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Political Status Delegates Complete Talks, Prepare Reports

Discussions regarding the future political status of Micronesia were held on Saipan during the first week of May, as representatives of the Congress of Micronesia met with a delegation representing the Executive Branch of the US Government.

At the opening meeting on May 4, statements were presented by both delegations which were reported to have differed in important respects. The various views and issues were explored in daily conferences during the remainder of the week. No details of the meetings have been made public, however, both groups said the discussions have increased each delegation's understanding of the various views.

The US Delegation will make its report to Washington. The Micronesian Political Status Delegation will be submitting a report on the discussions, and on its work as a whole, to the

July session of the Congress of Micronesia.

The 10-member Congress of Micronesia delegation was led by Co-Chairmen Senator Lazarus Salii and Representative Ekpap Silk, with Senators Andon Amaraich, Tosiwo Nakayama, Francisco T. Palacios and Bailey Olter; and Representatives John Mangefel, Benjamin T. Manglona, Olter Paul and Roman Tmetuchel, members.

Representing the Executive Branch of the US Government was a seven-member delegation headed by Interior Department Assistant Secretary for Public Land Management Harrison Loesch. Members included Tom Whittington, Interior Department; Claus Ruser, Samuel Peale and Ambassador S. Harry Wright from the State Department and Commander Edwin A. Kuhn and Lt. Col. Thomas Stockton from the Defense Department.

FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS discussions were held in the Congress' Senate Chamber on Capitol Hill, Saipan.



Cadaster Aids Anti-Litter Program

As far as Bart Hyatt is concerned, he's just doing the job right, but to an outside observer, it might appear that he has enrolled the Trust Territory's land cadaster project in Saipan's current clean-up and anti-litter campaign.

Hyatt, a Bureau of Land Management surveyor on loan to the Trust Territory, is in charge of the cadastral surveying now underway in the Marianas. He has his crews making precise field notes on each property corner monument as they set it in place. He plans to have the notes neatly bound into reference books for future surveyors who might need to locate one of the points established. In addition to the bearings recorded referring to the island's survey control system, Hyatt's men also record other references for each corner -- distance and direction from a distinct point such as a fence post, outcropping of rock, and so on. Where no distinctive reference point exists, the crews put a bottle cap with a nail through it into the base of a tree, and the location of that signal is carefully recorded.

But Hyatt's efforts don't stop with the use of old bottle caps. Into each hole which is dug to set a concrete monument, the crews put several old tin cans and at least one beer bottle, broken. Hyatt explains, "Later if anyone moves the monument, we can prove where it should have been by the broken glass which settles deeper into the ground as rain soaks the land." And the concentration of tin cans lets surveyors use an instrument like a mine detector to locate a probable monument location if it should become lost later.

"Only trouble is," he mused, "this country is so full of old tin cans, it might be hard to distinguish the ones we've stashed on purpose."

But with thousands of monuments to set, and with the clean-up campaign under way too, perhaps Saipan's scenic beauty won't be marred much longer by old tin cans -- they'll all be underground, along with the broken beer bottles, helping mark the progress of the land cadaster project.

SURVEY AIDES, Inasio Jiko and Omoha Kiku, working on the land cadaster project in Truk, are shown setting the first village boundary corner, to mark a corner between Iras and Mechitiw Villages on Moen Island. Surveyors also are monumenting private property boundaries in the Truk District.

TT Fisheries Conference in Truk

The Trust Territory Government conference on Marine Resources and Development ended Wednesday, April 29, on Moen Island in the Truk District. The three-day conference was attended by Administration and District officials, including Truk District Administrator Juan Sablan, TT Director of Resources and Development Wyman X. Zachary and Acting Chief Marine Resources Peter Wilson.

Wilson said the immediate problem is to curb the starfish population explosion in the TT and other Pacific areas. He reviewed the activities of the Marine Resources Division during the past year and urged more dry-docking facilities, slipways, boat maintenance and building. Wilson also told the conferees progress has been slow because limited funds have been allocated for the fisheries program for the last fiscal year. He noted that the Palau Marine Biology Laboratory, funded by a private non-profit foundation, has gained a wealth of experience which would open new avenues of marine resources.

Wilson emphasized the need for improved marketing outlets for fish caught by local fishermen. "The problem is not so much on how to catch fish but how to market the catch profitably," he said.

