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## State of the Territory Message---

# High Commissioner Praises R&D Progress

High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, in his State of the Territory message Monday before the Fourth Regular Session of the Congress of Micronesia, said he was pleased that substantial progress has been made in the Resources and Development programs during the past year.

The High Commissioner called for the continuing "spirit of cooperation" throughout the governmental structure to move forward with maximum effectiveness toward Micronesia's progress.

He said: "The resources and development programs today have taken root, and I am pleased to report that substantial progress has been made during the year.

"The Trust Territory has marked a new record in export income. Commodity exports, mainly copra, fish, meat and handicrafts, reached \$4.1 million. With the addition of nearly \$1 million from the "invisible" export of tourism, the Territory's total export income for the year topped \$5 million, as compared to \$2.8 million the previous year.

"While the Territory's import-export ratio still stands at 4 to 1, continuous effort is being made to balance the economy by stimulating the cultivation of local products.

"In encouraging the growth of our economy, our Economic Development Loan Fund has been exhausted. We have been attempting to replenish the fund with an additional \$5 million from the United States Congress. Recent communiques from Washington indicate that \$1 million may be forthcoming. With the \$600,000 EDLF appropriation sought in regular funding for 1972 at the request of the Congress of Micronesia, we can anticipate a total of



SAIPAN VISITOR-- Mrs. Elizabeth P. Farrington, Director of the Office of Territories, Department of Interior, is greeted on arrival on Saipan Monday (Jan. 11) by High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston (left) and Wyman X. Zachary, Director, Department of Resources and Development. She was guest of honor at dinners hosted by the High Commissioner; Deputy High Commissioner Peter T. Coleman, and Mr. Zachary during her three-day visit. (R & D PHOTO)

\$1.6 million in Economic Development Loan funds.

"The opening of the Continental Hotel in Truk was held in November, and Palau's Continental Hotel is slated to open early next year.

"Another important accomplishment was the transfer of government-operated enterprises to Micronesians. The management of the Rai View Inn in Yap and the Royal Palauan Hotel has been shifted, and the Kaselehli Inn in Ponape is in the process of being turned over to private individuals.

"Teamwork between the Trust Territory and Guam to promote tourism is most noteworthy. As Micronesia becomes a definite tourist destination in the Western Pacific, development of

tourism has been given our utmost effort.

"1970 was our first year in implementing the Foreign Investment Act, and we have been somewhat successful. However, more education of district personnel is needed in the procedural, and other requirements of the Act. It is important that paper work be minimized so as not to discourage potential investors in ventures which would contribute to our economy.

"Before leaving the subject of economic development of Micronesia, I would like to comment on the unfortunate remarks which have been made by some non-Micronesians to the effect that certain types of work available in Micronesia are somehow unimportant, or even

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# PATA Meeting Set In Manila

A seven-member TT delegation will be participating in the 20th Annual Pacific Area Travel Association (PATA) Conference in Manila Jan. 25-29.

The delegation also will attend the 11th Annual PATA Workshop in Baguio, North of Manila, Jan. 21-22.

Heading the Trust Territory delegation will be Department of Resources and Development Director Wyman X. Zachary.

Other members include Frank Diaz, Chairman, Marianas Tourist Commission; Pete Igitol and Juan Sanchez, Marianas Tourist Commission members; Salvator Ongrung, Palau District Economic Development Officer; Ronald Sakuma, Palau Tourist Commission member and Peter Wilson.

Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos is slated to greet the PATA Delegates meeting at Manila's new Cultural Center off Roxas Boulevard on Manila Bay. Business meetings will be held in the Manila Inter-Continental Hotel.

More than 800 delegates representing 32 governments will take part in the annual conference and workshop.

The Trust Territory is hosting a hospital-ity room at the Manila Inter-Continental where handicrafts and photographs of Micronesia will be displayed.

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## New Publication

A new publication relating to land and ecology in Micronesia is currently on sale.

The 119-page publication, "Land in Micronesia and its Resources: An annotated Bibliography (1970)" was compiled by Edwin Bryan Jr. of the Pacific Information Center, Bishop Museum, Honolulu.

It was produced under contract for the Division of Lands and Surveys, Department of Resources and Development.

The book is available from the Printing and Publications Division, Trust Territory Government. The price is \$4.50 per copy plus postage.

Only a limited number of copies are available. Checks must be made payable to the "Treasurer, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands."

## Palau Featured

Palau's picturesque world of undersea coral glades was featured in the Nov. 23 issue of Life Magazine.

Photographed by Stan Wayman, the seven-page coverage includes striking color photos of the famed Palau Rock Islands, the pesky Crown of Thorns starfish and marine life.

## Stone Money Reporter

The Yap District Office of Economic Development now has a monthly publication "The Stone Money Reporter".

The five-page mimeographed news sheet, edited by Vernon C. Bottenfield, is aimed to inform the public on Yap's economic development programs.

Contributing editors are Kuniwo Nakamura and Wally Kluver.

## Down Payment

The first down payment of \$3,000 for a \$15,000 Hawaiian style inshore fishing sampan was made recently in Koror by Ngaremlengui village fishermen.

The Ngaremlengui fisheries project started by the Palau Community Action Agency and the Department of Resources and Development Marine Resources Division is proving very successful.

Using the proto-type Hawaiian sampan, the fishermen come in every other day to the Palau Fishermen's Cooperative with a full catch of reef fish.

