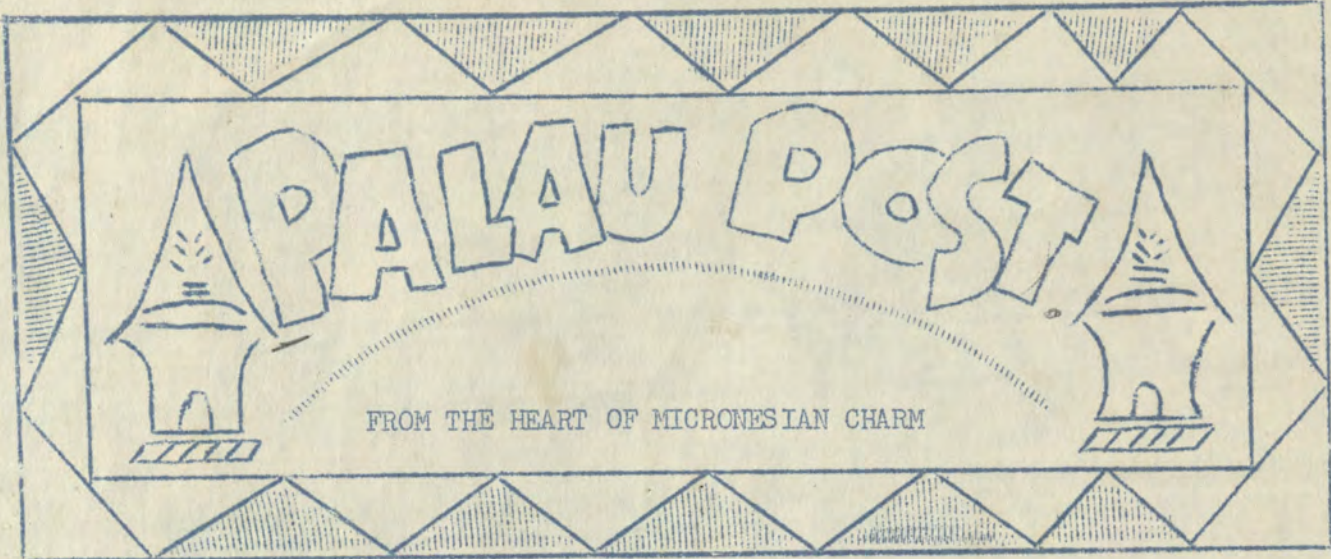


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2ND STEP

NEW PLANS FOR KOROR

Hawaii Architects & Engineers presented their second submission on Palau planning to the Koror Planning Commission on Tuesday, November 28. Commission members will tell HA&E representatives what changes, if any, they want in the plans at a meeting December 1. Here is a summary of HA&E's proposals:

New Reef Road

Construction of a primary waterfront road from the ferry landing to the Malakal causeway, with exits to the major centers of Koror. The existing main road, repaired, would be a secondary road. Underground power and sewerage facilities would be constructed concurrently with the reef road.

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Population Center

Development of Airai as a "suburb" of Koror, to relieve overcrowding of the District Center. Construction of a power plant on Airai, and improvement of

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SCHOOL SITE STARTS SQUABBLE

Announcement of the future location of Koror Elementary School - to be south of the hospital - brought objections from members of the Koror Planning Commission, which acts as a "sounding board" for proposals by HA&E. The Planning Commission had wanted the school to be in the Education Center, in the area with the high school and vocational school.

"You seem to think the Planning Commission is like a flower on the table," Baules Sechelongs said to HA&E.

Bill Isley, resident manager for the planners, said he had taken the suggested change in site for the school to Saipan but it had been vetoed there by the High Commissioner. Grounds for rejection were that the T/T had spent \$70,000 already surveying the area behind the hospital. Headquarters refused to consider the suggested change, saying it was submitted too late.

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The location of the elementary school behind the hospital was a decision made by the Distad after Typhoon Sally hit Koror last March. The Office of Emergency Planning allotted funds for re-building the school anywhere that local people and the TT suggested. The site chosen was the hospital area. Funds for the building were awarded by OEP, with the stipulation that the school must be begun within a year after the typhoon. Land Management says an extension of two months has been granted.

According to Isley, it was not made clear to him that the future location of the elementary school could not be changed. Therefore, when the Koror Planning Commission said they were in favor of a different location, he thought it very possible that Saipan would approve the change, rather than veto it.

Assistant District Administrator Tom Remengesau pointed out that the whole question of OEP emergency relief funds and the decision about the elementary school was made prior to the formation of the Koror Planning Commission, and even to HA&E's entry into master planning.