The conference, chaired by Rep. Sasauo Haruo, Congress of Micronesia, also called for assistance from the US and TT Governments. Other things discussed by the conference were training of manpower to man fisheries, fisheries development, conservation, and boat building and repair facilities.

Meanwhile, the conferees were informed by news dispatch from Washington that the US Senate had approved a bill authorizing \$4.5 million for programs to control the threatening "Crown of Thorns" starfish menacing coral reefs in the Pacific. The appropriation bill was welcomed by Hawaii's Senators, Republican Hiram L. Fong and Democrat Daniel K. Inouye, who were among the co-sponsors of the bill. Both said they were pleased with the speedy action by the Senate. The measure now goes to the US House for action.



Yap Outer Island Chiefs and HiCom Meet at Woleai



IN THE FALALOP ISLAND MEN'S HOUSE, HiCom Johnston met with the Council of Yap Outer Island Chiefs.



In an unprecedented visit to the outer islands of Yap District, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, Monday, April 27 stopped at both Uliithi and Woleai Atolls. It was the first time a High Commissioner had visited Woleai, more than 350 miles southeast of Yap proper.

Here, the High Commissioner met with the Yap Council of Outer Island Chiefs who were gathered for their semi-annual conference. Earlier in the day, Johnston spent several hours with faculty and students of the Yap Outer Islands High School on Uliithi, about 120 miles northeast of Yap Proper.

At both atolls, the High Commissioner discussed matters of concern, particularly transportation and communications. He revealed that money will be requested in the budgets of the next five years to provide for a new fieldtrip vessel for each of the territory's six districts.

Yap District Administrator, Leonard Agugui, who was in the HiCom's visiting party, told the outer islanders that the MV Ran Annim soon would be serving Yap District. The government vessel is now in dry dock in Japan. By mid-June it will be chartered by the Western Carolines Trading Co. (WCTC) of Koror.

Agugui explained the Ran Annim has two separate cargo holds which will enable more cargo to be carried and will permit trade goods and copra to be stowed separately. In addition, the increased cargo capacity will make it possible for the Uliithi trips to be combined with the long field trips. This will result in more frequent calls to all atolls and islands beginning this summer.

The Outer Island Chiefs extended their conference an additional day in order to meet with the High Commissioner and his party. The two dozen traditional leaders, who had completed their discussions, said a full report of their week-long conference would be presented to the Yap District Administrator.

The visiting group traveled aboard a chartered US Navy Hu-16 amphibious aircraft. Traveling with the High Commissioner during the all-day trip from Yap Proper through the Outer Islands to Guam, were Yap District Administrator Leonard Agugui, TT Deputy Director of Public Affairs Strik Yoma; Lands and Survey Chief Paul Dennis; Information Chief C.M. Ashman; Yap Congressman John Mangefel, and Yap Chief and Magistrate Andrew Roboman.

THE NAVY PLANE rested on the shore of the lagoon.



HIGH CHIEFS, Roboman, left, and Hathylul at Woleai.



Lands Reform Training in Taiwan

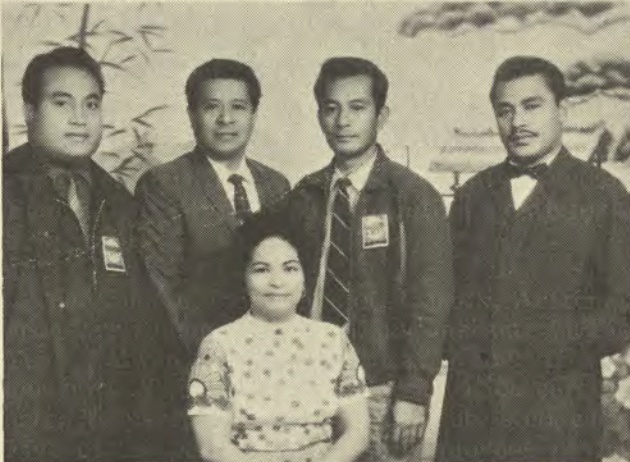
Dr. A.M. Woodruff, Chancellor of the University of Hartford and director of the Lincoln Foundation, stopped on Saipan this month for a brief visit.

