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On the contrary, House Speaker Rayburn expressed dissatisfaction with the missile program and urged changes in policy. In a speech on the floor this week, the theme was more money, faster results.

On January 18 the third U. S. atomic submarine passed under the North Pole. The whole crew celebrated a trip unsurpassed for any mechanical failure.

NEWS

Weather across the whole of the U. S. stole the headlines this week. With "spring" supposedly approaching, some of the worst storms of the winter season took place. In Squaw Valley preparations for winter Olympic games came to a halt; result of a severe snow storm with temperatures 18° to 28° below zero. Athletes and officials prepared for an indefinite delay. Chicago and Milwaukee are snowed in by a blizzard which has resulted in all air traffic being cancelled, schools closed, and some 35 deaths.

The U. S. Defense Department has verified reports of a secret Soviet missile (a satellite) circling the earth, making records. Purpose: unknown. Investigation is underway and a close watch by experts in the missile field may determine if this missile is a potential threat to the U. S., or a scare attempt.

At Cape Canaveral, Florida, President Eisenhower took a three hour and fifteen minute tour of this famous missile base. Witnessing the launching of an "Atlas" he expressed appreciation for the whole missile program. Earlier this week Secretary Herter made the statement that our missiles (and those to come) would surpass Russian efforts.

In the coming month President Eisenhower will visit most of Scandanavia. Head of Government will greet him in Norway, Finland, and Denmark. Khrushchev (Russia) will be visiting at the same time in India His reception is expected to cause many riots.

A surprise political move finds New York Governor Rockefeller backing Vice President Nixon for the next Presidential election.

In Havana, Cuba, a huge trial is underway. Over a hundred insurgent rebels may lose their lives under the dictatorship of Fidel Castro.

Algeria continues to be a hot spot for France's President De Gaulle. After recalling most of his officers, a rampage of trouble still caused unrest and violence in Algeria.

Cardinal Stepinac, spiritual leader of 7 million Roman Catholics in Yugoslavia is dead. His death came as a surprise as only yesterday his personal physician had reported he was suffering from a cold. The cause of his death is not yet known. The Cardinal, a long-time headache to the Tito regime, died in his native village at the age of 62.

TAXI USERS REMINDED OF LOCAL REGULATIONS

Persons entitled to government taxi service are reminded of the regulations governing this service as set forth in District Policy Memorandum 59-11-AD dated 9 December 1959. A copy of this memo was distributed to all taxi users during December.

Children below the age of 16 are not authorized to call the taxi. Parents may call for them, however. Domestic are not authorized to use the taxi service, even though they may be on an errand for a person authorized to use the service.

Authorized users are all U. S. civil service personnel and their dependents, non-civil service members of the PICS faculty, and certain other Trust Territory employees who have been informed by the District Administrator that they may avail themselves of the taxi service.

Taxi drivers have been instructed concerning the regulations governing use of the service and are subject to disciplinary action for failure to carry out these instructions. Users who encourage drivers to disobey their instructions will be deprived of the privilege of the service, an administration official said.

PHIL MOSHER SHOWS SLIDES AT PICS

Last Thursday evening the PICS juniors attended a showing of colored slides by Phil Mosher on Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Japan. The showing was arranged in conjunction with the social studies program, where the students are studying Asiatic civilizations.

Outstanding scene of the evening were pictures covering Hong Kong Chinese life on sampans. Amazement was registered when the students learned that many of these people never left their floating homes.

CDR C. E. MILLER, CINCPAC STAFFER, SPENDS WEEK HERE

Commander Charles E. Miller, USN, is spending a week on Ponape as part of his familiarization tour of the Trust Territory. Cdr. Miller last visited Ponape in 1950, although visits to other areas in the Territory have been more frequent.

Miller is Deputy Chief, Civil Affairs Branch, Plans Division, on the staff of Commander in Chief, Pacific. He first became interested in the Trust Territory in 1949 and has been in island affairs duty with Navy ever since. For two years he was the Naval Administrator, Saipan.

His present itinerary included stops in American Samoa, Kwajalein, and Majuro. From here he will visit Truk, Guam, Yap, and Saipan. The main purpose of the trip is to gain firsthand knowledge of local conditions in order to be able to advise his superiors on matters regarding the Trust Territory.

Other students, as well as members of the faculty, were present. Emi Mukaida substituting for Dan Peacock, arranged for the showing, and Phil Mosher received the appreciation of the audience for his time and effort.

FRANK GERMINARO'S MOTHER DIES

Mr. Frank Germinaro left Wednesday enroute to Kenosha, Wisconsin, to attend the funeral of his mother. Up until two hours before his flight departed Ponape, Germinaro believed he was on his way home to see his mother, who was reported to be critically ill. Just before leaving for the seaplane ramp, he received word that she had passed away.