Income derived from the sales of the catch, which totalled \$15,000 in the first six months, has been used to pay all fishing expenses and the fishermen on a share basis.

Some 35 percent of the net income is also being deducted to pay for the new 38-foot sampan which is now being built at the Palau Shipyard under the direction of boat-building supervisor Hisao Murakami.

Through this project, the Trust Territory Government has assisted a group of fishermen to use their skills and know-how by providing them with a vessel, and the Ngaremlengui fishermen have been able to accumulate enough money to pay for a vessel of their own.

## Charter Granted

A cooperative charter was granted by High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston on Dec. 15 to the Ebeye Terminal Cooperative.

Heading the newly-formed cooperative is James Milne. Other officers are Fred C. Naruhn, vice president and Stephen Miller, secretary-treasurer.

The cooperative is an association of importers doing business on Ebeye. They intended to operate a terminal warehouse and to conduct stevedoring and cargo-handling operations.

Mort Colodny, manager of the Ebeye Cooperative Association provided the leadership for the formation of the organization. Charles Sicard is TT Cooperative/Credit Union advisor.

This brings the total number of chartered cooperatives to 36 in the Trust Territory.



R&D CHRISTMAS PARTY---Everyone had a wonderful time. The food was plentiful and the drinks overflowed. At least Isamu, Bill, Gabriel and Tony thought so. (More pictures on Page 3).

# Christmas Party Glimpses



Tina, Isamu, dig delicious food



Tina serves the Zacharys her special punch



Lands & Surveys personnel crowd party table



Ignacia and Ana sampling R&D's special punchy punch.

Bill (right) fills his cup with holiday cheer. ➡



(R&D PHOTOS)

# High Commissioner

degrading. Such is certainly not the case.

"Many years ago, Benjamin Franklin in his Poor Richard's Almanac said: A plowman on his legs is higher than a gentleman on his knees." Some years later, early in the twentieth century, Theodore Roosevelt, one of America's most dynamic Presidents, spoke as follows:

"No man needs sympathy because he has to work. Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." And even more recently, in October, 1970, the native-born Guamanian who became the first elected Governor of the Territory of Guam, The Honorable Carlos G. Camacho, had this to say regarding the dignity of work:

"In every kind of work, there is dignity if done in a proper manner. Every type of occupation which contributes to the welfare and the betterment of the community deserves our full respect. No matter what kind of job you do -- whether you do it with your hands, your feet, or with your brains -- you are contributing to the good of mankind. After all, we have to labor to make a living, and making a living through honest work is admired by all."

"Throughout the world today, many of our most successful leaders in business and government have started at the bottom in seemingly menial tasks, an experience which all of them feel has been helpful to them in later years. In fact, many of you may have read recently the story of a man who started as a hotel bell boy and who now not only directs a major hotel chain, but has been chosen to serve as President of America's largest airline. Surely, if we are to

build Micronesia, we must be willing to work to accomplish our goals, and we must be proud of whatever work we perform.

"In my opening remarks to the last regular session of the Third Congress of Micronesia, we were able to report that some certificates of title to land in the Trust Territory at long last had been issued. Considerable progress has been made in the ensuing months, and by the end of September, 1970, we had issued 658 preliminary titles, 262 final titles, and had held preliminary inquiries for more than 1,200 parcels of land.

"During the past two years, due to excellent cooperation by the Departments of Interior and Defense, much "military retention land" has been released to the Trust Territory Government. Where military retention areas still exist (only in the Marshalls and Marianas Districts) we will continue to pursue the firm policy established during this administration of calling for the military to put these areas to active use or return them to the Trust Territory for future Micronesian development."

## Tsutsumi Joins R&D

Harry S. Tsutsumi, formerly of Honolulu, has been employed by the Department of Resources and Development as Poultry Management Specialist.

He is assigned to the Agriculture Division for a six-month period.

Tsutsumi, 55, will provide technical assistance and direction in the field of commercial egg and meat poultry production on a TT-wide basis.

# Economic Development Conference

The first Trust Territory Economic Development Conference is slated to be held Feb. 9-13 in Saipan.

Department of Resources and Development Director Wyman X. Zachary said the theme of the five-day meeting will be emphasizing the "New Unity of Purpose" in economic development throughout Micronesia.

Attending will be district and headquarters staff members, including chairmen of Economic Development Boards.

Speakers will include top-ranking government officials and local businessmen.

Conference coordinators are Pedro Dela Cruz, Manny Sablan and Otoichi Besebes.

Participants will be:

Headquarters--Wyman X. Zachary, Eusebio Rechucher, Elizabeth Udui, William Stewart, Larry Sakamoto, Charles Sicard, Hiromi Rdiall, Otoichi Besebes and Haruo Esang.

Marianas--Pedro Dela Cruz, David Maratita, Raymond Hubert, Mike Ferguson and Robert Slocum.

Yap--Kuniwo Nakamura and Vernon Bottenfield.

Palau--Salvator Ongnung, Isidoro Rudimch, Ronald Sakuma and Steele Holman.

Truk--Kisande Sos.

Marshalls--Zebedy Tarkwon and Jonathan Mote.

Ponape--Kasiano Joseph and William Bates.

The Economic Development Conference follows the Trust Territory Lands and Surveys Conference held in November.

## Air Mike Cuts Johnston Flight

Continental-Air Micronesia has announced that commercial flight service at Johnston has been terminated, effective Jan. 15.

The airline also said that its Nauru service will no longer be continued.



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