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MTEC CLOSSES - REOPENS SEPTEMBER 16

The first MTEC class of 25 students from all TT districts except the Marshalls graduated with high honors in a revolutionary graduation program, at the Kaselehlia Inn, Saturday evening, August 10. Instead of the formal graduation program in an auditorium with conventional speeches and prayers, the MTEC class met in the same kind of atmosphere they will attempt to create in their future classrooms--a circle of students with leaders chosen informally to tend and enliven the flame of learning.

Instead of the conventional march of the graduates to the notes of Pomp and Circumstance, the MTECs played elementary school games to the beat of Mr. Lee Mandiola's combo of thumpers and twisters.

Mr. Peter Hill, Educational Administrator of Truk, brought the graduates a message of challenge and hope in connection with the future problems they will encounter. He commented on the fact that most changes in the Trust Territory educational program have been of the evolutionary type. However, in the present and for some years to come, he evaluated as revolutionary the changes that AESCP is bringing about throughout the Trust Territory. He pointed out how fortunate the MTEC students were to have an opportunity "to study, to practice, to learn in an environment that is more strengthening, more helpful, more refreshing than any that has been available before".

Miss Mary Reddin, director of the first MTEC session, has been advised by the High Commissioner that she will have a fellow worker from the University of Hawaii to assist her in working with the next group of Trust Territory teachers. She anticipates a class of 50 students from all districts to open school on September 16.

POLIO PROGRAM CHANGE

Type III oral polio vaccine will be given to Kolonia residents on August 22 and 23 next week instead of during the first week of September as previously announced. Those holding International Immunization Cards should present them when they receive the vaccine.

AMERICAN DOCTORS FOR TT

The first doctor recruited under the Trust Territory's new plan to place an American M.D. in each district has reported for duty at Dr. Torres Hospital Saipan. Dr. Gloor, the new doctor for Saipan, was a practicing physician in Guam for some two or three years. He will work as a general practitioner and special consultant.

In a letter dated August 1, 1963, to All Employees of the Trust Territory, the High Commissioner summarized accomplishments of the Trust Territory during the past two years and stated an American M.D. as senior medical officer and consultant will be assigned to each district hospital. He said all districts should have a medical doctor by the end of the present fiscal year.

COURT NOW IN SESSION

Associate Justice Paul Kinnare is presently in Ponape for a sitting of the High Court. He will remain for a period of three weeks and hear civil cases. No criminal cases are slated for trial.

Disputes involving ownership of land make up most of the cases to be heard by the Court. Miss Evelyn Taijeron is acting as Court Reporter during the trials.

The next sitting of the High Court in Ponape will occur in December.

BENITEZ

The following comments appeared in the GUAM DAILY NEWS of August 5, 1963.

"Jose (Pepe) Benitez, deputy high commissioner of the Trust Territory, is not going to become ambassador to the Dominican Republic. He may not be coming back to Saipan, but he's not going to D.R., either, according to high-level sources. ... As this is written, Benitez is back in P.R. on two more weeks vacation. We thought we'd know what his next job is by now, but it's still up in the air."

GUAM SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 3

TT students who expect to attend school in Guam should plan to arrive in Guam before September 3, according to Mrs. Edith R. Blankenfeld, Acting Supervisor, Student Activities, in the TT Liaison Office, Guam.

Ponape District will have approximately 25 students in various Guam schools during school year 1963-64.

WATER MAINS IN KOLONIA WILL BE FLUSHED OF RUST AND SEDIMENT EACH WEDNESDAY NIGHT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WIDOW'S MITE FLYING TO MAJURO

A "widow's mite" in the amount of \$35.00 is in the official pouch mail this week destined to fly to Majuro to assist the victims who are still suffering from the epidemic of polio that swept the Marshalls last January and February.

Miss Eri Mukaida returned from Kusaie last week and brought with her the tangible token of sympathy from Kusaiens who had been deeply aroused during the epidemic in the Marshalls. At the time news of the spread of the disease reached Kusaie, Likiaksa, a respected teacher of Kusaie's Tafunsak school died from an illness that at first was suspected to be polio. Swift action to administer Type I polio vaccine, together with determination that Likiaksa's death did not result from polio, allayed the fears of the Kusaie people.

In gratitude and wishing to express their desire to help the polio victims of the Marshalls, with initiative being taken by Graduate Nurse Albert Austin of the local hospital, the "widow's mite" was collected to be sent to District Administrator Peter Coleman to use in aiding the crippled children who are still receiving treatment in his district.

NEWS BRIEFS

BY OUR KUP66 STAFF

Leopoldville: French paratroopers and tanks Wednesday were reported patrolling the former French Congo capital of Brazzaville, which is in a state of seige. French sources said the troops were ordered after a personal appeal by Congo President Fulbert Youlou to President de Gaulle. In Paris, Government sources said the troops were ordered under a 1960 mutual defense agreement between France and its former colony.

