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## Saipan's Airfield Project Advertised to Contractors

The Trust Territory Government is currently advertising for bids on the renovation of the Saipan International Airport. Construction companies in Micronesia and internationally are being invited to submit bids on the multi-million dollar project.

Public Works Director Gordon W. Bradley said that advertising of the notice to bidders is being done in Hawaii, the U.S. Mainland and Guam; in addition copies of the notice are being sent to a number of construction companies in other parts of the world which have indicated an interest in the project.

All bids are to be submitted no later than Thursday, April 12, 1973, at which time they will be opened and the contract awarded. The government, however, is reserving the right to reject any and all bids if no acceptable proposal is forthcoming.

Isley Field, as the site of the new Saipan International Airport is now known, is a World War Two B-29 bomber base at the south end of Saipan. It has not been used since 1949. Its two, 8,700 foot runways are still there, however, and the plan is to renovate one of these for use as Saipan's principal commercial airstrip. The present field, Kobler, would no longer be used once Isley is put into service, hopefully sometime in late 1974.

Bradley said the contract which is awarded will be for reconstruction of the runway, construction of a taxiway and apron, airfield lighting and landing aids, water and

electrical lines, fencing and associated facilities. Not included is a passenger terminal and other buildings, which will be part of a separate contract to be bid and awarded at a later date.

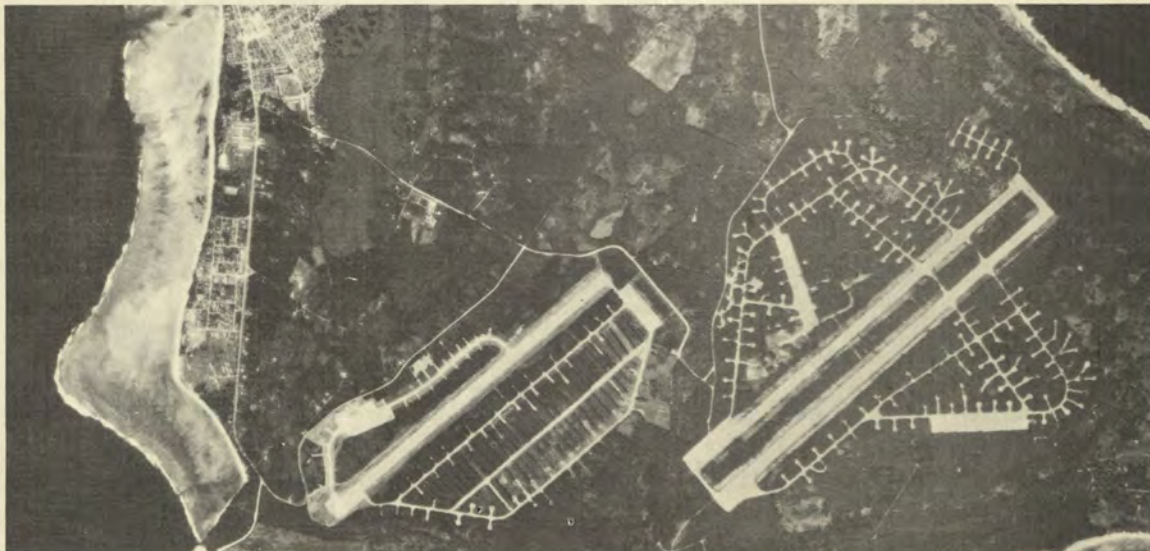
The work which is included in the current bid advertisement is that for which the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will provide financial assistance. Once a contractor has been selected, the Trust Territory will make formal application for an FAA grant. An environmental impact study of the Isley Field project has already been conducted, including public hearings, and a report has been filed.

The renovation of Isley Field is seen by many businessmen and government leaders on Saipan as a key to the island's future economic development. It is felt that, with the opening of the new airfield, direct jet flights from Japan will begin bringing significantly more tourist visitors to the island, stimulating jobs in hotel and related industries.

### Apologies...

*The Public Information Division is going to be moving to new offices in the next two weeks--not far--just over into the next building, in fact. But we expect things to be a bit disrupted over the period of our move. And that means that we are going to cancel our publication of the April 1, 1973, Highlights. The next issue of Highlights we prepare will be sent to the print shop for publication on April 15. So for those of you keeping a file of the newsletter, there will be no issue dated April 1.*

*This aerial photo of Saipan, taken in 1968, shows Kobler Field at left and the Isley complex at right. The photo was taken from nearly 3,000 feet.*



## Tacheliol Appointed in Yap



Trust Territory High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has announced the appointment of Hilary Tacheliol as the Acting District Administrator in Yap District. Tacheliol replaces Luke Tman, who was elected to the Congress of Micronesia in last November's general election.

