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## Rozo Yamada Named Lands & Surveys Chief

Kozo Yamada has been appointed Chief of Division of Lands and Surveys, Department of Resources and Development. He also will serve as Land and Claims Administrator for the Trust Territory.

Yamada, 40, succeeds Paul D. Dennis, who resigned to accept a new assignment with the Bureau of Land Management, Denver, Colorado.

"Mr. Yamada's appointment is in line with the Executive Branch's policy to place qualified Micronesians in top level positions of responsibility," said Wyman X. Zachary, Director, Department of Resources and Development.

Yamada was appointed Assistant Chief, Lands and Surveys in May 1970, after serving as Land Title Officer and Land Management Officer in Ponape since 1957.

He attended Lahainaluna Technical High School and the University of Hawaii during 1955-1956.

Yamada and his wife, Terry, have 10 children and reside on Saipan.

Dennis and his staff directed the start of the Micronesia Land Cadastral Program in 1970. The program is expected to be

completed in about eight years.

Since the funding of the Micronesia Land Cadastral Program, land commissions have been established in most districts; a TP-wide land parcel numbering system which is adaptable to modern electronic equipment has been developed; public inquiries on 3,518 parcels of land have been held; and a total of 522 final titles have been issued and registered so far.



Kozo Yamada

## 1,680 Aliens

There are 1,680 non-resident workers in the Trust Territory, according to figures released this week.

The Department of Resources and Development's Labor Division said citizens of Okinawa top the list at 658; followed by Philippines, 577, and Japan, 88.

Other nations represented include U.S., 88; Korea, 67; Nationalist China, 45 and British nationals, 22.

Also, New Zealand, 6; Australia, 4; Germany and Norway 3 each; Thailand and Italy, 2 each; and India, England and the Netherlands, 1 each.

## PIDC Confab Set in Palau

High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has announced that the next meeting of the Pacific Islands Development Commission (PIDC) will be held in Koror, Palau, Dec. 6-9.

Attending will be Gov. John A. Burns of Hawaii; Gov. John Haydon of American Samoa; Gov. Carlos Camacho of Guam and High Commissioner Johnston of the Trust Territory.

The purpose of the PIDC is to promote cooperation among the four areas in the Pacific in which the U.S. has some degree of interest.

# TT Tourism Workshops Slated

The Trust Territory Department of Resources and Development's Tourism Branch will be conducting workshops in each of the six districts between Thanksgiving and mid-January.

The workshops, directed by TT Tourism Specialist Mike Ashman, will be open to the public, including lawmakers, members of the tourist commissions, businessmen and government workers.

Acting Chief of the Economic Development Division Manuel A. Sablan said the workshops will serve to provide a "fuller understanding of economic development through tourism and to stimulate activity towards setting

## New Flights By Air Mike

Air Micronesia has announced that effective Dec. 1 a regular Saturday flight to Yap and Palau will join the current thrice-weekly service.

The new flight will mean departures from Guam to Palau via Yap every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings, returning the same day.

Also announced was the departure of the current Monday and Friday flights from Guam at 6 a.m. were moved to a more convenient 7 a.m. effective Oct. 15. The new Saturday flight from Dec. 1 will also have a 7 a.m. departure.

The timing is set to assist with the Christmas traffic buildup and also to provide more convenient schedules during the sessions of the Congress of Micronesia in Palau in January.

firm district tourism objectives."

Tourism, in Fiscal Year 1971, recorded some 31,891 visitors who spent an estimated \$2.4 million in Micronesia.

## L&S Conference

The Fifth Trust Territory Lands and Surveys Conference was held on Saipan from Oct. 8-14.

Speakers included High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston; Director of Resources and Development Wymen X. Zachary and Dr. Ronald C. Crocombe, Director of Pacific Studies at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji.

The main topics of discussions during the conference included papers by the five Senior Land Commissioners; an outline of the new comprehensive procedures to set up a Land Registry System and other matters.

## McGrath Leaves

William A. McGrath, Chief of Land Administration Branch, Division of Lands and Surveys left Saipan last month to accept a new position in Honolulu.

McGrath, who is from Australia, came to the TT in 1966 from Papua-New Guinea.