The Lincoln Foundation of Phoenix, Arizona, sponsors a land reform training institute in Tao Yuan, Taiwan, Republic of China. Woodruff was enroute to Taiwan to present graduation certificates to participants of the institute's course. Five of the participants are employees of the TT Government Land Office. They include Sabina T. Pangelinan, Saipan; Idesiar Techur and Ichiro Dingelius, Palau; Koradel Ezra, Truk and Kikuo Apis, Ponape.

The institute offers two or three-month courses for people from under-developed countries who are concerned with the management of land resources. Although much of the institute's emphasis has been on the landlord-tenant type of problems, other subjects covered are very relevant to Micronesia's district land departments, such as land administration, classification, registration and surveying.

Woodruff said he makes it a practice to visit the countries which send participants to the institute in order to learn how the institute's programs can be made more effective. During his Saipan visit, he met with Land and Surveys staff members and other government officials.

MICRONESIAN PARTICIPANTS in the 3rd Session of the Land Reform Training Institute are: Mrs. Sabina T. Pangelinan, Marianas, and standing, from left, Kikuo L. Apis, Ponape; Ichiro Dingelius, Palau; Karadel H. Ezra, Truk; and Idesiar Techur, Palau. The group, in a letter to Highlights, asked that public thanks be given to the Republic of China for its generosity and for making it possible for them to attend the seminar in Taiwan.



Seek Solutions to Manpower Shortage

Micronesia will be facing a severe manpower shortage in the next five years and the training and developing of skills to meet this crisis is most urgent if Micronesia wants to join the marching caravan into the modern world. This is the observation of Dr. Henry R. Albers, Professor of Management and Chairman of the Department of Management, University of Nebraska, who was a recent speaker at the TT Headquarters "Perspective Forum" for management trainees.

Albers, projecting manpower development for Micronesia's future, noted that tourism, transportation, business and construction will take up most of the labor force. Other areas facing labor shortage are fishing, agriculture and manufacturing.

He suggested the use of present population as a base to determine development needs; import labor to facilitate this development; train and expand the existing labor forces and utilize foreign capital under "control conditions."

Albers also emphasized the development of a "manageable" tourist industry; concentrate on development of agriculture with greater stress on technology and institute a political system to control the influx of foreign capital.

He said that with these evolutionary developments in the economy, Micronesians will be motivated to pursue other things such as education and achievement in vocational and technical fields.

Funds for Dispensary Construction

The TT Department of Health Services has now obligated \$100,000 to support the construction of 19 community dispensaries throughout Micronesia. The funds are being administered by the TT Community Development Division which is coordinating the construction of dispensaries through its Grant-in-Aid program.

Work is underway for eight dispensaries in Ponape District, eight in the Marshalls District, two in the Marianas District and one in the Truk District.

The dispensaries are being built by the community concerned, using donated local labor and materials where possible. Technical assistance and logistical support are provided by the District Community Development Officers. The District Health Office will staff the dispensaries with health aides and supplies. It is anticipated that during Fiscal Year 1971, an estimated \$245,000 will be available to support the joint dispensary construction program.

Mental Health Programs Begin

Mental illness in Micronesia today is minimal but the TT Government is starting an imaginative program to assist people in crisis. "Up to now, mental health problems were almost unknown in Micronesia," Dr. Gerhart Sommer, Ph. D, Chief of Mental Health Division, Department of Health Services, said. But there is a need to develop psychiatric skill in Micronesia and the process of training mental health counselors is underway.

One new program is a residential agricultural and trade school geared to rehabilitate wayward juveniles. The other is a community service center for clinical assistance. Twenty juveniles-- 10 boys and 10 girls-- have been selected to learn agriculture and useful trades at the Kagman Farm in Saipan. "This program should be starting in the summer. We have funded \$20,000 for the facility and another \$18,000 for staffing and operations," Dr. Sommer said.

"We're using an imaginative approach to the problems of youth in Micronesia," he added, "today's youth are one of the most precious assets and those who fall by the wayside should be given a chance to make it back." Another program is the establishment of a community service center for each district.

"These mental health clinics will be staffed by three counselors in each district," Dr. Sommer said. "They are primarily designed to assist families in crisis." A clinic is slated to open this month in Chalan Kanoa on Saipan. Assisting Dr. Sommer is Anna Cabrera, a community counselor.

The Trust Territory's Mental Health program

has a \$65,000 budget for Fiscal Year 1970. "We're getting mileage out of every dollar we spend," Dr. Sommer said.