PONAPEAN PROFILES - II

by Diane Sammet

This week: Lolita Hohmsbeen

This week's personality needs little introduction, as she is one of the district's best known and liked residents. Lolita Hohmsbeen, better known locally as "Miss Lolita", is the Ponape District Finance Officer. Her friendly smile can be seen coming from behind her desk in the administration office, where she carries out her duties. When asked to describe her work, Lolita said, "I am deluged with money, figures, expenditures, and receipts", which ~~sum~~ things up ~~simply~~ and ~~succinctly~~.

Lolita's civil service career began at Moffett Field, California, in 1942. She lived in Palo Alto, and in addition to her work in control she was very active in the war effort. She was a member of the Red Cross Volunteer Motor Corps. It was during this time that a friendship developed between Lolita and Charlotte Strecker, who was a social worker in one of the hospitals where Lolita served. The Streckers and their children later came to Ponape on a rat research program under the South Pacific Commission and are well known to many Ponape residents. Another of Lolita's contributions to the war effort was acting as senior hostess at the Palo Alto Hospitality House, an organization supported by local volunteer workers.

Moffett Field was the point of departure for many units destined for service in the Pacific area during the war. Late in 1946 inquiries were made concerning the transfer of certain personnel from Moffett to the intriguing Pacific area. Lolita was among the fortunate transfers, and she was accepted for duty with the Navy on Saipan, where she spent three pleasant and gratifying years.

A transfer back to California followed her Saipan assignment, but a longing to return to the Pacific remained with Lolita. Finally the opportunity came, after the Department of the Interior assumed the handling of Trust Territory affairs.

Lolita was assigned to her present job in Ponape and arrived here on July 1st, in 1952. Although she was working under a different department, she found the transition from her previous work to this an easy one. Her name was liked as immediately as she was, and it wasn't long before she heard of the first Ponapean baby who was named "Lolita" after her, a practice which still continues. She was surprised and amused, as well as flattered, to hear of one baby girl who was named "Miss Lolita"!

As a child growing up in Missouri, Lolita was always fascinated by the writings of a fellow Missourian, Bernarr Macfadden, who was making headlines and history in his promotion of health through exercise and diet. She joined his staff in Miami Beach in 1937 as pianist for his exercise and singing classes at the Deauville, thereby commencing one of the most interesting, unusual, and strenuous experiences of her life.

Lolita recalls, "The daily routine began at six A.M. with hikes on the beach, over the golf course, or along the 'Macfadden Trail'." (Lolita described this trail with gestures indicating "hills" of alarming degree.) "This was before breakfast, and the rest of the day included formal exercise, singing, swimming, archery and other sports, and more hiking. The day's activities ended only when every one (except Mr. Macfadden) was in a complete state of exhaustion."

"In 1938 Mr. Macfadden organized one of his famous hikes for his staff and ardent followers. This one covered the distance from Cleveland, Ohio, to Dansville, New York, where his big Physical Culture Health Resort was located. The others and I underwent vigorous training at Florida in preparation for the hike, but it wasn't enough! Many feet were still too tender, and numerous blisters developed with as many toenails lost during the trip. One of the days found us covering 33 miles; other days we averaged between 25 and 30 miles."

Lolita left us for a month recently for an enjoyable trip through the Orient.

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She joined her friend Nita Griffin, recently retired from Trust Territory, for two interesting weeks in Hong Kong and Bangkok and then spent two more weeks touring Singapore and Saigon. She was, however, glad to return to Ponape where she can enjoy her favorite form of relaxation, swimming. Says she, "The water here is perfect."

 THE BIG BAMBOO-ZLE

Our scouts back in the land of the Big Quonsets tell us that while the election year jokes have not blossomed forth in any quantity as yet, the Alaska vs. Texas stories are a dime a dozen. A restaurant in Alaska reportedly has a sign in the window which reads: "CLAM CHOWDER - 50 cents. Texas-size Bowl - 25 cents."

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We don't know if anyone from these parts answered a recent ad in the Saturday Review which asked: "Will ladies who use snuff please write box 10?" The response was interesting. Several hundred replies were received, some of them from rather posh addresses in Manhattan. Now the readers of the SR are generally possessed of a high IQ and accustomed to the finer things of life, and when this information gets spread about the female world we can see where the men are going to have another item to add to the comb, lipstick, keys, mad money, and cigarette case they must carry for madame on their evenings out: a jeweled snuff box.

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Commander Miller, currently observing Ponape at work and play, is an acquaintance of ours of long standing. We did a bit of duty together in New Guinea back some 16 years ago, and while looking over the new construction here with its air conditioning he reminded us of the solution the Aussies came up with at Milne Bay for

cooling off their American quonset huts: they called in a gang of fuzzy-wuzzies who threw up a thatched roof over the hut. Very cool, it was, too, and while it may have blown away, it never broke down.

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There is a government booklet cut called "Survival Under Atomic Attack". It has some pretty useful information in it, among the pearls is the warning, "NEVER LOSE YOUR HEAD". This has prompted Harold Hadley Story to pen the following poem:

While being dismembered by a nuclear bomb,
 Remain calm!
 And don't, while being irradiated,
 Get agitated.
 If devastation rains upon your city
 It's a pity.
 But such is life in time of nuclear war, so
 Keep your head although you lose your torso.

