

# HIGHLIGHTS

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## Busy Days Ahead For Sixth Congress

Although the output of legislation is only one measure of the activity and effectiveness of a session of the Congress of Micronesia, it is the one most commonly used and understood by the layman. By this standard, the First Regular Session of the Sixth Congress has not been particularly active so far, although the number of pieces of legislation technically under consideration exceeds 300.

As of the completion of the 31st day (February 12, 1975) of the 50-day session, three bills have passed final reading both in the Senate and in the House of Representatives and have been forwarded to the High Commissioner for his action. They are: House Bill 6-41 to amend Public Law No. 8-31 relating to the expenditure of funds for capital improvement projects in Palau District and for other purposes; House Bill 6-6 to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the General Fund of the Congress of Micronesia for the purpose of continuing and expanding programs which have been previously funded by the COM under PL 3C-7, 3C-52, 4C-25, 5-24 and 5-83; and H.B. 6-1 to increase Social Security benefits.

Once he receives any bills, the High Commissioner has three possible courses of action. He may sign the bills, in which case they become law. He may disapprove the bills, or "veto" them, in which case they are returned to

the Congress, along with a letter explaining the reasons for the disapproval. In this instance, the Congress can, if it wishes, consider the measure again. Or the High Commissioner may take no action at all on the bills, in which case they become law automatically at the end of the statutory period for consideration.

In the two Houses, the action looks like this: The Senate has passed 7 bills on final reading and adopted two joint resolutions; the House of Representatives has passed 12 bills on final reading and adopted 10 house joint resolutions.

In addition, three bills have been filed, all of them in the House.

Considering the introduction of new legislation, the current session has been extremely active. During the first half, nearly 370 pieces of new legislation were introduced. In the House, there were 183 bills offered, along with 44 joint resolutions and 12 house resolutions. In the Senate, 100 bills were introduced, 18 joint resolutions and two Senate resolutions.

Virtually all of these new measures remain under consideration by the various committees. The statistics make it clear that the remaining days of this congressional session will be busy ones.

## HiCom Heads PIDC Meeting

Pacific Islands Development Commission (PIDC) convened its annual meeting on Moen, Truk District, on February 11. Attending the three-day meeting were Governor Ricardo Bordallo of Guam, marking the first time a Governor of Guam has made a visit to any of the Districts of the Trust Territory while in office; Andrew Gerakas, Executive Director of PIDC and representative of the Governor of Hawaii; Dr. Stanley Swerdloff, representing the Governor of American Samoa; and Trust Territory High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston.

In addition to the four executive heads of the areas that make up the Commission, representatives of commercial and government agencies who have interest in the development of fisheries in the Pacific area also attended the meeting as guests of the Commission. They included: Robert L. Beamon, President of Van Camp; Doyle E. Gates of the Tuna Research Foundation; Wilvan  
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*CHEN NO. 2 arrived in Truk after making an historic voyage from Canada to Moen. See story on page 3.*

## More on PIDC

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G. Van Campen of the Department of Commerce; and Richard Shomura from the Hawaii National Marine Fisheries service.

The Commission's first order of business was the investiture of High Commissioner Johnston by Governor Bordallo as the new President of the Pacific Islands Development Commission. Johnston has been Acting PIDC President since the resignation of former Governor Haydon of American Samoa late last year, and his new term of office will expire in February of 1976.

Following the investiture ceremony, Shomura gave a detailed report on the research projects his agency has been conducting at the Commission's request, including research on the type and availability of baits for tuna fishing and the identification of the tuna species that could be commercially harvested in the Eastern, Central, and Western Pacific.

"The only tuna species that has been determined to have potential development is the skip jack tuna," Shomura said. This species is abundant in all areas of the Pacific and an estimated two hundred thousand to 1 million metric tons can be harvested in the western Pacific area, according to Shomura. He noted also that the Japanese

fishing fleets have also realized this potential and have moved from their traditional fishing grounds around the seas of the Japanese Islands down south to the Trust Territory area.

There are presently two types of fishing operations in the tuna industry. The first method, the purse seine method, where huge nets are used to catch schools of tuna, is commonly used in the eastern part of the Pacific (US East Coast), but has not been successful in the water around the Trust Territory. This is because the water in this area is so clear that the tuna schools can see the nets and escape from them before the nets close.

The second type of fishing and one which is predominantly used here is the "pole-and-line" method where baits are essential to the operation.

These two methods of tuna fishing were discussed in more detail by the commission during its meeting.

The Commission also voted to have its programs or programs undertaken by other agencies at the recommendation of the Commission credited to the Commission when they appear in reports or other publications.