## Hyatt Returns

Hobart B. Hyatt, Bureau of Land Management supervisor on extended assignment from the Alaskan Office of BLM left Saipan last month.

Hyatt was one of the first members of BLM to arrive on Saipan in February, 1970, to implement the Micronesian Land Cadaster Program.

## R&D Briefs

### Bank of Hawaii Opens Business

Micronesia's newest bank branch, the Bank of Hawaii on Saipan, opened its doors for business Nov. 1 following a weekend open house.

With the opening of the new branch, the Marianas District is the only district in the TT with two banks—Bank of Hawaii and Bank of America.

The manager of the Saipan Branch of Bank of Hawaii is Mamoru Saito, who was formerly an assistant manager of the Bank's Ala Moana Branch in Honolulu.

Attending the bank's dedication were Deputy High Commissioner and Mrs. Peter T. Coleman; Marianas District Administrator and Mrs. Francisco C. Ada and other dignitaries.

### Land Surveyors Licenses Issued

Sixteen Trust Territory residents have been granted registration as Land Surveyors.

The appointments were announced Thursday (Nov. 4) by TT Board of Land Surveying Examiners Chairman Ron Perry. They are:

Marianas—Winfield Brown, Hobart Hyatt, John Enfield and Richard Richter.

Yap—George Rodriguez and William Bartels.

Palau—Markus Bechov, Inocencio Caraig, Edward Rygwalski and Leonard Emerson.

Truk—Singeuo Arulong, Eligio Flores, Robert Boring and Harvey Martin.

Ponape—Fermin Paz and Robert Eligio.

## Copra Board Meeting Set

The Trust Territory Copra Stabilization Board is scheduled to meet on Saipan Tuesday, November 30, it was announced by Board Chairman Eusebio Rechucher.

According to Rechucher, the Board will discuss major items such as copra prices, and will also conduct a study of the copra prices in the World Market.

The board will also take up current transportation problems involving the shipment of copra from the Trust Territory to its final destination, the world market.

The following representatives from each district of the TT will be attending the meeting: Jose C. Tenorio (Marianas); Jacob Waichi (Palau); John Francis Chiyeg (Yap); Chiro Albert (Truk); Kasiano Joseph (Ponape); and Atlan Anien (Marshalls).

## First Ponape Land Titles

The first batch of Certificates of Title to 172 parcels of privately and publicly owned properties were issued recently by the Ponape Land Commission.

Senior Land Commissioner Frank L. G. Castro reported that additional certificates of title are being prepared for issuance this month.

Since the Ponape Land Commission was organized a year ago, it has issued 596 Determination of Ownership Certificates; held 737 preliminary hearings and conducted 687 formal land hearings.

## Micronesia's Park System

Micronesia has a wealth of historical sites which can be integrated into a magnificent 3 million square mile park system.

This is the opinion of U.S. National Park expert Russell A. Apple who is currently on a two-month swing of the Trust Territory.

"The islands are just fantastic. They are uniquely beautiful as well as culturally significant," he said.

Apple studied the Rock Islands of Palau which showed pre-historic occupation and were used as defense fortifications.

"I was particularly impressed with the Rock Islands. This area can be a major Micronesian Park complex with a sprinkling of controlled camping sites," he said.

Apple said the Rock Islands have the combination of recreational, scenic and historical value which must be preserved.

He was equally excited with the ancient terraces at Gamielangle Bay and the huge stone columns and abai sites at Badrilau on Babelthup Island in the Palau group.

"Peleliu is another major site. Here are extremely culturally important sites and World War II reminders for all to see," he said.

"In Hawaii, we had to conduct major restoration work but here in Micronesia, you've still got it. Kona's City of Refuge temple cost \$250,000 to rebuild. It took three years and several million dollars to restore the City of Refuge, a histo-

rically significant site. But in Palau, you still have the Airai abai; in Ponape, the ruins of Nan Madol and the beautiful Nanpil Waterfall and on Tinian, the House of Taga," said Russell.

His preliminary report, due to be completed early next year, will be forwarded to High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston and the Congress of Micronesia.

