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Key Pacific Businessmen Briefed on Micronesia's Progress

"Micronesia is on the road to something big," High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston told a gathering of businessmen in Hawaii early this month. Johnston, speaking at the second annual conference of the economic development of Micronesia, said that in the past year there has been a transition in the attitude of the outside world toward the Trust Territory.

As reported by United Press International, Johnston said, "There is a new consciousness that Micronesia exists, that people at least know where it is."

The High Commissioner listed three priorities for his administration, which began last May 4. He said major emphasis has been placed on involving Micronesians in their government, on education and health services and on economic development.

Johnston noted that the Micronesian Congress was deeply involved in preparations for the current budget he is seeking from the US Congress. "And the District Legislatures will participate in drawing up the fiscal 1972 budget," he said.

Another example of involving Micronesians in government has been the establishment of a "career ladder toward key jobs," Johnston said.

But he also said the task of bringing Trust Territory residents into government involved some long range problems, specifically in the area of pay.

"We are working toward equal pay for equal work for equal qualifications," Johnston said. "But we have 14 separate pay schedules, ranging from U.S. civil service scales, contract work and the Micronesian pay schedule."

On the subject of education and health services, the High Commissioner said he hoped for fiscal savings by establishing a program of standardized construction for schools and for dispensaries. "And we plan to use local labor and local materials whenever possible" to boost the local economy, he said.

Johnston said that in some areas only one out of four grade school graduates can go to high school "because of the lack of facilities. It's not that they are dropouts--they really want to continue their education."



Best in the Show

ART FEST GRAND PRIZE WINNER was Daruit Marume of Ponape for his wood carving of sakau preparation. For photos of other winners see pages 3 and 8.

He said his administration was also considering the possibility of introducing agricultural training at the grade school level and placing more emphasis on vocational training. He said the Micronesian Occupational Center in Koror, created to train students in trade skills, hoped to have 500 students from throughout the Territory by next September.

On economic development Johnston said he was stressing three areas: agriculture, fishing and tourism. "We hope we will be able to bring business advisers into Micronesia. Beyond that, we must build an infrastructure--provide power, water, sewage treatment, roads and airfields--to create the basis for a sound economy."

Another speaker at the one-day conference was Amata Kabua, President of the Senate of Micronesia. He said there must be more emphasis on "bringing the Micronesians themselves into the economy." Despite the influx of funds from the US Congress he said, "The money from the United States carries only one short cycle of impact each year."

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This money is used for many important projects, he said. "But when the outside contractor leaves, what is left behind is a useful and productive physical facility but he takes with him the skilled laborers and his money." Kabua stressed the importance of training Micronesians to perform skilled work as well as preparing them for determining their political future.

Leo Falcam, Trust Territory Executive Officer, told the audience, mainly Honolulu businessmen, that more importance was being placed on allowing the district governments fuller freedom of action.

"The concept of decentralization is being given great emphasis, mainly because of the widely dispersed elements of Micronesia," he said.

Wyman X. Zachary, Director of Resources and Development for the Territory, noted that tourism appeared to be on the upswing.

"It is most encouraging that there are indications that Micronesia could become a major tourism destination area," he said. He predicted that between 250,000 and 400,000 visitors would go to Micronesia annually by 1976.

Last year, 20,000 tourists visited the area. "By 1976," Zachary said, "we may need 5,000 workers in the field of travel and tourism."

Johnston described Micronesia as "probably the last truly new frontier."

Other participants in the conference included David Sablan, Saipan businessman, Andy Jones, President of McWayne Marine Supply, Ltd., in Honolulu; Martin Pray, Sales Manager for Air Micronesia in Honolulu; Charles Braden, Regional Vice President of Continental Airlines; Thomas Moore, President of the Hawaii-Micronesia Businessmen's Association; and Shelley Mark, Director of the Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development.

TT-LNO Set for Honolulu

The Trust Territory Government is opening a liaison office in Honolulu, High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has announced.

The office will be headed by Robert Law who is now administrator of the Marshalls District.

Johnston made the announcement during the second annual Conference on Economic Development of Micronesia at the Ilikai Hotel on April 1.

