



PONAPE REPS SET TO ECLIPSE MAJURO STARS

KIDS DEFEAT MARSHALLS TEAM

The Marshall Islands Intermediate School children whipped the Majuro Stars 5 to 3 in a game in which the MIIS Red Sox barely made an effort to win. According to the Majuro OBSERVER, the school kids played a very restrained game in order not to embarrass the Stars on the eve of their anticipated defeat at the hands of the Ponape Reps. Efforts not to win failed, however, and tomorrow the kids are going to give the Stars one more chance to score.

The Ponape Reps have bags packed and are in prime physical condition for the trip aboard the M/V Gunners Knot to Majuro. Departure time is subject to the vagaries of the weather as the GKnot is loading bulk copra this voyage. Kolonia Town Mayor Martin Christian has arranged a nucleus group of well-wishers who will cover the Ponape Reps with flowers and give them a musical sendoff. It is anticipated that hundreds of local citizens will join the aloha group.

A citizens committee is being formed to raise money to cover the expenses of the Ponape team. One member of the committee said only gentle persuasion would be used to gather funds. No marks will be left on bodies, and non-contributors will be given Christian burial.

REGULAR FLT SKED RESUMED

Beginning Monday, May 7, the PAA flights will resume their regular schedule. Flight 400 will depart Guam Mondays for Truk, Ponape and Majuro, Flight 200 will depart Guam Thursdays for Yap and Koror.

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SUKIYAKI DINNER TOMORROW NIGHT

Attired in the colorful dress of Japanese geishas, Kolonial ladies will preside over charcoal hibachis at tomorrow night's Cherry Blossom Sukiyaki dinner at Club Kolonia. Cocktails are at 7:00 o'clock, the dinner will be served at eight.

Carroll-san Blum and his samurais are picking up the tab for the libations tomorrow night. The geishas are Mesdames Kay Ihara, Loretta Murakami, and Marylee Hawley.

Committee members for this Spring party include Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weinrich, Mr. and Mrs. John Barry, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rivard.

Kolonials are encouraged to wear Japanese costumes, but Western garb will be quite acceptable.

LETTERS . . .

To: Editor, PONAPE-PER
Attn: A. Sailor

April 27, 1962

From: Reports Officer

Subject: MICRONESIAN REPORTER re M/V NAREAU

The Editor of the MICRONESIAN REPORTER is a lubber - but it happens she was ketching a vacation at sea during the publication of the January-February issue. (She takes all responsibility for it, however.)

s/ Cynthia R. Olson

MORE NEW BOOKS

The Ponape Book Club has added 12 more new titles to its shelves this week. Among the new acquisitions are The Empty Canvas by Moravia, Carl Sandberg by Harry Golden, Betrayal at the U.N. by Copp and Pack, Black Mother by Davidson, and Shills Can't Cash Chips by A.A. Fair (Erle Stanley Gardner).

Other books include Complete Guide to Gambling by Scarne, Complete Peace Corps Guide by Hoopes, What's Got Your Back Up? by Mauldin, The Voice of Latin America by Benton, The Spanish Civil War by Thomas, Moscow Interlude by Thayer, and Captain Newman, M.D. by Roston.

The Club now has 142 books in circulation with some 29 other titles on order.

COMMENTARY

"He's interested. He actually looks and listens. He goes everywhere. I believe he understands my problems. I'm convinced something is going to happen for the better." These simple remarks, not often heard around Kolonia, were on many lips yesterday as TT Flt 401/02 lifted off the seadrome at exactly noon for Guam. Aboard the plane, smiling and waving to well-wishers on the picket boat, was Mr. Jos. T. Flakne, Special Assistant to the High Commissioner. He was returning to Headquarters to report to Mr. Goding on what he had found in Truk and Ponape.

One thing about Mr. Flakne that amazed everyone was the limitless energy the dynamic Special Assistant displayed during his entire visit. Seemingly never tired, never disinterested, he visited more places and listened to more people's problems than any Ponape visitor of recent years. Within the short week in the district he managed to visit Langer Island with the Westgate Tuna Fishermen's representatives and TT Fisherman Peter Wilson to inspect possible sites for a commercial fishery plant. He climbed Sokehs Mountain. He accompanied Dr. Giro and Mr. Murph Ownbey on a TB survey at Metalanim. The TT Farm Institute was inspected and the entire Metalanim Plantation was walked and studied for possible future use in TT programs. He visited the Metalanim Housing Cooperative and Father Costigan's mission.

He spent a full day with problems relating to education. He spoke at a staff meeting and answered questions about the problems and programs of the Territory. He covered the Ag Station and Cacao Plant. He went through the shipping problems from a detailed tour of the GUNNERS KNOT to a study of lightering cargo, warehousing and issuing of supplies. He studied the Land Title Officer's problems, together with surveying and homesteading. (He had unstinted praise for the 229 quit claim deeds issued by the Land Office in the past year.) He walked all over the Kolonia Town area on at least two occasions. He brought greetings from the High Commissioner to the Eighth Ponape Congress. He inspected equipment of the Public Works Department. (His conclusion was that nearly all of the equipment should be replaced!)

He had time for a cheery greeting for everyone and convinced one and all that an understanding friend is sharing burdens and working toward the same goal as field workers--a better day in Micronesia.