What is the most common mental illness in Micronesia? "It's hard to say. There is not much identifiable mental illness in Micronesia, but if you want to pin-point, I'd say it's 'schizophrenia'-- a long-standing illness of thought." Dr. Sommer said other contributing factors are post-natal experience, shock and family crisis.

"We are most concerned with problems of juvenile delinquency. Some young Micronesians are dissatisfied with the cultural pattern of the older generation. The youngsters have no set goals in life," he said.

Dr. Sommer says he wants to see stronger enforcement of liquor laws concerning minors. "In some districts, they need stiffer enforcement. I would like to see the sale of liquor to minors be stopped," he said.

He was a keynote speaker on mental health and drug abuse during the week-long workshop on juvenile delinquency which began Monday, May 11, in Ponape.

The Trust Territory's mental health program will be concentrated on three functions-- working with mentally ill patients in hospitals, assisting juveniles and counseling family crisis. "So far, mentally-ill patients were just custodial in hospitals. We're beginning to work with them," he said.

Dr. Sommer arrived on Saipan in February. He was a consultant at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and a staff member of the Hawaii State Hospital.

REPUBLIC OF NAURU PRESIDENT Hammer De Roburt visited TT Headquarters on Saipan, May 8, enroute to Japan. During his four-day visit he was accompanied by Nauru government officials, Minister Joseph Audoa and Minister Burado Detudamo, and by an advisor, T.A. Adams. Seen leaving the airport after an honor guard welcoming ceremony are from left, Inspector Daniels, secretary Robyn Prince, Deputy High Commissioner and Mrs. Peter T. Coleman, Marianas Dist Ad Francisco C. Ada, President De Roburt and High Commissioner Johnston.



Graduates Told "Micronesia is Yours to Build"

High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston called on the young men and women of Micronesia to help build people who believe in the Micronesia of today and tomorrow. Speaking to graduates of Palau High School in Koror and students of the Yap Outer Islands High School at Ulithi, the HiCom said, "what counts in life, yours and mine, is today and tomorrow... Micronesia stands on the threshold of determining her own future destiny, her own political and economic future... accept the challenge of building Micronesia to its own capacity and greatness."

Because most graduation ceremonies take place in June, the same time that UN Trusteeship Council meetings are being held in New York, Johnston said he usually is unable to participate in these important school events. His remarks to the Palau graduates on Apr. 22, were briefly summarized while speaking to OIHS students at Ulithi on Apr. 27. The following are excerpts from the Palau High School commencement address:

Frankly, I believe far more in discussing and planning for the future than in dwelling in the past. In my opinion, one of the greatest reasons for studying history is to note, briefly, and then avoid, the mistakes of the past.

Your Principal and your District Administrator both have assured me that this is an outstanding class and truly contains many of the future leaders of Palau -- and of Micronesia.

Many of you will further your education at institutions of higher learning in Guam, Hawaii, the mainland United States, or elsewhere. Some, I am sure, will become doctors, lawyers, engineers, or architects. Others will avail themselves of the opportunities afforded in the Trust Territory by attending the Micronesian Occupational Center here in Palau or the Micronesian Teacher Education Center in Ponape. Still others will find employment in government or in private business -- and I hasten to assure you that any of these courses of action, with the right attitudes and sufficient dedication, can lead to success!

You are graduating at a very fascinating time in the history of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands -- a time when, after centuries of rule or guidance by foreign powers, Micronesia stands on the threshold of determining her own future destiny, her own political and economic future!

Truly, Micronesia, in general, and Palau, specifically, are yours to build.

So, perhaps, we might spend a few minutes tonight -- before you get your diplomas and walk, or run, out of here to face this great and fascinating challenge -- to discuss the attitudes



LISTENING INTENTLY, Palau High School graduates and Yap Outer Islands High School students heard

which, in any walk of life, you may pursue and which will make you a successful builder and a credit to your fellow-citizens.

Although I am not one to be constantly critical of my own generation and the one which preceded it, one point might be well to consider. Perhaps too often those of my generation here in Palau have concentrated only on griping and complaining to all who will listen about the mistakes of the past. Too many others back in the United States have wasted equal amounts of time defending, or trying to explain, those mistakes. This gets us nowhere!