Washington: The House Ways and Means Committee Wednesday approved President Kennedy's proposed tax cuts for individuals and corporations. It voted to slash individual income taxes by an average of 20 per cent effective January 1. The Committee approved a proposed tax cut for corporations of 55 million dollars more than was proposed by the administration in the revised tax program it recommended on Monday. The tax cut would cost the treasury 9.5 billion dollars when fully effective on January 1, 1965. About two-thirds of the reduction would affect 1964 incomes.

Hyannis Port, Mass.: Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy left the hospital with her husband Wednesday for her summer seaside home to recuperate from the Caesarean birth and the ordeal of the death of her son. The First Lady is under doctors' orders to curtail all official White House duties for the rest of the year.

DISTAD CONFERENCE

The High Commissioner has announced the 1963 Distad Conference will be held at Saipan the week of August 26 to 31.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD . . .

Last week's mail brought me a couple of magazines from an old friend. When I read Dr. Harvey A. ("Al") Miller's note saying that I might be interested in having a copy (and one for PICS) of the enclosed magazines, I immediately scanned same. The magazine, published in May, 1962, by the Geneva Museum (Switzerland), contains an article entitled "Exploration des petites îles de l'océan Pacifique", by C.E.B. Donner.

The article turned out to be a narrative of the voyage of the Miami University COLLEGIATE REDEL expedition to Micronesia in 1960--REMEMBER? Two pictures illustrated the article: one scenic shot of the port of Lela, Kusaie; and another that made me sit back and chuckle to myself--a half-page picture of Ponape students helping to collect plants. PICS was not specifically mentioned, but it was easy to recognize two of my old biology students, Belhain Sakuma and Masaharu Tmcndrang of Palau, pressing plants on the slope of Mt. Tamatamansakir when my biology class and I led Al Miller (bryologist) and Ernie Menez (algologist) on a rain forest botanical exploring trip in 1960. If only these two boys could see themselves--in French, no less!

I gather that the Geneva Museum is participating with Al Miller on his research of the bryoflora of Micronesia.--Bob Sutcliffe.

MOST IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS EXPANSION OF EDUCATION - High Commissioner

"It is our contention that the most immediate problem lies in expanding and improving education at the elementary school level. This belief has brought about the launching of a vast accelerated program in this field. Our next stage will be acceleration in secondary school education and in the vital field of adult education. . . . There is great eagerness among our adult population for education-- education for their children and education for themselves. For our part we intend to provide facilities to meet the educational needs and desires of this vital portion of our population." (From closing statement to Trusteeship Council by the Honorable M. Wilfred Goding, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, June 17, 1963.)

"...this coming year we hope to construct 248 additional new classrooms making a grand total of 488 new elementary school classrooms. Some 128 additional teacher housing units will be erected to make a total of 228 teacher houses . . . funds will be requested for an additional 100 American teachers to reach a total of 240. Within the next two years there will be at least one American teacher teaching in English in every public elementary school in the Territory." (From opening statement to Trusteeship Council by the Honorable M. Wilfred Goding, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.)

LOST: Class ring, oval shape, gold band with ruby stone. Fullerton Union High School, 1959. Initials: "A.L." This ring belongs to Mrs. Ann Over. Anyone seeing or finding the ring, please notify Mrs. Castro or Mrs. Varner.

SPICEY STORY

Pepper is the world's most popular spice. It has been grown in the tropical islands of the Western Pacific for over 3,000 years. In 408 A.D., Alaric the Goth demanded a ransom of 3,000 pounds of pepper for sparing Rome from sacking and burning. Worth its weight in gold, it triggered the Age of Discovery: Columbus, Magellan, and Vasco da Gama were seeking it. Henry Hudson discovered the Hudson River while looking for a new and shorter route to the pepper countries of the East. In 1797 the first American clipper ship arrived from the Far East loaded with the spice. To cash in on the lucrative trade hundreds of vessels were built. Today, Americans consume 33 million pounds a year and the demand is growing.

In spite of its long and colorful history, pepper is still often produced by very primitive and unsanitary means. In some places it is allowed to fall from the vines to the ground when ripe. It is then swept up, the dust and dirt and chaff winnowed off, and the berries separated from the twigs by treading with the feet. Inferior grades of pepper are always ground, since the appearance of the product is greatly improved. Often two, three, even five years elapse between harvest and consumption. The aroma and flavor slowly dissipate until, at last, nothing but a "hot" taste remains, instead of the pungent, mouth-watering aroma and flavor of fresh, wholesome pepper.

Ponape Island pepper is fresh from the vine! It is picked from the vines and carefully sorted. It is then immersed for several minutes in scalding water to sanitize and prepare the pepper for machine drying. When dried it is packed in insect-proof plastic containers. Since you buy directly from the garden, Ponape Islands Pepper reaches you within weeks of harvest. Your family can enjoy the world's freshest and most wholesome pepper. When a penny's worth of spice can transform a dull dinner into a gourmet's delight, why not serve the very finest?

