



VOLUME 8, NUMBER 1

January 7, 1966

TRUST TERRITORY REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS LABOR FORCE

A report from the Trust Territory Headquarters indicated fewer lay-offs of Micronesian employees caused by the reorganization of the former Department of Public Works than was expected.

The status of labor in each district was made public by Richard F. Taitano, Deputy High Commissioner, on December 30, 1965. Mr. Taitano commented that there were no lay-offs in Yap and ~~Marianas~~ Districts.

According to Maynard Neas, there was, before the reorganization, a total of 67 persons on the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) payroll in Yap District--5 U.S. and 62 Micronesian employees. On WAE (Wage-As-Employed) side, there were 25 people, making a total of 92 persons in both categories. A ceiling of 101 employees was established for that district as a result of the reorganization. Therefore, Yap District has 34 vacancies which will be filled by the 25 WAE employees and with nine more new employees.

Marianas District is not affected by the reorganization either. Prior to November 20, 1965, the District had 180 O&M's and 19 WAE's, or a total of 199 employees. After that date, a ceiling of 184 employees was established for the District. This means four vacancies in O&M. The fact that the bus drivers who formerly operated the Government bus line voluntarily transferred to the new privately-owned bus line took care of potential unemployment in that district.

Truk, Palau, and Ponape Districts have laid off 82, 56, and 25 employees, respec--

(Continued on page 2)

TRUST TERRITORY REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS LABOR FORCE (continued from page 1)

tively. No report from the Marshalls was yet available.

It was further pointed out that the reorganization might result in temporary reduction-in-force of the Government's construction workers, but that more than \$3 million in construction work is anticipated for the remainder of Fiscal Year 1966, which ends on July 30, 1966, so there seems no cause to fear a labor crisis in the Trust Territory in the near future. --AI

FIRST MICRONESIAN WOMAN GRADUATES FROM FIJI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS (December 28). . . Ulai Trudy Otobed of Palau has become the first Micronesian woman medical practitioner and at the same time has won recognition for her outstanding performance at the Fiji School of Medicine in Suva.

At the graduation of the School held December 10, Miss Otobed won the British Medical Association (Fiji Branch) Gold Medal in Surgery, the Glazo-Allenburys Prize for the highest aggregate marks, and the Principal's Presentation to the top girl student.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MISSION, WILLIAM W. YAP, MINISTER

Services of Jehovah's witnesses are as follows: A Public Bible lecture at 2:00 pm followed by the Watchtower Bible study at 3:15 pm is held on Sunday. A Congregation Bible study is held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. On Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30 pm., a Ministry School is held followed by the Service Meeting. All meetings are held in Kepinleh. Persons of good-will welcome. No collection.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER

The average temperature for the month of December was 80.6, plus 0.4 from normal. Highest temperature recorded 88, lowest 73. Total precipitation for the month was 14.20 inches, minus 4.14 from normal. Greatest rainfall in a 24 hour period 3.38 inches on the 12th.

DAUGHTER BORN TO THE PAVAO

A girl was born to Ayoung and Edward Pavao at the District Hospital on Thursday, January 6, 1966. The young girl, who was born at 2:30 pm, and weighed just 7 pounds and only 18 inches tall, has not yet been named.

BITS & ENDS. . .

PONAPER-Per January 7, 1966
"Sentinel of the Senyavins" Published
Weekly by the District Administration
Ponape, Caroline Islands, Trust Terri-
tory of the Pacific Islands.

LOST & FOUND: At KCCA, ignition keys for a Prince and a Datsun. One of the great curiosities is the number of car keys found in stores but rarely are there any vehicles left lying around.

* * *

Seen at PICS: "Education is what you have left when you have forgotten everything you have learned." What a tragedy for mankind that for so many what has been learned is all there is; what a pity that so many have forgotten so much of what they learned.

* * *

Cooperatives are an effort of men to escape from the jungle, old and new, to civilization. --MC

MOVIES

- | | | |
|------------|-------------------------|---|
| Friday 7, | PROUD ONES - - - - | Robert Ryan, Virginia Mayo and Walter Brennan |
| Sunday 9, | KING KHYVER RIFLES - - | Tyrone Power, Terry Moore and Michael Rennie |
| Tuesday 11 | MAGNIFICENT MATADOR - - | Anthony Quinn, Maureen O'Hara and Richard Denning |