## HiCom Visits Truk

*High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston arrives in Truk to preside over the three-day annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Development Commission.*

*While on Truk, High Commissioner Johnston made several inspection tours of projects in Truk. In the photo below, the High Commissioner inspects the Truk refer barge. The barge contains 24 boxes, each of which can accommodate 20 tons of frozen supplies. The refer boxes are being rented to private companies and fishing markets. An inspection of road paving projects in Truk was also made by the High Commissioner (lower right photo).*



## Ford Submits Budget

President Gerald Ford has submitted to the U.S. Congress a budget request for \$80-million to support the Trust Territory Government during Fiscal Year 1976 which begins on July 1, 1975. In addition, \$1 million was requested for the Economic Development Loan Fund and \$3.5 million as the first increment of a planned program to facilitate the return of the Enewetokese to their home atoll in the Marshall Islands. An additional \$7 million was requested under Title II of Public Law 92-93 which provides for payment of claims to Micronesians who suffered damages to personal or real property during the time U.S. forces occupied the islands until July 1, 1951.

The \$80 million requested to support the Trust Territory Government consists of \$55 million for operation and \$25 million for construction projects. The \$55 million for operations includes \$8.7 million for health services, \$13.4 million for education, \$11.8 million for public works and \$5.7 million for resources and development. The \$25 million requested for construction projects includes \$11.6 million for transportation and communications facilities, \$3.8 million for water, sewer and power facilities, \$2.8 million for resources and development facilities, and \$1.9 million for education facilities.

The approval of the requested appropriations is dependent upon the enactment of authorizing legislation that was proposed last fall which would increase the Fiscal Year 1975 authorization to \$75 million as well as authorize the appropriation of the \$80 million requested for Fiscal Year 1976. The authorizing bill was considered in committee hearings in both the House and Senate last fall; as yet no action has been taken on the request.

## Third Medex Class Graduates 15

The Medex/Pacific Program graduated fifteen Medex health care professionals who will serve the medical needs of Micronesians living in outer island areas. The current class is the third one to complete the program since its inception in 1972 at the Truk Hospital.

The idea of Medex/Micronesia is to develop a new class of professional health workers who can bring reliable medical judgement and skills into the outer islands. Medex training is planned specifically around the kinds of illnesses and injuries that occur in remote areas of Micronesia. In the Medex concept, the physician, the Medex, and the nurse form a basic unit for the delivery of primary health care, each doing what he can do best and complementing the others.

Speaking at the commencement ceremony were Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory; Dean Terence A. Rogers, School of Medicine, University of Hawaii; Mitaro Danis, Acting District Administrator of Truk District; Koichy Sana, Speaker, Truk District Legislature; Dr. Ngas Kansou, District Director of Health Services, Truk District; Dr. William M. Peck, Deputy Director, Medex/Pacific Program.

## Ketch Arrives in Truk

A new vessel, a 64 foot steel hull motor sailer ketch, arrived at Moen Dock last week after making an historic 7,200-mile voyage from Vancouver, Canada, via Hawaii, to the Marshalls and finally to Truk. The ketch is to be used by the Liebenzell Mission, a German Protestant Mission on Truk.

The two-year old ketch is actually a replacement for *Chen No. 1* which tragically grounded on the reef of West Fayu, Yap District, in August of 1973. The replacement vessel will be called *Chen No. 2*—Chen is a Trukese word meaning Love of God.

Sailing the ketch from Vancouver was Captain Cres Ketchum and four crew members. They commended the vessel for its fine performance and great endurance during the many gales and storms which they encountered on their voyage. Captain Ketchum said that several times the wind whipped as high as 75 knots.

Captain Ketchum, a Canadian by birth, is not new to the Micronesian Islands. He has sailed vessels from Japan, Hong Kong, and the United States to Micronesia, and in 1952, he served as Captain of the *Morning Star No. 6*, a vessel stationed in Truk. In the late sixties he brought *Chen No. 1* to Truk.

His main objectives, Captain Ketchum noted, are to train Micronesians in techniques of navigation, techniques of operation and maintenance of a boat, and to familiarize Micronesians with the boat's machinery.

Head Minister of the Mission, Peter Hermel, said that the new vessel will be used for meetings, seminars, workshops, and training throughout the district. It can also be used for emergencies and for transportation of passengers.

Medex III graduates include: Martin Emuchoilug, Mary Bergun, Joseph Haleymang, and Isidore Epainug from Yap; Simao Norman, John Ernest, Deniong Jack from Ponape; Mary Iramk Caleb and Mengyor Emesiochl from Palau; Jud Kiima, Bithen Batol, Joe Saul and Risong Ankien from Marshalls; and Atitor Edmond from Truk, and Crisencia Chonsky from Saipan.