Isley said that if the Commission members say they want another location for the school rather than in the hospital area, the OEP funds will be lost and Koror might have to wait at least two years for new funds to be appropriated. In addition, he said that from his viewpoint as a planner, there is nothing wrong with the hospital area - that there would be adequate space between the hospital and the school, and that the same road would not be used frequently by patients and the school children.

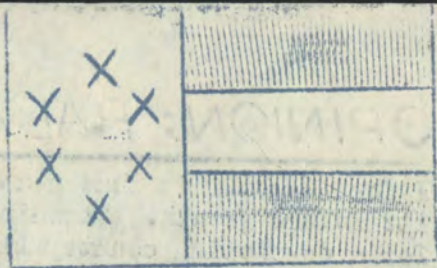
NGARKE SOWA OLI WATER

A 1,500-foot water line is now in operation in Ngarke-sowaol Hamlet. It provides running water to 16 families who had been relying on rainwater in cachelments.

Local residents put in the galvanized water line, with technical assistance from the government. Hamlet residents also contributed \$200 towards the \$1,417.67 total cost of the line. Most of the money for the line was obtained through a grant-in-aid requested last May, and approved in June.

The line, which took five weeks to install, runs from the main line to the abai in Ngerkesowaol. One faucet is at the end of the line; as families are able, they can "tie into" the line with faucets.

Approval on two other projects is expected soon. One is a water tank for Kayangel; the other is new funds for repair work on the docks at Ngarenlengui. Earlier repairs were destroyed by Typhoon Emma.



**AIRSTRIP:
CAN IT
TAKE JETS?**

Continental Airlines, new winners of the 5-year air-line contract for the TT, is sending a 6-man inspection team to Palau-probably shortly after Christmas.

Officially, the team will conduct an "operational and organizational" inspection of facilities & procedures in each district. Presumably, they will inspect Goding Field in Airai will respect to possible use by Continental's 727 jets. Continental's proposal stipulated that airstrips would have to be made useable by the TT for jets. Jets are scheduled to fly to Majuro, Saipan, and Koror beginning April 1, 1968.

Continental's team has asked to charter an SA-16 to come to each district. They estimate the review of facilities will take a day in each district.

Red Sortore, Public Works, says there is \$1,033,000 programmed for 1973 for re-surfacing, lights, terminal construction, and navigational aids for Koror.

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OPINION: PALAUAN SUPPORTS PLAN

I for one believe that what our district needs most is a good master plan for its future growth. Planning for the present and the future is very important for a developing country like ours. But in our case, where land means life itself, it becomes a "must" that master planning begin now. For some of us, the importance of master planning might be hard to visualize and appreciate. But if development and modernization are our goals, then we have to face the reality. Modernity is the result of planning; without planning, confusion and chaos will reign. Traffic congestion is a headache to the Mayor and the people of Honolulu because of poor planning in the past.

It is most likely that many families will be affected by the master planning. However, they will have to bear the burden of relocation and rebuilding if Palau wants a bright future for its children. If we pass down today's burden to tomorrow's sons and daughters of Palau, the burden will be much heavier for them to shoulder. It is our responsibility to make the future bright for our grandchildren.

The Palauan customs will definitely come [be] in the way, but we must not let them hinder the master planning. Individuals will resent the master planning but, follow Palauans, we can no longer postpone it. Let us help the Hawaii Architects and Engineers and our government to master-plan our Palau.

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East-West Center
Honolulu

HA&E PLANS (con't.)

transportation between Airai and Koror. "Phase-out" Agriculture Station in Koror and re-establish in Airai.

Reef Airport

Construction of a 10,000 foot international airport near the barrier reef off southern Babelthaup, with both land and sea routes into Koror.

Industrial Area

Locate and concentrate industrial development on Malakal; re-locate Public Works & Supply on Malakal; move Malakal road further inland.

Commercial Area

Allow T-Dock to become regional commercial center and farmer's market.

Civic Center

To be in area now including Administration Bldg., Asahi Field, Legislature Bldg., museum, and constabulary. The site would be extended from the main road south to the Entomology Station, bounded by existing roads to the west, east, and south.

To include Town Hall area (Administration Bldg., political, economic, and community development offices, Municipal Council and courts, and police department), and other facilities (Legislature, museum, abai, bank, Entomology lab, post office, playgrounds, and botanical gardens.

Residential Areas

High density population areas: W. Koror, Medalai, and Ngerbeched.

Education Center

Palau High School & TT Vocational School, to be between present Ag. Station and high school, on north side of the road. Harris Elementary could be extended to the sea, and Koror Elementary would be on site south of the hospital.

Arakebesan

Establishment of new Marine Biology lab on old Japanese seaplane base; establish commercial marine facilities and public boat launch.

