navy a warm farewell and cordially welcomed the Department of Interior to the islands. Two other speeches were also given by Cdr. Avila and Mr. Gilfillan to express their appreciation for the fine reception and the presents.

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### SUMMER TEACHERS ARRIVE AT MAJURO

Welcomed aboard are Mrs. E. Yoscovitch and Mrs. M. Morgan arriving at Majuro for the summer session. Mrs. Yoscovitch was born and educated in Hawaii while Mrs. Morgan in Boston, USA. They both served as instructors in one of the excellent public elementary schools in the Territory of Hawaii where they utilized their ability and most experienced skills to meet the needs of instructional standards of a well-organized modern elementary school.

Upon their arrival, they were met and greeted by the Educational Administrator at the Majuro air terminal, where they began to feel the outcoming of the responsibility of their challenging mission. They later introduced to the teacher staff of the Marshall Islands Intermediate and Teacher Training School and the teacher trainees whom they were to instruct this summer.

During the last few weeks Mrs. Yoscovitch and Mrs. Morgan worked hard with a class of 25 students and it is evidenced that a considerable amount of progress has been noticed. Despite the unpleasantly hot climate in the Marshalls, the two ladies have put forth much effort to adapt themselves to their new environment. They are all interested in their work and with all they can, help bring up a better system of teaching in the Marshalls.

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### THANKS TO THE SEA-BEES

Majuro, Marshalls- the Marshall Islands deserves the most beneficial consequence of the mission of the Sea-bees on the island of Uliga, Majuro. The new facilities for a most efficient hospital have been made available and are now in operation to serve in the program of our public health

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### Swearing Con'

\*\*Trust Territory, it is fitting and proper that the Department of Interior, a civil agency of the United States government, be entrusted with your administration.

You in the Marshalls are particularly fortunate in having as your District Administrator a man who is well-qualified to carry out the responsibilities of administration entrusted to him.

Mr. Gilfillan has been selected because of his outstanding ability. He has held important positions with the United States government and the United Nations. His travel and work in many countries has made him aware of variances in customs and traditions, enabling him to appreciate your customs.

I, therefore, would like to introduce Mr. Gilfillan, your District Administrator, Yokwe Kom."

Mr. Gilfillan gave his speech in next to the former administrator's in which he said, "As the new District Administrator and in behalf of the Department of Interior and the civilian staff, we accept this appointment and all attendant duties and obligations with humility in our hearts and a prayer that God will guide us and give us the strength, courage, wisdom and piety in the execution of our responsibilities to the peoples of the Marshall Islands, the United States government and the United Nations.

Since our arrival here, we have met and seen a peaceful, happy and glorious population. We have witnessed an exemplary and cooperative program leading to the social and economic improvement for the peoples of these islands. There has been established a splendid pattern or program by our Navy which will long be our inspiration and serve as the foundation for the future growth and development of these islands -- economically, socially and spiritually. It is fitting that tribute be paid to the U.S. Navy and its personnel who have so wholeheartedly contributed by their efforts to the remarkable development manifested by glowing remarks from the civilian population.

We are particularly proud of our Commander Avila and his staff and personnel. The work they have performed here has been truly outstanding and it will not be easy to measure up to such leadership and achievement. But we also are here to work with you as friends --

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The O'Hara Con'

\*\*\*and even down to the engine room, where the temperature was 120 some. Here we found the enormous structure of the engine which was of a great astonishment to us. Mr. Bartimus was rather amazed at the sight of the main shaft that has a diameter of about 3 feet. Our spectation all around the ship came to an end rather late due to a difficulty that ~~everywhere~~ we turned in a corner, somebody was liable to get lost and the group had to hunt for him.

In the afternoon of the same day, all the Navy personnel, who were not to remain with the Department of Interior, were bade farewell and off they went to sail away. Anchor was lifted and the O'Hara was under her way to accomplish her mission. So long, Navy!!