SHIPPING NEWS

Two Japanese tuna boats arrived here this week. The Kubo Maru was towing the Sachi Maru, the latter having a damaged main bearing. The Sachi Maru is at buoy awaiting a replacement bearing which is expected here about May 11 aboard the Kooho Maru out of Japan. M/V Roque arrived from Kapingamarangi with 30 short tons of copra lifted at Oroluk and Kapingamarangi. She will sail Monday evening on the Eastern field trip. M/V Gunners Knot arrived Monday morning and will sail tomorrow or Sunday for Majuro.

IT DOESN'T PAY TO PAY

Recent experiences by two local lads indicate that, to paraphrase that oldie about "candy is dandy but liquor is quicker", for TT travelers a T/A in the hand is better than a wallet full of \$\$\$\$\$\$.

One of our fellow travelers stepped off a plane which had just borne him from the West Coast to Honolulu. Out of the corner of his eye he spotted a MATS counter at the International Airport. He presented his T/A, was politely told to report in the next day, and poof, off he flew to Kwajalein where he connected nicely with our Albatross for Ponape.

Another voyager, because he was traveling on personal business, paid his MATS fare to and from Honolulu. He paid in cash, legal tender, coin of the realm, nice green money. Having left a few things of interest behind him, he wanted to return to the Garden Isle after successfully completing his mission in Hawaii. It was then he learned it doesn't pay to pay.

At Hickam Field he approached a lady of indeterminate vintage and announced that he wished to book return passage to Ponape via Kwajalein. The lady had never heard of the TT, much less Ponape. Finally a glimmer of recognition crossed her face as our traveler mentioned the Department of the Interior. Scribbling something akin to ancient hieroglyphics on a scrap of paper, she directed our lad to Pearl Harbor. There, after revealing all of his secrets in order to get a pass through the gate, he found himself in an office staffed by some 25 males and females in and out of uniform. Some 24 of them were busy smoking, drinking coffee, and discussing, presumably, MATS. One was frenziedly attempting to help a long line of would-be travelers.

Finally our lad reached the counter. Once again he found a fellow human being who had never heard of the Trust Territory. The Department of the Interior was a horse of another color, however. The last Interior passenger they had booked turned out to be a retired personnel officer and everyone in the office got "chewed out" and before our lad could even hope to fly MATS he would have to see the Commanding Officer, who was not in. Our lad said in a voice of calm and great dignity, "In that case I must send a dispatch to the High Commissioner". On his way to the dispensary a few seconds later to get his medical clearance, he hummed softly to himself with calm and great dignity. Members of the medical staff had never heard of Ponape, but one man thought it might be near New Zealand. Our lad's shot card was in perfect order for anything near New Zealand, so all that was left was to confirm booking six hours before departure time and be on call two hours before departure time. Departure time was rather subject to change without notice.

All of which goes to prove that, to paraphrase that oldie about "a bird in the hand is better than two in the bush", for TT travelers money is funny and a T/A is the only way.

Good Luck, PONAPE REPS!

TONIGHT'S MOVIE

PORT AFRIQUE, in technicolor, starring Pier Angeli, Phil Carey, and Dennis Price.

"Sentinel of the Senyavins". Editor: R.J. Umhoefer. Contributing Editors: Diane Sammet, Dan Peacock, Tom Tatekawa. Staff Artists: Ed Iwaniec, Jim Zaiger. Published Weekly in Ponape, E.C.I., Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

TATEKAWA ON THE WEATHER

Following are some statistics for April:

Temperature: Average high	. . . . .	.86.9	
Average low	. . . . .	.74.9	
Mean	. . . . .	.80.9	(+0.4 from normal)
Highest	. . . . .	.90	(on the 24th)
Lowest	. . . . .	.72	(on 16, 22 & 29th)

Precipitation: Total	. . . . .	.11.94	(-8.10 from normal)
Greatest in 24 hours	. . . . .	3.76	(on 14th & 15th)

Other rain recording stations:

Ohwa Mission, Metalanin	. . . . .	.13.61	
Greatest	. . . . .	2.91	(on the 15th)

Catholic Mission, Tamorohi	. . . . .	.13.24	
Greatest	. . . . .	3.84	(15th-16th)

One of the worst days of April started early the morning of the 15th. Over three inches of rain were recorded at the Weather Bureau station. The Inter-tropical Convergence Zone (ITC) contributed to that day for ducks. The ITC is an area where air streams of both hemispheres meet in the equatorial region of low pressures (doldrums), varying in width from 50-400 miles. At its worst, it is an area of solid cumulonimbus clouds (CB) rising to 40,000 feet or more. Cumulonimbus clouds are generally associated with low ceilings and heavy rain.

Our faithful TT aircraft was caught right in the middle of that weather and circled for over an hour before landing. A WELL DONE to Captain Taylor and his crew for bringing us back from the powerful claws of the ITC safely to solid earth.

One of the most beautiful evenings with almost clear skies and a bright moon fell on Saturday night, 21st of April. Boy! what a night for bridge.

Forecast for tomorrow night's monthly club party: Generally calm and clear early part of the evening. Gradually, between the hours of 0000-0300, increasing to heavy stomping and twisting. Visibility lowering due to alcoholic haze. Broken champagne bottles and flying Budweiser cans will prevail around the area of the club. All aircraft are advised to stay clear of this area until 0600. Conditions are expected to improve and return to normal by 0600 with only scattered Bechtel men clinging to bar stools.