The Honolulu LNO will be located in the First Insurance Co. Building.

"I think Hawaii's ties with Micronesia will only increase," he told the conference, "Most of Micronesia's leaders were educated in Hawaii, and there is a logical development of business ties because Hawaii is the closest American business community outside of Guam," he said.

Delinquency Council Meets

The TT Juvenile Delinquency Planning Council wound up a series of Territory-wide meetings in the second week of April in Saipan. The Marianas District was the last District the council visited to discuss juvenile delinquency problems with the local people. The main purpose of these meetings was to "probe into the real essence" of juvenile delinquency problems and their causes and make a report with recommendations to the High Commissioner.

Members of the council are: Mariano Sablan, Coordinator, TT Headquarters; Ricardo Duenas, Chairman, Marianas; Joseph Ayin, Yap; Fermin Likiche, Truk; Hasida Kebekol, Palau; Wilfred Kindall, Marshalls; and Isamo Welles, Ponape.

The council has thus far conducted hearings with judges, school teachers, government officials and students in order to get their views on juvenile delinquency problems. The Trust Territory's Dr. Gerhart Sommer Chief, Mental Health Division, spoke to the council on its last day of meeting. Sommer advised the council to take an imaginative approach to the problems of youth in Micronesia. He also described juvenile delinquency problems as worldwide in nature and added that it is almost an impossibility to completely get rid of them. "These problems go hand in hand with the process of industrialization and technology," Sommer said. He thinks, however, that they can be lessened to a great extent.

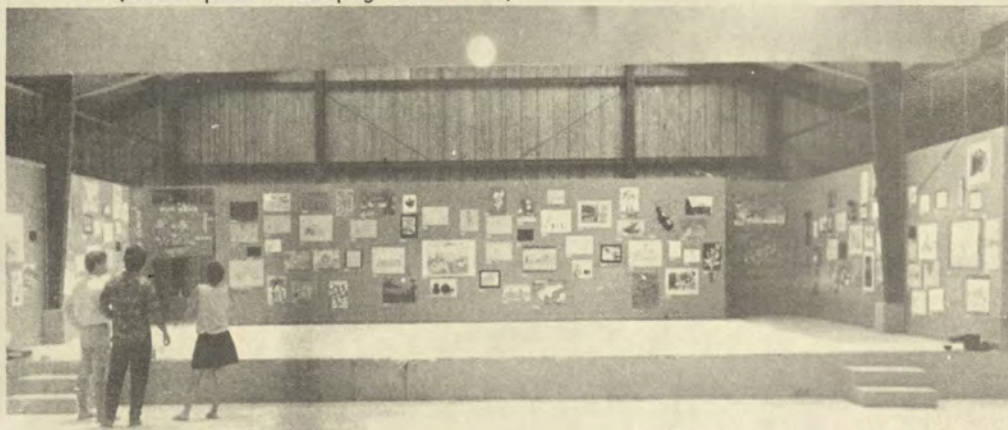
Sommer further told the council that problem youth must be considered as human beings capable of being reformed and leading a decent life. They should be dealt with an open mind and with the realization that youth are people with certain beliefs, likes and dislikes, and are just as prone to being good as anybody else. He suggested prison reforms so as to make life better for young prisoners. Sommer concluded by saying that today's youth are one of the most precious assets of Micronesia, and those who fall by the wayside should be given a chance to come back into the fold of decent life and make some contribution to society.

Plague Report Unfounded

The "plague" scare which spread over Guam and the TT during the last weekend of March has been proven unfounded. News report from Guam said that Jesuit Brother William Cronmiller, 27, of Ponape, had died March 26 of possible plague. The National Communicable Disease Center at Fort Collins, Colorado, notified the Guam Memorial Hospital that the cause of death of Brother Cronmiller was not due to the plague but to a very rare, non-contagious disease.