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#### PERSONAL NEWS

Arriving at Majuro was Mr. Ben Kesler greeted and welcomed by his friends who were surprised but very glad to see him back aboard again. He told them that he came back because he was sad for the islands and further-more did not want to miss all of them.

To all his friends whom he did not have a chance to meet, he wants to say Yokwe Kom once again with confidence that he will be able to work with the Marshallese people and help them all he can.

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Thanks to the Sea-bees Con'

throughout the Marshalls. Two big warehouses have been also constructed and a third not yet completed will give the final touch. These are all considered highly important for their use in the development of the islands.

For these we feel an obligation to compliment all the Sea-bees for their fine workmanship and furthermore we can admit that we are most grateful to them.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TAKES OVER!

What kind of government is this? Is it in a way of advantage or disadvantage? These were the\*\*

\*\*questions asked by most of the Marshallese who were ignorant about the United States government. Some of the Marshallese who had a chance to learn something about the U.S. governmental system presented all kinds of speculations just to satisfy the curiosity of their Marshallese friends despite the fact that they themselves do not really know the best answers. They pointed out that the new set-up of government which is now governing the Marshalls is simply one of the forms of Uncle Sam. Of course, speaking of these forms of Uncle Sam, there is some disadvantages and advantages in each of them. In other words, the Naval government would be an advantageous branch where people depend largely upon water-route transportation. On the other hand, it would be of a disadvantage in places where there are many politicians who would not enjoy fully the real democratic way of living and so it is with the Department of the Interior. Generally, the consequent advantages and disadvantages of each of the forms of our Dear Uncle Sam depend entirely on its location and environment problems and probably some other things.

As dependent people, the change over one branch of the U.S. government to the other would not make much difference in the Trust Territory because all it involves is shifting of responsibility from one branch to the other. However, it is hoped for the best for all the "messengers" who came in advance to announce to the "good tidings" and also to prepare the way for the Interior, gave their constant remark to relieve our whims and caprices. "WAIT TILL THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TAKES OVER."

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#### CLASSES IN MARSHALLESE

Majuro, Marshall- Proposed by the Educational Administrator and approved by the District Administrator, a class in Marshallese has been inaugurated to be instructed by Mr. Dwight Heine. This school invites all those interested to know the basic knowledge designed to meet the needs of a learner to be able to understand the Marshallese tongue and to speak the language very fluently. Of course, to finance this acti-

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## Classes in Marshallese Con'

vity and the people involved in serving, a little fee has been made a requirement for entrance. May all those interested learn Marshallese just like that.

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Dear Registrar:

Please accept my application for attending the school of Learn to Speak Marshallese Well, and I will show everyone how good I am in learning a foreign language. There, my intention is to demonstrate to the class the super-fast learning ability that I have. I bet you any amount of money that the instructor will be amazed at it and will automatically call me the GENUIS GUY. That means he'll probably recommend a promotion for me to attend the most outstanding University which is located on Rangaru Island. There I will have an opportunity to major in SUPER ZEX Operation.

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## Swearing Con'

as tangible evidence that the free peoples of the world live and work happily together. We have come here by our own choice and are proud and happy to be here among you."

At the conclusion, a beautiful Marshallese song was presented and sung by the students of the Marshall Islands Intermediate and Teacher Training School. And the ceremony was put to a climax with the singing of the National Anthem impressively harmonized by the accompaniment of everyone present.

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## PERSONAL NEWS

Arriving to help in the Marshall Islands Intermediate School are Mr. Carl Anttila and Mrs. Elizabeth Anttila. Mr. Anttila will hold the position of principal and Mrs. Anttila will be one of the instructors.

Mr. Anttila held an important position as a supervisor of instruction in Puerto Rico University previous to his connection to the Cultural Center in U.S. Virgin Island. He served there as Director for a while and later joined the teaching staff of the University of Texas. He was a\*\*

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\*\*awarded his Bachelor's degree at Ohio University and afterwards his Master's at the University of Texas. He also worked on his PHD at the University of Texas.