The past cannot be reconstructed or re-enacted by magic. What counts in your lives, and in mine, is today and tomorrow, not a distant yesterday. It matters not who destroyed or damaged what 25 years ago. Palau must now be built to its own capacity for greatness. To do this, you must build, not only roads and airfields and harbors and schools and hospitals, but, above all, you must build people who believe in the Palau and the Micronesia of today and tomorrow.

It would be well, also, for you to remember as you go through life that to build you must work with others. In this respect, nothing can be more disastrous than a blanket distrust of anyone who did not graduate from a specific high school, or who was not born on a specific island, or who is in a certain age group, or any other generalized category. People are people the world over -- regardless of race, color or



the HiCom urge, "accept the challenge of building Micronesia to its own capacity and greatness."

creed -- there are bad and good in every area, every generation.

On the other hand, nothing can lead to success like the teamwork of good people going forward together, with mutual trust in each other, toward a common goal. This is certainly my hope for the future of this great area, and I hope it will become yours.

A pitfall you might well avoid as you would the plague, is falling victim to the crippling disease of self-pity. No one in his right mind would say that you, in this graduating class, will step into a life of ease in an affluent society, as some others of your age will be doing in the next few months.

Almost every facet of life in Palau can be vastly improved -- but that is where the challenge is! And whenever you think things are really as bad as they can get in the Palau District, or wherever you may be, you might remember a slogan I first saw in a small country grocery store when I was an impressionable teenager. It has been my motto ever since: "I cried because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet." In times of great stress and strain, I have found it helpful, and I am sure you will also, to remember for just a moment those whose problems are greater than yours.

A few minutes ago, I mentioned the political future of Micronesia and the part you might play in it. This brings us to the subject of government -- a word which is almost profane to some,

but which affects the life of everyone in this room every day of that life. Not all of you will be working directly for the government, but I urge you to participate in your government to as great a degree as possible.

Truly, in Palau, more than in any other district in Micronesia, it is not the government, or their government -- it is your government. With the appointment of Thomas Remengesau as your District Administrator and Haruo Remelik as his Deputy, you become the first district to be led by two of its own native sons. We have great confidence in these two leaders and in your elected legislature. But only with your cooperation and participation can they develop these beautiful islands of the Palau District to their full potential.

Most of you are already old enough to vote, and probably many are already registered. This is one great privilege you should never fail to exercise -- the right to vote in a free election in a free society. And don't let anyone tell you that "a single vote doesn't really mean much." Within the past few weeks here in Palau, two elections have been held. Each was decided by 50 votes or less. Just think what an influence the 135 members of this class can have on such close election!

Yes. As great a truth as you will ever learn is that the government in your area is your government, not someone else's. It will be either good or bad government in direct relation to the frequency and effectiveness of your interest, your participation, and your vote.

A wise old man once said that the mind can assimilate ideas and knowledge only for so long as other parts of the anatomy can sit still -- and I know that all of you are anxious to officially become graduates of the class of 1970.

So, if I may leave you with a parting thought as you go forth to build Palau and Micronesia, may I quote a great American President, outstanding for his courage, dedication and will to succeed. President Theodore Roosevelt, in addressing a group of young people in April 1899, said. "In this life we get nothing save by effort; far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the great twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat."

Be assured that your life will have its ups and its downs, its successes and its failure. But be equally assured, as you leave here tonight, that Palau--Micronesia --the Pacific Area -- even the world -- are yours to build.

I urge you to accept the challenge!

Carolinians Sail Old Route to Saipan

Five Micronesians from Satawal in Yap District reached Saipan Monday afternoon, May 4, concluding a 500-mile voyage in their 26-foot sailing outrigger canoe. The men, dressed in their traditional loin cloths and wearing plumeria mwarmwars, met with High Commissioner Johnston twice during the first week of their Saipan visit.

"We are here to re-open a line of communication between the people of Satawal and the High Commissioner," Repunglug, the spokesman for the group said. "In 1810 our great Chief Aghrub came to Saipan with his people."

Repunglug, speaking through an interpreter, Dr. Benusto Kaipat, told the High Commissioner the people of Satawal wanted to "colonize" an island in the Marianas because their home island was becoming overcrowded. Satawal, some 500 miles east of Yap proper, is populated by 354 people. "We would like permission to colonize an island in the Marianas because the people of Satawal believe Saipan is part of their land," Repunglug said.