Art Fest 1970 Selects Territory's Finest Handiwork

(Other photos on pages 1 and 8)



Chaian Kanoa School Auditorium



OTHER HANDICRAFT - Nemesio Nethon, Truk

Micronesia's second annual Art Fest completed a weekend showing on Saipan, April 5, and moved to Guam where the handicraft and other art work went on display at the University of Guam. Weaving, woodcarving, stitchery, painting and other kinds of artistry were featured in presentations from all Districts in the Territory. For 1970, only Saipan and Guam will see the Art Fest entries. Last year, selected objects were displayed at all district centers. Grand prize winner was a woodcarving by Deruit Marume of Ponape whose sculpture of the sakau ceremony was judged "Best in Show." It was awarded the \$50 grand prize and \$25 for first prize in the carving division.

The top three entries in all divisions are the first, second and third, as follows:

WEAVING---Uyuan (Yap); Chochol (Yap) and Jes-

sica (Marshalls).

CARVINGS---Deruit Marume (Ponape); John Rupelly (Ponape) and Walter Chieng (Yap).

OTHER HANDICRAFT---Nemesio Nethon (Truk); Otiniel Joseph (Ponape) and Bike (Marshalls).

CHILDREN'S ART---Roy Ihara (Palau); Room 3 Students (Yap) and Kevin Ihara (Palau).

PAINTING---Johnny P. Kishigawa (Palau); Charlie Gibbons (Palau) and Johnny Kishigawa (Palau).

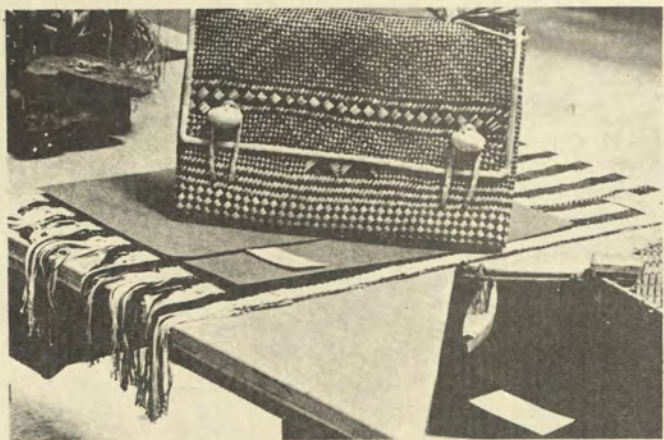
DRAWING---Takesi Suzuki (Palau); Kodep Kloulechad (Palau) and Takesi Suzuki (Palau).

MIXED MEDIA---Carlos Blanco (Saipan); William Camacho (Saipan) and Mercy Cepeda (Saipan).

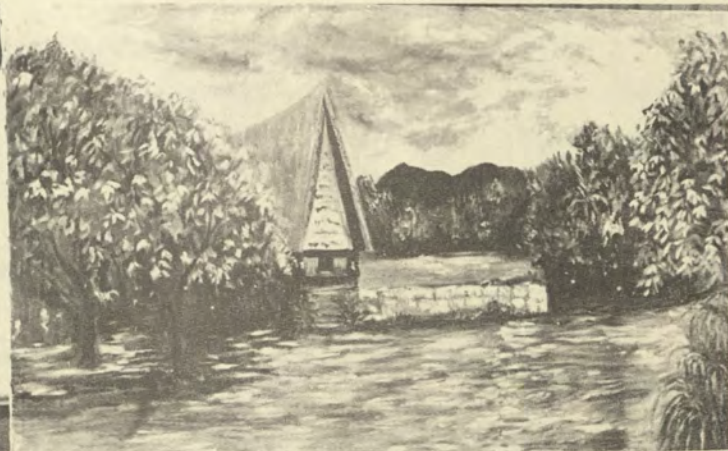
STITCHERY---Neito Sailao (Marshalls); Adela Alfred (Ponape) and Priter (Ponape).

The division winners received \$25, \$15 and \$10 respectively.

WEAVING - Uyuan, Yap
(Mat, lying beneath purse)



PAINTING - Johnny P. Kishigawa, Palau .



Ponape Has Head Start in Land Registration Program

With the inauguration of the land cadaster project in the Trust Territory, land surveying has taken on new prominence. But in at least one part of Micronesia, surveying has been prominent for years. In Ponape, second-largest island in the Territory, and the single most populous island, surveyors are a familiar sight.