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Miss Emi Mukaida sends us a copy of The American Scholar, a quarterly for the independent thinker, with a note inviting our attention to an article by Marston Bates called "Insects in the Diet". We find the account so intriguing that we are going to do a special article on it. Many readers (assumption or presumption?) will remember Marston Bates as the co-author of Coral Island: Portrait of an Atoll, an account of his studies on Ifalik in the Yap District. The article on insects makes our cockroach receipt pale to insignificance. Don't miss next week's Ponape-per. You'll be bug-eyed.

 FOUND.....

A metal container with several hot dog forks and a hamburger grill may be retrieved from the Administration Office by the rightful owner. These items were "lost" by some person during the November club picnic at Langar Island.

FLASH!

The safety critique originally scheduled Monday morning at 8:00 will begin promptly at 7:30, in the DISTAD's office.

MRS. IWANIEC GROWS STRAWBERRY SCENTED LAVENDER ORCHID

An orchid plant brought down from hills near Palikir four years ago rewarded Mrs. Ed Iwaniec with a fragile and beautiful bloom today. Of a delicate lavender, the orchid is unique in that it has a strong but pleasant scent. The odor resembles that of strawberry extract.

Mrs. Iwaniec points out that there are dozens of varieties of orchids in the hills of Ponape. Four varieties brought back by her have all produced flowers of different hues. She believes that the higher up in the hills one goes, the more varieties not seen before might be found.

DRISKELL AND LUTER HERE FOR WEEKS SAFETY PROGRAM

Armed with eagle eyes and several training films, the Director of Public Safety, Mr. Joe Driskell, and Mr. John Luter of the Navy's Public Works Center, Guam, are giving local employees an intensive course in industrial safety.

Inspections of the various buildings, shops, and schools were made during the last few days. On the spot corrective advice was given where needed. Employees were shown two and one-half hours of training films. These films will be shown again Monday evening for the PICS staff and students.

Monday morning all department heads will meet in the DISTAD's office at 7:30 for a critique to be given by Messrs. Driskell and Luter.

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

RUSSIA PAYS

The Soviet Government has paid the United States \$1,100,000. It is Russia's first war settlement to Washington on World War II claims. The settlement was limited strictly to business dealings related to shipping and was outside the much bigger lend lease account on which negotiations recently broke down. The Soviet magazine New Times said today that American lend lease given Russia was more than paid for in Russian blood.

SUB TRAPPED

The Argentine Navy has rushed new anti-submarine equipment to an inlet SE of Buenos Aires. The action follows reports that a mysterious submarine is trapped in the narrow inlet by Argentine air and surface vessels. Attempts will be made to find it and force it out.

Friday 7:00 A.M. Report: Unofficial word has been received that the mystery submarine surfaced about 8:00 P.M. last night, Japan time, and has been destroyed.

CYD CHARISSE, ROCK HUDSON AT FLICKS

Tonight's movie is "Twilight of the Gods" with Cyd Charisse and Rock Hudson. Tuesday evening June Allyson and Jack Lemon co-star in "You Can't Run Away From It". Both films are in color, the latter in Cinemascope.

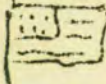
YOU SHOULD KNOW.....

Truk District is the most populous of the seven districts in the Trust Territory with 20,124 persons, or an average of 425.5 per square mile. Rota District is the least populous with 969 persons or an average of 29.5 per square mile.

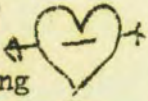
Kids' Column

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

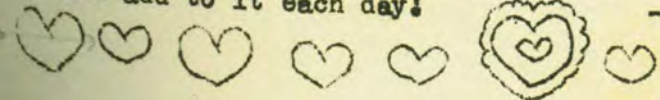
Last week we learned some facts about our sixteenth U.S. president, Abraham Lincoln, who was born on this day in 1809. He was also noted for the great speeches he made, including the famous Gettysburg Address, which he gave at the dedication of the soldiers' cemetery at Gettysburg in 1863. He is remembered, too, because he was very much against slavery, one of the causes of the terrible Civil War. Mr. Lincoln was shot and died in 1865, but he will always be remembered as one of America's greatest men.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL OF YOU FROM THE PONAPE-PER STAFF



Have fun sending and receiving Valentine greetings on Monday. We can't send a box of candy to each of you (though we'd like to), but there is one box waiting for the winner of the KIDS' COLUMN Valentine Contest. Here is how to enter: See how many smaller words you can make using the letters in the word VALENTINE and list them, numbered, on a sheet of paper. You may use "A" only once in a word, but you may make a word using two "N's", because there are two in the word "valentine". Of course you may use the same letters over and over for different words. Be sure to sign your name on your entry, and turn it in to Mrs. Sammet. The person with the most words will win the candy. The winner will be announced two weeks from today, and we will print some of the sample words in the KIDS' COLUMN. Get busy right away starting your list, and add to it each day!



GOOFY AND THE MISSILE TO THE MOON



CONTINUED NEXT WEEK!!!

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