--D. Zaiger

(Ed. Note: A trial packet will be sent you AIR MAIL anywhere in the Trust Territory if you will send a self-addressed AIR MAIL envelope to the Micronesian Spice Association, Ponape, E. Caroline Islands. Be sure to specify whether whole or ground pepper is desired. Entry requirements for shipments to the United States are being investigated. In the meantime, send gift shipments to your friends in Guam and the Trust Territory.)

TIDES

	SATURDAY, AUGUST 17		SUNDAY, AUGUST 18	
HIGH	0202	4.0	0237	4.2
	1443	2.4	1515	2.7
LOW	0912	0.8	0936	0.6
	2000	1.2	2039	1.0

YOUR MONEY GROWS WITH A BANK OF HAWAII SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

LOOKING BACK . . .

Peg Hill celebrated her 10th year in the TT just three years ago . . . Leo Migvar was promoted to GS-10 and received a Superior Performance award of \$200.00 . . . The Ponape Book Club was getting organized.

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"Sentinel of the Senyavins". Editor: R.J. Umhoefer. Contributing Editors: Daniel Peacock, Tom Tatekawa, Maynard Neas, Stewo Pelep. Feature Writer: Joan Sutcliffe. Published Weekly in Ponape, E.C.I., Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The New Frontier School opened its doors to eager students two years ago with Mesdames Umhoefer and McNutt eager to teach the little ones . . . High Commissioner Goding offered educational opportunities for older folks, too, by offering to foot the bill for correspondence courses which would further an employee's professional standing . . . Twinkle-toes DuPont was transferred to Headquarters . . . and the new road system on Mob Hill was put into use.

A year ago the HQ NEWS was born . . . Kolonia was getting ready to vote either wet or dry . . . and Mr. Benitez solved the taxi problem on Saipan by loading vehicles on the DC-4 and flying them to the provisional capitol.

SUMMER SCHOOL CLOSING

Ponape elementary school teachers this week entered the last leg of what many have described as the best summer session yet. Catalyst to the forty days of hitting the books has been the arrangement for students to acquire PICS credit in certain courses and qualify for higher pay.

Dependent school teachers, PICS professors and members of the Education staff all co-operated to provide a faculty of ten educators. A total of 140 students enrolled for the session. They are from Ohwa Mission Pastors and Teachers Training School, Kusaie Bible School, both public junior high schools, and 24 of the 27 elementary schools of the district. Two College of Guam students have found the courses profitable.

Twelve teachers will advance from Junior Teacher to Senior Teacher status and two will advance to Master Teacher.

Highlight of the session has been the opportunity for elementary and AESP teachers to participate in two second grades and three pre-first grades being taught entirely in English.

Summer session will close on Friday, August 23.

WHAT, ME WORRY?

Not if you've got money in the bank! Open a savings account in the Bank of Hawaii to insure and protect your future. Money in the bank means peace of mind. Be a better employee and a better worker, knowing you have money in the bank in case of need. Start saving today!

CACAO GROWS DOLLARS

Cacao means candy bars to millions but it means dollars to Ponape planters. Cacao producers of Ponape pushed production up to 30,000 pounds of wet beans in the 1962/63 "season". Production of cacao continues throughout the year. However, the heaviest yield is made during the period from mid-September to mid-February. Growers received 7¢ per pound for the wet beans. It takes three pounds of the beans to make one pound of the dried product that goes to market.

Based on the potential yield of 300,000 trees now standing in Ponape District, local agriculturists have estimated the district will be producing at least 200,000 pounds of dried beans per year within five years. Additional plantings will increase this figure. The New York market price for African cacao has been slightly over 20¢ per pound during the past year. Ponape cacao has been rated at a premium over most cacao produced in the world. On a conservative basis, the cacao production of the district should net producers approximately \$40,000 per year as present trees come into full production.

SHIPPING NEWS . . .

The M/V KASELEHLIA will leave Kusaie this afternoon for Pingelap, Mokil, and Ponape with ETA Ponape Monday, August 19. M/V TUNGARU is expected here this afternoon returning from the Gilberts and Marshalls via Kusaie, Pingelap and Mokil. M/V PACIFIC ISLANDER's ETA Ponape is August 29; however, the vessel may be five or more days behind schedule. M/V GUNNERS KNOT is in Japan; ETA Ponape is September 9. The KNOT is two or three days behind schedule at present.

FISH POISONING

Eleven persons were admitted to Ponape Hospital on August 14 suffering from fish poisoning. All are recovering satisfactorily. All were affected by eating from one single fish. Apparently the fish that caused the present cases of illness was of the same variety that produced a series of serious cases approximately one year ago.

Although local people generally know this particular variety of barracuda may cause illness when eaten, most of the time it is harmless.

NEW ARRIVALS . . .

Miss Barbara Beckemeier, AESP teacher, arrived on Sunday's flight; Mr. Lee Milner, also AESP, was bumped for the second time. He should arrive this week along with PICS agriculture teacher Edward Pavao and family.

GUEST EDITOR . . .

This issue of the PONAPE-PER was edited by Maynard Neas during the absence of Editor R.J. Umhoefer.