He is working with Norman P. Knott, Chief of Land Resources Branch, Division of Lands and Surveys, Department of Resources and Development.

## ESO Confab

The Trust Territory Government's first annual Employment Service Officers Training Conference opened Tuesday on Saipan.

Greeting the conferees were Acting Director of the Department of Resources and Development, Eusebio Rechucher, and Labor Division Chief William E. Mooney.

The three-day meeting covered the administration and enforcement of Public Law 3C-44, the Protection of Resident Workers Act, which was passed by the Third Congress of Micronesia. The act regulates and controls the importation of alien workers, and also provides for the establishment of public employment service offices in each of the six districts.

Attending the conference were Francisca Sakuma of Palau; Peter Christian, Ponape; Zebedy Tarkwon, Marshalls; Vincent Figir, Yap; and William Hofschneider, Marianas.

## 'Beautiful Vegetables'

# Mangefel Wants Viable Local Economy

Congress of Micronesia Representative John Mangefel wants progress toward a more viable local economy.

"I know there are limitations but we can do it through teamwork," he said in an interview Nov. 16.

Mangefel's favorite economic development is agriculture.

"We have enough Micronesian manpower to raise beautiful vegetables, beautiful fruits and beautiful farm products to feed the entire population of Micronesia," he said.

The fiery Yapese lawmaker is first to admit that a healthy economic posture for the islands will be a long and hard climb.

"Somewhere, we Micronesians goofed in not getting the right attitude toward the development of agriculture. Something happened in the past to make agriculture look like a low and hard job," he said.

The Congressman noted that the all-important agricultural development has lots of problems.

"In more ways than one, we Micronesians can, through teamwork, start producing more pineapples, cucumbers, chickens, eggs and more cows" he noted.

Mangefel said his objective is to see plenty of good, Micronesian-produced foodstuffs.

"Tourism is fine but it would be much better if we can provide beautiful salads to them at our hotels," he said.

He said the time has come to "buy Micronesia."

"It is ridiculous when our people must buy Taiwan bananas and expensive vegetables airlifted from Japan. We Micronesians have plenty of bananas and we can raise an abundance of beautiful vegetables," he said.

Mangefel said he is going to introduce realistic measures in the upcoming Congress of Micronesia session to advance agricultural development.

And he made it vividly clear he was not opposed to foreign investments---if Micronesian participation is assured.

"I am not implying we don't want outsiders. I don't mind foreign investments with joint ventures. No foreigner is a Santa Claus. He's not going to invest large sums of money if he is not going to have some degree of protection," said Mangefel.

The Congressman said his "pet" project would be to start a corned beef cannery in Micronesia.

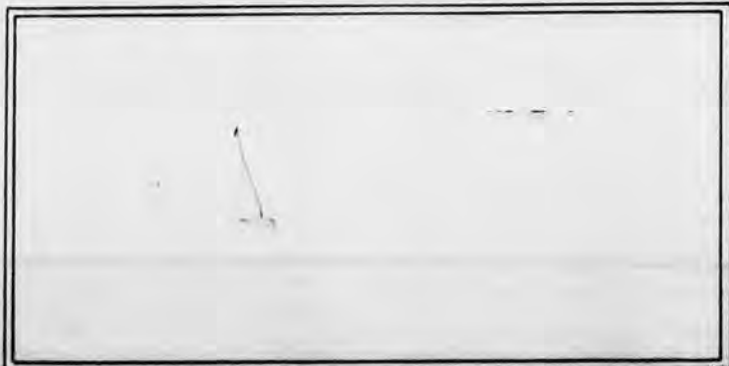
"Everyone in Micronesia loves corned beef. If we have lots of cows, I don't see any reason why we don't have our own corned beef business," he said.

He went one step further.

"If we get our corned beef factory, the Congress of Micronesia can pass a law against the importation of corned beef. The same thing goes for a tuna cannery, bananas, vegetables, salt and many more things," he said.

Mangefel said he was re-introducing a bill to protect consumers against high prices.

"You know, it is very difficult to get betel nut on Saipan. When they get plenty, I pay 5 for 10 cents. When they get little, I must pay 3 for 10 cents. How come they charge us so much?," he asked.



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