The following is a list of the remaining legal holidays to be observed by the Trust Territory Government during 1975:

February 17	President's Day
May 26	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day, U.S.A.
July 12	Micronesia Day
September 1	Labor Day
October 13	Columbus Day
October 24	United Nations Day
October 27	Veterans Day
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day



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## FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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Petrus Tun

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# PERSONNEL NEWS AND INFORMATION

## NEWS

All Districts and Headquarters Personnel Offices, District Employment Services Offices, and Headquarters Education, Health Services, and Public Works Departments were represented in the workshop entitled "Techniques of Task Analysis and Job Restructuring" that was held February 10-14, in the Training Division's facilities on Saipan. The workshop was conducted by the Manpower Management Institute of Washington, D.C. under a contractual arrangement. Funds for the training program were obtained from the Personnel Department's regular program training appropriation. The participants were taught how to examine a specific job to determine the individual tasks necessary to perform the job, how to determine the educational and training requirements necessary to perform those tasks, and how to rearrange and reassemble those tasks to provide a more logical and realistic job structure. This provides more employment opportunities for our applicants, more efficient usage of and greater job satisfaction for our employees.

## INFORMATION

Another employee benefit of great value is Workmen's Compensation.

Workmen's Compensation Insurance provides payments for any permanent disability, loss of wages, or death resulting from a **duty-connected** injury. All employees of the Trust Territory Government are automatically covered by Workmen's Compensation insurance for the duration of their employment, except those employees who otherwise are covered by United States laws. The total cost for this insurance is paid by the Trust Territory Government. No deductions are made from the employees wages.

**Procedures to follow in the event of a duty-connected injury:** If an employee receives a job-related injury during authorized working hours, the employee should report the injury to his supervisor as soon as possible. The supervisor is responsible for referring the injured employee to the hospital for immediate treatment, including the completion of a medical referral slip. The supervisor's accident report should be submitted promptly to the Safety Officer. The supervisor should also inform the Personnel Office about the accident and contact the Social Security Office for further information and assistance.

As a reminder, all accidents should be reported **immediately** regardless of how minor they may seem, because a permanent disabling injury may not become apparent for months or even years after the injury occurred. Proper documentation is required for settlement of all claims.

**Absence from duty:** If an employee is unable to return to work for at least three days because of his duty-connected injury, he will automatically be placed on **administrative leave**. If absence continues beyond three days, he should inform his supervisor as to whether he

desires to use leave without pay (and receive Workmen's Compensation) or use his own sick leave or annual leave. Workmen's Compensation is paid **only** if the employee uses leave without pay. This choice is to be made only by the injured worker.

**Types of benefits:** All medical expenses resulting from duty-connected injuries are paid by the Trust Territory Government. In the event the injury results in an employee taking leave without pay, a single employee would be reimbursed 66 2/3% of his lost wages and an employee with dependents would receive 75%. Permanent disabling injuries and death are compensated for in the form of lump sum payments. The size of these payments depends on the employee's salary and the percentage of disability, as well as other factors. Payments have ranged from a few hundred dollars to more than \$12,000. All claims **must** be accompanied by fully documented medical reports.

**Further information:** If anyone has any questions concerning Workmen's Compensation Insurance, contact your Supervisor, the Personnel Office, or the Social Security Office.

Employees should always practice safety. In the event of a job-related injury, notify your Supervisor at once and seek immediate medical assistance.

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*Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Merchant Marine Officers, presently attending Hawaii Pacific Maritime Academy, visit with Governor George Ariyoshi. From left to right: Chief Officer Nemecio Andrew, MS MICRONESIA PRINCESS; Captain Hermin Mongkeyea, MS YAP ISLANDER; Third Engineer Marcellino Jibemai, MS MICRONESIA PRINCESS; Governor Ariyoshi; Second Engineer Johna Fred, MS GUNNERS KNOT; Second Engineer, Malinto Antonio, MS RAN ANNIM; and Second Engineer Wilhelm Santos, MS YAP ISLANDER. Jibemai and Fred have completed their training and are back aboard their ships. The remaining officers will complete their training in April.*



## Briefly

Marianas District Administrator Francisco C. Ada and Micronesian Broadcasting Company's Resident Manager have announced that a lease between the Marianas District Administration and the Micronesian Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) has been signed that will make stipulated spaces in the government-operated KJQR building on Saipan available to the MBC, as well as provide for joint usage of the antenna tower.