Hotels & Parks

Primary location of hotel commercial complex to be on M-Dock. Development of Rock Islands & Ngurukuid for recreational purposes and for wildlife.

FINES FOR ILLEGAL BUILDING IN KOROR

Fines up to \$50 will be issued to persons who disregard regulations for building applications and permits, Land Management Realty Office Steve Lewis (PCV) said this week.

"We've had a big increase in the amount of illegal construction in Koror, so we're fining people from now on," Lewis said. "People don't know the procedure for applying for permits and sometimes those who do know the laws don't follow them."

The fine for illegal construction will vary from \$5 to \$50 each day until construction is approved.

Lewis outlined the procedure for permission to build on either private or public land.

First: a person gets an "Application for Building Permit" from the municipal office. It must be filled out and taken to the Land Management Office.

"Filing this application does not mean that construction may begin," Lewis said. "Unfortunately, many people seem to think this application is the permit itself. It is not."

After the application is filed, it goes to the Public Administrator and then

FINAL VOTES TALLIED

The Liberal Party victory in the recent Palau Legislature elections was not changed by the unofficial returns just in from the islands of Tobi and Sonsorol.

The Progressive Party won the Southwest Island elections, but the results throughout the rest of Palau gave the Liberal Party candidates all five at-large seats in the Legislature.

	<u>Party</u>	<u>Tobi</u>	<u>Sonsorol</u>	
Masao Kumangai.....	(P)	39	27	66 TOTAL
Thomas Remongesau....	(P)	33	21	54
George Ngirarsaol....	(P)	36	16	52
Moses Mokoll.....	(P)	36	11	47
Tadao Ngotel.....	(P)	32	5	37
Minoru Ueki.....	(L)	7	18	25
Haruo Remeliik.....	(L)	7	12	19
Baules Sechelong.....	(L)	2	10	12
Augusto Uchel.....	(I)	3	8	11
Tarkong Pedro.....	(L)	3	6	9
Umetaro Ngiramengier.(I)....		1	2	3

Municipal Congressmen

Tobi - Kalisto Moanos..... 5
Kiyoshi Pables.....36

Sonsorol - Huan De Dies Kintaro.....27

to the Distad for approval. Then the building permit is issued by the Municipal Clerk.

Lewis said this procedure should take about two weeks. "We're revising the filing process but in the meantime we're going to prosecute persons who side-step the law. After all, the construction applications and permits are in the best interests of the people -- to make sure that buildings which are built are satisfactory and won't have to be re-located or destroyed as Koror grows."

STUDENTS TESTED

Students in the 9th - 12th grades have been taking standardized tests during the last two weeks to determine individual and territory-wide education levels. 12th graders and applicants for scholarships had the Step tests in science, math, social studies, reading and writing, plus English language proficiency test. Other students took the California and Michigan Achievement tests, aural tests, and the Stop test.

FISHERIES GET PEACE CORPS HELP

The first Peace Corps fisheries program, held in Palau, has ended, and the new Volunteers are en route to their districts. In Palau, Judge Francisco Morei, vice president of the Fisherman's Co-Op, said, "The Co-Op has a lot of problems here but with Peace Corps help we think we can eliminate some of them."

Six of the 12 trainees in fisheries will stay in Palau. They are: Pat Bryan; Eugene Helfman, Dave Hodges, Dave Imes (who wife, Janice, will teach English), Dan Leary (who wife, Barbara, will also teach English), and Martin Scott Smouse.

According to Judge Morei, one of the married couples will be stationed in Ollei, another new Volunteer will be responsible for Peliliu and Angaur, and the rest will stay in Koror. All Palau fishery Volunteers will work out of a rebuilt office on Malakal Dock, along with Don Bourne P/C fisheries training director, and Pete Wilson. Dave Hodges, one of the new Volunteers, will spend part of his time collecting and distributing scientific information and other data within Palau and to other districts.

The fisheries Volunteers in all four districts are expected to help local "co-ops" make more money, as one of their primary aims. Judge Morei reported that in Palau the new Volunteers are expected to assist in a survey of the number of crocodiles; after the number and general location of the crocodiles is determined, a team of exterminators will come to Palau to kill the crocs. The Judge also said that Palau Volunteers, working with local fisherman, are considering starting a "branch" co-op near the center of the business area in Koror. This would make it easier for people to buy and sell fish.

"The trainees are very enthusiastic about this program," Don Bourne said last week. "This is evident because the training was supposed to end earlier than Nov. 30, but the group voted to extend it until that date."

This additional time has been used primarily for studying Morse Code, in preparation for tests for ham radio operators; the trainees and staff are establishing a "ham" radio network between districts to aid them in communication.