On one Monday last month:

** Thirteen Ponapean survey technicians and aides accompanied three USGS surveyors into the mountains of central Ponape, working on the island's primary survey control system.

** A four-man crew readied itself for several shorter expeditions in conjunction with the control project.

** A four-man crew completed surveying the boundaries of the Catholic mission property in Kolonia, thereby completing the survey of all private property in Ponape's principal town.

** Three survey crews were at work in the remoter sections of Metalanim municipality, surveying homesteads under a program initiated and funded by the Ponape District Legislature.

** One survey crew was working on the re-subdivision of Kolonia in order to make it conform to the recommendations of the Ponape Master Plan.

** Five draftsmen and computation specialists were at work in the district survey office completing property plats and maps of the surveys accomplished by their co-workers.

** Another survey crew was alternating its time between such projects as power-line surveys and school and dispensary site surveys, and a program aimed at identifying the most suitable land for rice growing.

** Another survey crew was assigned to Kusaie, the other major land mass in Ponape District.

This hubbub of activity is presided over by Francisco L.G. Castro, a genial, energetic Guamanian who has been in Ponape since 1959.



When the first completed property plat in the cadaster program was submitted for Headquarters approval, no one was surprised that it came from Ponape. The Government has come to expect leadership from Frankie Castro and from his immediate superior, Ponape Land Management Officer Kozo Yamada, a Ponapean. Working together for the past nine years, Castro and Yamada have made the land program in Ponape a model of what can be done in island government through hard work and enthusiasm.

Ponape has some unique features in its land history. For instance, it is the only place in Micronesia where a formal program of land reform was ever attempted. The Germans instituted a program early in this century, designed to free vast tracts of land from the control of the Nanmarikis (Ponape's royalty) and make it available for settling by people from other islands in the Carolines.

The Japanese, when they came into power, continued with their own version of land reform. And the Americans have gotten into the act indirectly--the legislative body which the Americans organized for Ponape Island put into written law a system of land inheritance which has led to the breakdown of the traditional matrilineal-clan inheritance of land in favor of father-to-son inheritance.

But it is hard to tell whether this history has made the job easier or more difficult for people working with land in Ponape. The general evaluation is that the success of various land programs there is due to the talents and hard work of Kozo Yamada and Frankie Castro.

When the Ponape District Legislature passed its Bill 78-67 which set up the legislative land project, Castro hired and trained 22 Ponapeans. These men are still working as surveyors in Ponape, and others have since been hired and trained. The legislative program was designed to survey all the

LOADING UP for a week's hike into the mountains of central Ponape are USGS surveyors and the Ponapean survey crew. The men spent several days on mountain peaks in the rain and heat, perfecting a primary survey control tower for Ponape Island.

DISTRICT SURVEYOR Frankie Castro points out the boundary to be surveyed on Catholic mission property in Kolonia. From left are Castro, Survey Chief Fermin Paz, Ponape Land Management Officer Kozo Yamada, and Survey Technician Masuó Edward.

homestead and long-term-lease farm lands of Ponape so that the people could receive deeds for their land. To date, over 1200 parcels have been surveyed, but now under the cadaster project, the people will receive certificates of title, an even more valuable document than a deed.

When the cadaster project was announced, Castro and Yamada decided that their district would participate fully from the beginning. Without waiting for the establishment of a Ponape land commission, they devised ways of getting much of the necessary work done. After loaning six of his most highly trained men to the USGS surveyors assigned to Ponape for the cadaster project, Castro was still able to assign another crew to surveying boundaries of private property in Kolonia. This was completed in early March and the crew has now moved into Net municipality. Once the land commission is established, land registration teams in Ponape will have a good beginning on their work of determining ownership of land parcels.

Ponape is not exactly a surveyor's dream of ideal surveying country. The mountains are rugged, the vegetation so thick it presents a major obstacle to sighting survey points, and the rain is frequent and torrential.

And surveyors in Ponape face one other peculiar complication in their work: land snails eat the concrete monuments used to mark surveyed boundaries. Though people scoff at this news, it is true. There is a shortage of limestone, which snails need in their diet for building their shells, in an island basically composed of basalt as Ponape is. So the snails go after the lime in concrete.