The visiting residents of Satawal, in furthering their request to come to the Marianas said, "Our great Chief Aghrub got permission from the Spanish Governor of Guam about 160 years ago to settle in the Marianas." It was explained that the Spanish were said to have left Saipan to increase the population of Guam and when the Satawalese came they found an empty island... therefore the name in their language became "sai" meaning "trip" and "pan" meaning "empty."

Repunglug said the Spanish governor gave his permission to settle in the Marianas after he was given three ropes, three women and two golden cowrie shells. Continuing, he said, "Our great Chief was buried on Managaha Island. We would like to make a pilgrimage to

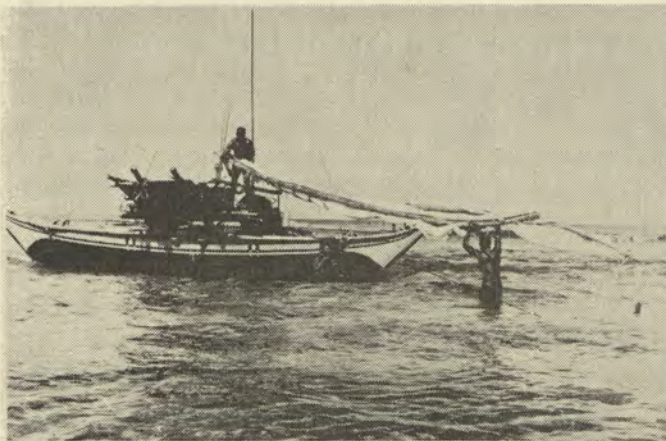
his grave and erect a monument." Managaha is a two-acre uninhabited island close to Saipan's western shore. It is used primarily for recreation. The group of five sailed to the tiny island on one afternoon during their Saipan visit.

Repunglug said the 500-mile voyage to Saipan was made for several reasons including the principal mission of "reopening the line of communication with Saipan like our great Chief did in 1810." Satawalese navigators have felt that it was important to make more trips to maintain their skills. They point out they have relatives on Saipan and that it is cheaper to sail to visit them than to come by commercial ship or plane. The people also wanted to express their concern over the talk about reintegration of Guam and the northern Marianas. They contend Saipan should remain with the Trust Territory. And the men felt the sail would be an adventure.

The five sailors left Satawal on Friday, May 1, arriving at Saipan at 5:30 p.m., Monday, May 4. They did not know the High Commissioner was only 150 miles away from their home island on the Monday of the week of their departure. HiCom Johnston was attending a conference of Yap's Outer Island Chiefs at Woleai, a one-day journey by sailing canoe due east of Satawal.

The voyagers were Repunglug, Repunglap, Iki-lap, Yakin, and Chappemai. They carried with them provisions consisting of taro, breadfruit, coconuts and water in their 500-mile journey across the open sea. Their 26-foot canoe was carved from a giant breadfruit tree which had grown in the yard of the Satawal Elementary School. The sail was fashioned from pandanus leaves. As of May 15th, they were still enjoying the hospitality of Saipan with plans to return home when the combination of weather and sea was favorable.

SETTING SAIL from Satawal, the five Carolinians later met with HiCom Johnston in his Capitol Hill office.



Briefly

Nursing students who are residents of the Trust Territory are now eligible to receive nurse scholarships under a US Department of Health, Education and Welfare grant. The program, authorized by the Health Manpower Act of 1968, has been amended so that these students can receive assistance while attending schools of nursing in the US, or in the Trust Territory.

Scholarships up to \$1,500 a year will assist students with exceptional financial need. Schools participating in the program are responsible for determining the amount of award any student may receive. The Nursing Scholarship Program is administered by the US Bureau of Health Professions Education and Manpower Training National Institute of Health.

Dr. Henaro Sabino from Sonsorol, Palau, a recent graduate from the Univ. of the Philippines with a degree in Doctor of Dental Medicine (DDM) has joined the TT Department of Public Health. Sabino now is working on Saipan with two other dentists--Dr. Manuel Aldan and Dr. John Reyes. Dr. Sabino, now 30, graduated from Xavier High School in Truk in 1960 and shortly after attended the College of Guam where he received his Associate of Arts degree (A.A.).