As part of their program, trainees made a detailed study of Palau fisheries, including two weeks of 24-hour a day 'watches' on the dock, keeping records of fish catches by species. Trainees also surveyed fish marketing in Koror, and made field trips to Kayangel, Peleliu, Ngaremlengui, and Ngchesar.

AIRSTRIP

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It is doubtful that these funds can be used prior to fiscal 1973 for repair of Goding Field. It is unknown whether the money could be used for construction of a new airport and terminal, such as the reef airport suggested by HA&E.

According to Sartore, Goding Field's 6,000 foot long airstrip might have to be resurfaced before jets can land because the field is of coral material that might blow into engines and is unsuitable in other ways for jets. Sartore said a resurfacing of oil might be used as a stop-gap measure to allow temporary use of the strip.

According to Hawaii Architects, the present airstrip is 1,000 feet short of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) minimum standards for landing of jet planes. The architects also say that the mountain in Airai presents a barrier to the landing of jets. If the present strip were used, the mountain top would have to be "cropped off" so jets could descend and the strip would need to be lengthened.

Beginning Dec. 11, the inspection team will travel to Guam, Truk, Ponape, Majuro, Yap, Koror, Bata, and Saipan.

THE WORLD

UNITED STATES:

Defense Secretary Robert McNamara is resigning to become president of the World Bank. White House officials say that McNamara is not leaving because of policy disagreements with President Johnson. It is not known when he will make the change.

UNITED STATES:

The government has offered to cut spending by four thousand million dollars in an attempt to get Congress to approve a tax increase this year.

UNITED STATES:

Two Republicans, Harold Stassen and George Romney, have announced they will be candidates for President of the U.S. next year. One Democrat, Eugene McCarthy, has revealed he will run for the office.

SOUTH ARABIA:

South Arabia recently became independent, after 128 years of British control. South Arabia is now the independent Peoples Republic of Southern Yemen. The country is in the middle east.

U.S.S.R.:

The Communists now have their own Peace Corps, the International Youth Service of Solidarity and Friendship. 1,000 volunteers have been sent to 12 countries, some of which have U.S. Peace Corpsmen.

THE PACIFIC

TT News:

Some shipments of M & M plain and peanut candy sent to Truk and Ponape have been found to contain salmonella, a bacteria which causes food poisoning.

Ponape:

A Jesuit priest, Father Miginio Berganza, S.J., recently celebrated his 60th anniversary as a Jesuit. He has spent 36 years in Ponape.

Australia:

Australia's first satellite has been launched and is sending back information on space radiation.

HOTEL HOSTS MOVIE STAFF

Fourteen of the 16 rooms at the Royal Palauan Hotel are "booked solid" from December 11 to the end of March by members of the Marvin/Anderson movie crew. Other arrangements will be made for persons who had booked rooms for this time period. The hotel will room at least 14 of the movie staff, including auditor, payroll, and office personnel. The remainder of the 50-person movie staff will live on a ship, "The Oriental Ruler," to be docked off Malakal. The hotel will continue to serve food and drinks to the public. Also, a new dining room should be open in December, and an outdoor "abai" in traditional Palauan design has recently been opened for use as a lounge and entertainment area. Once a week entertainment is being considered.

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RUDIMCH

1911-1987

Ngiradudul Indalecio Rudimch, 56, died at his home in Koror in the early morning of Sunday, Nov. 26. He had been sick during the past 6 - 8 months.

He was honored by several hundred who attended a special memorial service at the Palau Legislature Building Sunday afternoon. A funeral ceremony at Koror's Catholic Mission Church was held the following day.

Rudimch was the first official interpreter for the American administration in Palau shortly after World War II. He served as Magistrate of Koror and was a member of the Palau Legislature until last year. His work here in education involved public administrative tasks as well as a year of teaching at Mindzenty High School in Koror.

Rudimch owned Koror Wholesalers, one of the largest dry goods businesses in Palau. He was also vice-president of the United Micronesia Development Association (UMDA).

After graduating from high school, Rudimch entered the San Jose Seminary in Manila, Philippines, and then transferred to a Catholic seminary in Japan for nearly seven years. His intentions to become a priest, however, were changed when he contracted tuberculosis and was forced to return to Palau.

Rudimch was born in Koror in 1911. His mother was from Melekeok, his father from Koror.

Those of his immediate family now surviving are his wife, Maria Asuncion Kukumai; eldest daughter, Juana Ngirakesau, three younger daughters, Antonina Miits, Elizabeth Urriko, and Marian; and his one son, Isidoro.

Other members of the family include: Magdalena, an adopted daughter, Matthow, an adopted son; a brother Jose Ucherbelau, and three sisters, Maria Jacoba Dirramei, Rosa Isebong, and Regina Ngiribongel.