But the snails don't discourage the Ponape land office any more than the terrain or the weather does. In fact, if Frankie Castro and the Ponape surveyors had a motto, it might very well begin something like this: "Neither rain nor snow nor sleet nor snail..."



Pedro Elected Palau Congressman

Tarkong Pedro apparently has won the special election to fill the vacant seat in the 10th Representative District of Palau. Unofficial returns in the Wednesday, April 2, race gave Pedro 589 votes and Jacob Sawaichi 556 votes. Pedro, a member of the Liberal Party, succeeds Congressman Minoru Ueki who resigned in February to accept the position as Palau District Health Services Director. Pedro is a member of the Palau Legislature and also a Supervisor of Teacher Education, District Department of Education. Sawaichi is a Progressive Party member who has held two terms in the Congress of Micronesia House of Representative from 1965 to 1968. He lost to Ueki in the general election of 1968.

Palau Construction Contracts Due

A pre-bid conference for the \$2.5 million Palau water and sewer project was held on Wednesday, April 2. Representatives of ten foreign construction firms interested in bidding for the project and other major construction work met with TT Deputy Director of Public Works Roy Phlak and Russel Smith of Austin & Smith, Inc. Other major projects discussed included the dormitory for the Micronesian Occupational Center (MOC), an additional high school building with six classrooms and a new Public Safety building for Palau District.

Foreign firms represented were the Black-Micro Corporation, Berg-Stewart Co., DiMicro, Pacific Transfer Co., Americo Engineers, MILI, Thomas Guili Overseas Inc., Johns-Manviik Corporation, Adju Construction Co., Ltd, and Vinnil Corporation.

Representing the TT Government were Phlak; A. Knyff, Chief of Construction; J.L. Kristiansen, Sanitation Engineer; Fred Muhleman, acting Chief of Labor Division and District Administrator Thomas Remengesau and members of his staff.

Adult Educators at Iowa College

Four Micronesians have left Saipan for Des Moines, Iowa, to attend a three-month adult education training program. The training, which is funded by a Federal Grant under the Educational Professional Development Act, will be held at the Des Moines Area Community College in Anken, Iowa. Attending from the TT are Louis Pitmag, Supervisor, Adult Education, Yap; Gonzalo Santos, Adult Education Specialist, Saipan; Rerat Rober, Adult Education Supervisor, Truk; and Santiago Joab, Supervisor, Adult Education, Ponape. When they return, they will assume the administration of adult education programs within the District Departments of Education.

New MILI Shipping Rates May 1

The TT Government announced Wednesday, April 8, that Micronesian Inter-ocean Line, Inc., (MILI) has been granted certain adjustments in the freight rates for the Far East-TT service, effective May 1. The new rates, approved by High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, are based upon costs of service as analyzed with regard to current and prospective operating schedules, cargo volumes, port improvements and specific commodity handling requirements.

Increases are granted on the rates for selected commodities including automobiles, beer, tractors, iron and steel, petroleum products, plywood, boats, sugar and beverages. Many arbitrary differences between the rates for different commodities have been eliminated, several rates have been lowered, and some remain unchanged. Details of these rate changes are available at MILI offices, at MILI agents' offices and at TT Transportation Division office and will be immediately mailed to all tariff recipients.

TT Census Part of US Project

Some 100,000 residents in Micronesia are scheduled to be covered in the upcoming Trust Territory census. Francis Wilmer, Census Coordinator, has arrived in Saipan to start the program. "We are awaiting additional census material," he said. "We are now working on staff organization." Wilmer, a former official of the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce, said the TT Census will include population, housing and agriculture data. He is planning to hire some 200 census takers throughout Micronesia. The US census program includes all 50 States, Guam, Canal Zone, Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Trust Territory. Census data gathered in the Territory will be sent to Jeffersonville, Indiana, for processing.

Congress Shipping Hearings

The Congress of Micronesia Joint Committee on Shipping is currently making a two-month tour of the TT. The committee, headed by Senator Francisco T. Palacios, has visited the Marshalls and then will swing through Ponape, Truk, Yap, Palau and the Marianas Districts before ending hearings in early May. Meanwhile, the Congress' Joint Committee on Budget headed by Representative Ray Setik, arrived in Saipan Monday, April 6, to meet with the TT Government officials on the 1972 Fiscal program.