In 1963 a TT Government scholarship enabled him to enroll in the school of dentistry at the Univ. of the Philippines where he spent seven years. Sabino is married and has three year old daughter.

A five-member Marianas District Economic Development Board has been established by District Administrator Francisco C. Ada. This is keeping in line with the provisions of PL. 3C-50 which calls for the establishment of economic boards in the six Districts of the TT. Members of the Marianas board are: Representative to the Congress of Micronesia Nicolas T. Palacios; Marianas District Legislator Juan L.G. Cabrera; Saipan Municipal Councilman Joaquin I. Pangelinan; District Economic Development Officer David Q. Maratita and TT General Attorney Edward G. Pangelinan. The board will review business permits for non-Micronesian and make recommendations to the High Commissioner.

Air Pacific, a new TT firm, is operating three-times weekly flights in the Marianas. The company, using a seven-passenger Navaho twin-engine plane, is servicing Guam and the Marianas on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Special charter flights also are available to other districts in Micronesia. The pilot is Captain Rusty Hansen formerly of Hawaii. The aircraft has a five-hour flying capacity.

A \$200,000 legal service program for the TT to be funded by the US Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) has been approved by the Administration and sanctioned by the Department of the Interior.

The TT Community Development Division said the program will provide legal assistance and advice to Micronesians in all districts. It is expected to start in June. The TT Government now is in the process of granting a charter to this legal service program called the Micronesia Legal Service Corporation, a non-profit organization for the benefit of TT Citizens.

Dr. Monroe Price of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) is due to arrive on Saipan in mid-May to consult with officials on the implementation of the program. As part of the program, seven lawyers will soon be assigned to the TT,

Lipton Tea Company officials have announced that the following packaged Lipton soups may contain bacteria identified as "salmonella." They are Alphabet Vegetable, Turkey Noodle, Beef Noodle, Chicken Vegetable and Ringo Noodle. The company, in removing these from stock, has given instructions turn-in for credit all possibly contaminated stocks.

A group of six Micronesian citizens have returned from Washington where they met with US Government officials in an effort to seek increased war claims payments. Ten million dollars has been the figure on which the US and Japan governments have agreed for war damage payments and an additional amount has been claimed for post-secure damage. The post-secure claims have been processed by the TT Government and have already been forwarded to Washington. The Micronesian group declined to comment on the amount it is seeking, but a spokesman mentioned that in addition to the ten million in war damage, that at least an additional 25 million is sought for post-secure claims already submitted by individuals, plus an unspecified additional amount.

Two TT Public Health officials recently returned to Saipan after attending a three-week Comprehensive Health Planning meeting at the University of California at Berkeley. They are Dr. Masao Kumangai, Deputy Director, Health Services Department and Chuji Chutaro, administrator, Health Programs. The meeting, attended by some 50 delegates, covered programs specifically tailored to reach the health needs of the people living in areas such as Micronesia.

Navy Band Joins in Celebrating Tinian's Annual Fiesta



GIVING THE DOWNBEAT for a stirring march.

For several young boys on Tinian, Sunday, May 3, will always be remembered as the day they played in a US Navy Band.

With the skilled hands of the bandleader, Senior Chief Musician Robert M. Wells, and the drummer, Musician Third Class Bill Berg, guiding them, the boys led and played with the Commander Naval Forces Marianas Band at the first of two concerts presented to the people attending Tinian's annual fiesta.

The Tinian fiesta, held in honor of the island's patron saint, St. Joseph, is a gala event which regularly attracts hundreds of visitors from Saipan, Rota and even Guam. The band had been invited by Tinian's Mayor Jose R. Cruz in a letter to Rear Admiral Paul E. Pugh, Commander Naval Forces Marianas.

MAYOR CRUZ and LCDR Kieth Schacher with gifts.



SMALL HANDS beating out a big roll on the drums.

A shipment of sports equipment, school supplies and assorted hand tools accompanied the band on their flight from Guam. These gifts were presented to the Mayor for use by the local school and people of the community. The donation was part of a community relations program in the Trust Territory being administered by the ComNav Marianas Public Affairs Office and funded by the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific fleet.

As part of the celebration, the band members and the crew of the Air Force C-97 aircraft, which provided transportation to the island, were treated to a large fiesta lunch and given a guided tour of the island by Mayor Cruz.

US Navy Photographs are by JO3 Robert Mercer and PH3 R. A. Liddell.