A small unit amphibious exercise, nicknamed Quick Jab II, is being conducted on the island of Tinian in the Marianas District. Approximately 400 marines attached to the Pacific Fleet Marine Force and one United States Navy ship and its crew are participating in the exercise scheduled for February 12-16.

Seventeen Saipan residents completed Micronesia's first Hotel Management Development Workshop. The workshop was sponsored jointly by the Headquarters Tourism Branch and the Explorers Hotels and Inns Corporation of Southeast Asia. Participants were awarded certificates at the Saipan Continental Hotel where the program was conducted.

High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has resubmitted the name of the Acting District Administrator of Truk, Mitaro Danis, for the position of Truk District Administrator for advice and consent by the Congress of Micronesia.

For the first time a Japanese ship, including all belongings on board has been forfeited to the Trust Territory Government after its captain and two other were convicted last week in Yap District Court on two counts of illegal entry and unlawful removal of marine resources in Yap District.

The Trust Territory Preservation Program received official notification last month from the National Park Service's Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation of the first award of grants-in-aid for the preservation of the first five eligible sites in Micronesia. The sites are: the Japanese Lighthouse, Saipan, Mariana Islands; the Spanish Wall, Likin Kel, Kolonia, Ponape; the Latte Stone Quarry, As Nieves, Rota, Mariana Islands; the House of Taga, Tinian, Mariana Islands; and the Japanese Hospital, Saipan, Mariana Islands.

The sum of \$150,000.00 is being made available for personnel services concerning the preparation or augmentation of certain historic sites or cultural endeavors in Micronesia through the U.S. Department of Labor, Manpower Administration, Region IX, under Title VI of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, as amended.

## CCM Applications Available

The Acting Director of the Community College of Micronesia (CCM), John Biddle, announced recently that CCM is currently accepting applications for the 1975 fall quarter.

To qualify for admission a person must be 17 years or older, be in good mental and physical health, have a high school diploma or equivalent certificate, and have taken certain tests as mentioned on the application form.

Associate of Science degree programs open for enrollment are: Elementary Teacher Education, Business, Special Education, an in-service degree in Elementary Teacher Education, and an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies.

Certificate programs will be offered in the areas of: Itinerant Teacher Training, Cooperating Teacher Training, Public Building Maintenance, Audiovisual Aide Training, and Business Training.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about CCM or wishing to obtain an application for the 1975 fall quarter should see their high school counselor or principal, District Scholarship Coordinator, or write to the Registrar, Community College of Micronesia, Ponape, East Caroline Islands 96941.

*The students in the second and third year mechanics program at Marianas High School on Saipan recently completed the body work, painting, and rebuilding of the engine of the Nova pictured above. The vehicle had been demolished and was transferred from Headquarters Procurement and Supply Office to the high school mechanics program. Under the direction of Jesus Taitano, the mechanics instructor, the vehicle has been re-activated, and according to the students should be good for many more miles.*



# Majuro Hosts Boy Scouts Campout

During the 1974 Christmas-New Years vacation holidays, 305 Boy Scouts and their adult leaders participated in a five-day campout and training on the Island of Anemwano, Majuro Atoll.

Swimming, Lifesaving and Water Safety, First Aid and Carries, Compass and Map Reading, Knot Tying and How to Use the Rope, and basic skills in Fire Building and Cooking were the skills taught to the Boy Scouts at the campout. Adult leaders and a boy leader received training in troop and patrol functions and methods.

The camp was directed by Forbes Graham, an adult Boy Scout from Kwajalein; Sgt. John Brown, U.S. Army Civil Action Team from Majuro; and Joe Vierra of the Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America, Honolulu, Hawaii.

The camp was held on the part of Anemwano Island owned by Mrs. Sepe Bettis and Edward Capelle. Mike Trevor helped with the preparation of meals for the staff, story telling and ancient Marshallese dances and songs. The campfires were a surprise to the non-Marshallese members in camp, and the songs, skits and stories were funny and exciting.

The camp could not have been conducted without the involvement and coordination of a committee of interested people, including Oscar DeBrum, District Administrator; James K. Pualoa, Director of Public Works; Jina Lavin, Community Development Director; Phil Kabua, Administration; Father Leonard Hacker and many other individuals and local merchants who donated food and supplies for the camp. Air Micronesia flew approximately 1000 pounds of tents, cooking gear, books and camp tools from Kwajalein.

Guests at this year's camp included five Boy Scouts from the Marshall Islands Hospital Polio Ward and their leader who acted as class "A" Scouts in all activities and classes in Scouting skills.

*Scouts at the Majuro camp learned to carry an injured person on a stretcher they made themselves.*



*Tying knots is something all boy scouts must learn. Knot tying contests turned out to be very exciting events during the camp.*



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