Briefly

The TT Attorney General's office has issued an announcement reminding all persons requesting copies of birth certificates from the Clerk of Courts that there is a nominal charge for this service. Payment for copies of birth certificates is required under the TT Code. All individuals or firms asking for copies to be mailed should pay thirty five cents for each certificate. This includes twenty five cents for the birth certificate and ten cents postage. For orders placed in person, only twenty five cents service charge is required. Copies of birth certificates in all district may be requested from the Clerk of Courts to whom payment also is to be made.

Fifteen students from the University of Guam spent three days in the northern Marianas late last month, participating in a field trip to study Micronesian history. The group, accompanied by their history professor Sister Maria Teresa del Valle, M.M.B., met with representatives of the communities of Saipan and Tinian as well as with District and Headquarters Government officials. Senior citizens of the Marianas spent an evening recalling events which took place during the German and Japanese administrations. An over-the-water trip by M-boat to Tinian gave the students an all-day observation of historic sites and agricultural operations of Saipan's neighbor island. The busy schedule also included visits to the Congress of Micronesia offices on Saipan's Capitol Hill and to the numerous historical sites of the two islands.

A two-week field training project in public health nursing started in the last week of March in Kolonia, Ponape. Mrs. Sally Faustino, Associate Program Officer for the EWC's Institute for Technical Interchange, coordinated the project. The EWC team of public health specialists visited nursing facilities throughout Ponape and conducted training to upgrade skills in maternal care and child health. The team presented papers, discussions, movies and participated in role-playing activities. Some 35 nurses took part in the field training project.

Lawrence T. Burback has been appointed by High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston to the post of Acting US Consular Officer, Ponape District. George E. Knight will act as alternate Consular Officer. Burback is District Director of Education, Ponape.

A five-member Marianas District delegation left for Washington Sat., Apr. 11, to expedite World War II damage claims payments. The members are Marianas District Legislature President Vicente N. Santos; Saipan Mayor Vicente D. Sablan; District Legislature Vice Speaker Vicente T. Camacho and Legislator Santiago Magofna. The delegation will seek special legislation by the US Congress for payments in addition to the \$10 million agreement already completed between the governments of Japan and the United States. Also participating in the Washington conferences are two representatives from Palau, Rep. Roman Tmetuchl and Judge Francisco Morei.

A 22-year old American yachtsman, Charles Miller, was found guilty of murdering his shipmate, Donald G. Wilhelm, 37, and was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment in Truk. Truk/Ponape High Court Associate Judge Harold Burnett passed the sentence. A 17-year old girl who joined Miller when he visited Zamboanga City, Philippines, also was charged with the crime but her case was dismissed in furtherance of justice. She was deported to the Philippines by the TT Government. The murder took place in February when Miller's yacht ran aground on a reef in Truk District.

An official branch of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Honolulu has opened in Agana, Guam, headed by Consul Nam Lee. His jurisdiction includes Guam and the TT. Consul Lee arrived in Saipan Sunday, March 29, to pay courtesy calls to Deputy High Commissioner Peter T. Coleman and TT Government officials. About 400 Korean workers are employed on Guam and Lee said a dozen Korean workers are slated to arrive in Saipan in mid-May to work in a TT construction program.

Seventy-two Trust Territory Government families will be moving into nine apartment complexes in early September, the TT Department of Public Works has announced. The \$1.4 million housing project is being built by the Black-Micro Construction Company. Scheduled move-in date is Sept. 1. "The nine 8-unit apartment buildings are located on Saipan, Palau (3), Truk (2), Ponape (2) and Majuro," C. E. Lambert, acting Design and Engineering Division Chief said. "Each apartment contains two bedrooms, a living-dining room, kitchen and bath." Lambert said each apartment occupies 800 square feet of space and the building is of pre-cut wooden construction. "Each apartment will be completely furnished," Lambert said. "All modern facilities, including an all-electric kitchen, will be installed."