THE FAMOUS Tinian Fiesta Sunday Potluck Lunch.



Congress Shipping Committee Ends Tour

The Congress of Micronesia's Joint Committee on Shipping last week concluded two months of public hearings into problems affecting sea transportation in Micronesia. For the next two weeks it will meet in closed door executive sessions to prepare its report to the Congress in July.

The group was headed by Marianas Senator Francisco T. Palacios on the eastern Micronesia leg of its tour and Palau's Representative Polycarp Basilius on its western leg. The committee was established last July by the Congress of Micronesia after numerous complaints about shipping operations were received by the Congress.

From the Marshalls to Palau, the problems cited by Government officials and private groups and individuals were similar in many cases. Principal complaints involved Micronesia Inter-ocean Line (MILI) and include undependable shipping schedules, cargo damage, delayed trips, and high tariff rates.

The people of Palau through their Legislature requested the Committee to seek termination of MILI's 10-year contract. Guam's firms who do business with Micronesia suggested that some of the shipping problems in Micronesia may be solved if MILI had a competitor in running shipping lines in Micronesia.

The Committee also probed into field trip operations to outer islands of Micronesia. Field trips are handled by small ships on lease from the government to Micronesian businessmen. Outer islanders residing in district centers complained about inadequate and infrequent trips, small cargo and passenger spaces and poor service on vessels.

"No doubt, sea transportation is at the root of the development of Micronesia. The economic development of our islands depends on its improvement," Co-chairman Basilius said.

Basilius added that in its report, the Committee will recommend ways of improving sea transportation. It will be up to the Congress to adopt and forward them to the High Commissioner for implementation. The recommendations, according to Basilius, will be as objective as possible, taking into consideration the people's complaints and MILI's efforts to meet them.

Besides Co-Chairman Palacios and Basilius, the Committee included Senators Tosiwo Nakayama (Truk) and Isaac Lanwi (Marshalls) and Representatives Henrich Iriarte (Ponape) and John Rugulimar (Yap). The Committee was assisted by Alvin Hansen, shipping Specialist from "PLAN" a Castle and Cooke affiliate of San Francisco.



THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SHIPPING COMMITTEE, while on Guam, visited Governor Carlos Camacho who promised "to help Micronesia in any way we can." Sitting from left to right: Co-chairman Basilius, Governor Camacho, Senators Nakayama and Lanwi. Standing from left to right: F.T. Uludong, Administrative Assistant; Representatives Rugulimar and Iriarte; Sailas Henry, interpreter to Iriarte; Paul Hayes, PCV, legal advisor; Alvin Hansen, consultant. Missing from photo are Co-chairman Palacios and secretary Miriam Dunaway.

FOUR MICRONESIANS arrived in Des Moines, Iowa, on the coldest day in that city's history. Attending a three-month adult education training session at Des Moines Area Community College are, from left, Santiago Joab, Ponape; Louis Pitmag, Yap; Ganzalo Santos, Marianas, and Rerat Robert from Truk.



Another River Spanned by Ponape Transportation Board

The Ponape Transportation Board, last September completed its 32nd bridge and the first project in which the PTB used steel beams. Most of the previous bridge beams were constructed of re-forced concrete.

The Lehdau I Bridge, located in the Madolenihmw Municipality that bore its name, once was part of a network of wooden bridges built during the Japanese Administration. However, after 25 years, the bridge needed complete reconstruction.

The span of Lehdau I is 60 feet. The width between the Japanese-built headwalls is 10 feet. Three steel beams were used to span the river and across these beams a seven inch concrete deck was poured.

Paulino Iriarte served as general superintendent of the project and Peace Corps Volunteer John Dennerlein was the project's resident engineer. The fabricating of the beams was performed by a Ponapean who had learned his skill from the US Navy.

Most of the construction work was performed by a group of 30 men who shared in hand-carrying 10 cubic yards of sand in copra sacks for a



LEHDAU I BRIDGE serves pedestrians and vehicles.


distance of a half-mile. They also collected 15 cubic yards of gravel from the river bed and carried out the moving of beams and the related construction tasks. The total cost of the bridge amounted to \$3,135 of which \$2,055 paid for the cost of labor.

ROLLING THE BEAMS down the road and across river.



FIFTY CUBIC YARDS OF ROCK used in the approaches.





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