Having received her Bachelor's degree Mrs. Anttila taught school for a while and later was awarded her Master's degree at the University of Texas on the History of Education of Guam, Samoa and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Arriving here is also Mr. Leon B. Weiner who was sent by the HiCom-TerPacIs to train the future librarians in Micronesia. He began his mission on the 25th of January this year travelling from Honolulu to Truk. He spent two months at PITTS instruction a class which consisted of candidates from most of the districts in the Trust Territory. Upon completion of his instruction at PITTS he later went to each of the district intermediate schools for practical instructions and general suggestions to help start each library functioning. Eventually he came to Majuro, Marshalls.

Mr. Weiner was awarded his Bachelor's degree at the University of Missouri and his Master's degree at Columbia University, N.Y. where he also spent one year in graduate work at Teachers College.

For the few months in the Micronesian islands he has attained experiences that enable him to recommend that the people of the Trust Territory should use their own best judgement to select the best parts of the American culture which has been introduced to them. He added that the American people have lots to offer but the inhabitants of the Trust Territory must wisely avoid acceptance of bad parts such as drinking, bad influence, un-

## Personal News Con' Here:

necessary demands etc. but take most suitable parts that can be used to enlighten their future.

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### THAT WAS CLOSE

This little incident happened in the country where the editor usually roams.

Dr. John Iamon, driving the ambulance on an emergency call, hit a bump in the road in front of the school office that caused him to lose control of the vehicle and the ambulance gave a jerk off the road and headed toward a coconut tree. However, Dr. Iamon somehow managed to put the vehicle back in normal drive way and in normal control.

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### JOIN THE NAVY AND SEE THE LANDS

Master Mike Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowman, really deserves the consequence of the title: Join the Navy and See the Lands. His little happy family once lived in Oklahoma, U.S.A. and in 1948 they travelled across the Pacific Ocean to station on Kwajalein for duty. Mr. Bowman joined the Marine Corp during the war and fought in the Solomon Islands, and had a chance to pass through the Marshalls. The idea of travelling around the Marshall Islands began in Mike's mind when his father came home from the war and told him his adventures in the Pacific Islands.

While they were on Kwajalein Mike did not get to have a chance to visit the atolls in the Marshalls due to their departure from Kwajalein to Forth Mammoth, New-Jersey. They came to Kwajalein again in February 6, 1951. Mike Mike then had had first opportunity to go to the other island. He went as friend with Miss Pion De Brum and Stephen Capelle on a Marshallese sailing craft to Likiep. He came back to Kwajalein and went on the second trip to Likiep, Jemo, Wotje, Maloelap, and then to Majuro. He visited the the Marshalls Islands Intermediate and Teacher Training School and was interviewed by the editor of this paper. Mike has learned with his Marshallese friends to speak fairly well Marshallese and has been enjoying himself roaming around and seeing the islands.\*

\*He intended to go from Majuro to some other islands and back to Kwajalein. He concluded this story by saying that he would like to stay in the Marshalls for sixteen years.

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### PERSONAL NEWS

Arriving at Majuro are as follows: Dexesia Capelle, Flora Capella, Elon Capelle, Diana Capella, Monica Capelle and Merisa Capelle. These pretty girls travelled from Likiep to Majuro just to Dr. Jaffe.

May we, the people of Majuro, take this opportunity to welcome you and wish you all a very pleasant stay here.

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If you can recognize this—that's good; if you can't— I am sorry. I'm not a good artist.

This is the Majuro beach of a typical tropical scene. Facilities have been provided. You will enjoy swimming and loafing on the beach. Facilities can be used if you have the privilege.

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Spaces will always be provided for any article contributed by anybody who is interested to tell his friends, the public and other people his story through this paper. So may I take this opportunity to remind you all, the readers of this paper to do so.