THE FIRST STEP has been taken in Yap to build a total of eleven houses under a contract with the Yap Housing Authority. Yap DistAd Leonard Agui-gui is seen setting the corner of a modern home to be built for Mr. and Mrs. Mike Yoruw. Loan funds were appropriated by the Congress of Micronesia. The Yap Cooperative Association provided the financial assistance to get the construction company underway but will turn all interest over to the Yap Construction Company after the first contract is completed and business licenses are obtained. Initiation of the construction program was a community effort by the TT Government including Congress and the District Administration and Legislature, and by private agencies, particularly the Yap Cooperative Association. The program is designed to enable Micronesian families of Yap District to obtain low-interest loans from the Housing Authority for construction of modern, typhoon and termite resistant family dwellings.

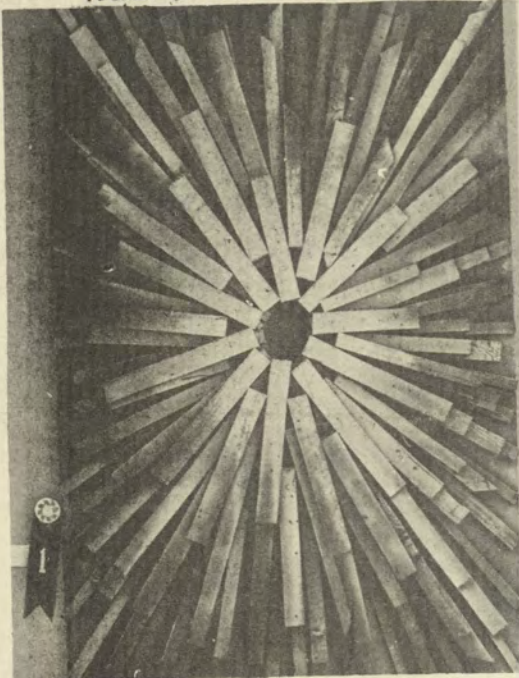
Environmental Group Meets

The Trust Territory Environmental Early Warning System Committee is asking the TT Government to explore the possibility of gaining funds through the US Water Pollution Act. The Committee, meeting in Saipan on Apr 7, was told that the Trust Territory was not included in the Act which appropriated \$359 million to fight water pollution in the US and other areas. An earlier survey on water pollution in the TT disclosed that less than 10 percent of the population has a protected water supply. Sewage systems exist on some islands but there are no sanitary disposal facilities, exposing an extremely high number of Micronesians to parasite worms, gastroenteric disease and amoebic dysentery, the report said.

Taking part in the meeting was Richard Coddington of the US Public Health Service on loan to Guam as a consultant. Nachsa Siren of the TT Health Services Department is the Regional Co-ordinator of the TT Environmental Early Warning System Committee.

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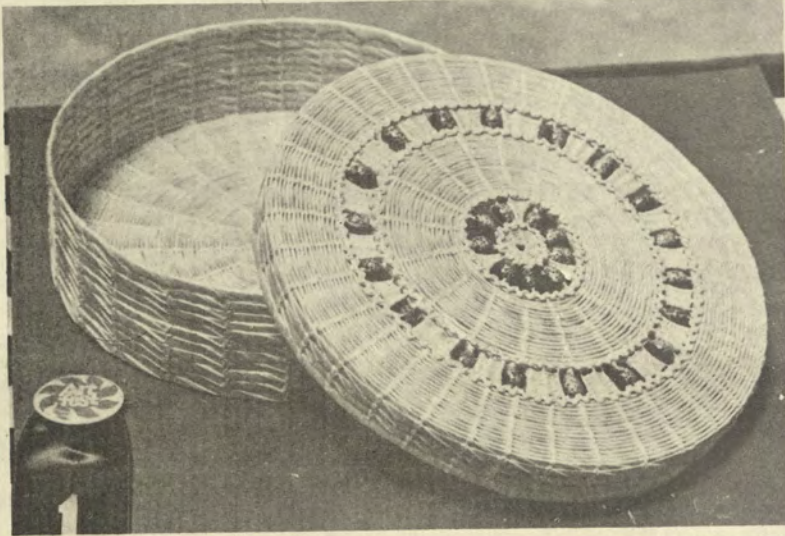


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