Tacheliol has been DistAd's Representative in Ulithi since August, 1970. He is a former vice-principal of Outer Islands High School at Ulithi, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Guam in 1968. Tacheliol has also taken graduate work at the University. In his new position he will be working directly under DistAd Leonard Aguigui, and will be responsible for administering the district whenever the DistAd is absent.

The position is an "acting" one because it is technically not vacant. Former Deputy Yap DistAd Carl Heine is on leave-of-absence to work with the Congress of Micronesia's Joint Committee on Future Status as staff coordinator.

## Bills Signed, etc.

Nearly all of the bills passed by the Congress of Micronesia during its Saipan session had been transmitted to the High Commissioner by the time this issue of Highlights went to press. The HiCom had signed one of the bills into law:

—House Bill 35—relating to penalties for starting unauthorized fires—is now Public Law 5-1. The new law actually does away with a previous duplication in the law which resulted from the passage of two bills by the Fourth Congress of Micronesia which contained provisions which did the same thing. Thus PL 5-1 is a relatively minor technical amendment to the law.

A total of sixty-three bills received final Congressional approval during the session. One bill listed in the previous edition of Highlights, dated March 1, 1973, should be removed from that preliminary listing. That is House Bill 105, which did not pass the Congress.

Two bills which did pass were not included on the list:

—HB 152—appropriating money to supplement Congress operating funds for fiscal year 1973; and

—SB 27—appropriating money for purchase of a bulldozer for Tinian.

## Joint Resolutions and

*The following is a list of Joint Resolutions and single Resolutions adopted by the House and Senate during the recently concluded session on Saipan. The list should be considered unofficial as published here; it has been gathered from many sources. Subjects of the resolutions are from original titles of the measures when they were introduced and may have been amended prior to final passage. Errors will be corrected in future issues of Highlights as appropriate.*

## House Joint Resolutions

- HJR 1—calling a joint session of the two houses of the Congress to hear High Commissioner Johnston deliver the State of the Territory message.
- HJR 2—commending Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., for its service in the Trust Territory and calling on the High Commissioner to renew and extend the present T.T. contract with Mobil Oil.
- HJR 12—urging the High Commissioner to have the business permit of the Bank of America revoked.
- HJR 15—conveying sympathy and condolences to the family of the late former President, Harry S. Truman.
- HJR 21—requesting the High Commissioner to submit annual reports on the activities of military Civic Action Teams in the Territory.
- HJR 23—requesting that one-third of the funds budgeted for economic development be earmarked for marine resources.
- HJR 26—commending the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation for its outstanding work in providing legal representation for Micronesians.
- HJR 27—requesting that lighterage fees be eliminated for transporting cargo and passengers from field trip ships to and from the islands at which they call.
- HJR 28—requesting a study of utility development in the districts.
- HJR 31—requesting the Public Defender to represent certain land owners in Truk in renegotiating their leases with the T.T. government covering the present site of the Truk District Administration complex.
- HJR 33—calling for an audit of the tax records, returns, withholdings and payments of gross revenue taxes by Van Camp Sea Food Company to assure that provisions of Public Law 4C-2 are being met.
- HJR 35—requesting the President of the United States and the U.S. Congress to allow the Congress of Micronesia a role in the selection and appointment of the High Commissioner.
- HJR 43—thanking the people of Tinian for their hospitality to members of the Congress during the Congress' visit to Tinian on February 3.
- HJR 45—requesting the South Pacific Commission to survey mineral resources in the islands of Micronesia.

# Resolutions from the Congress

--HJR 52--requesting the government of Japan to compensate the people of Micronesia for loss of their homes, lands and property during the period March 27, 1935 to December 7, 1941.

--HJR 57--welcoming the 1973 U.N. Visiting Mission to the Territory.

--HJR 63--expressing sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Lawrence K. Anderson.

--HJR 69--authorizing the High Commissioner to accept a grant offer for the development of the Airport Master Planning for Yap District from the Federal Aviation Administration.

--HJR 73--extending the life of the Special Joint Committee concerning Rongelap and Utirik.

## Senate Joint Resolutions

--SJR 1--expressing sympathy and condolences to the family of the late former Senator Francis D. Nuuan of Yap.

--SJR 2--confirming several nominations to the T.T. Environmental Protection Board.

--SJR 3--expressing the sense of the Congress that Edward E. Johnston should be permitted to continue in his present position as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.

--SJR 12--requesting the T.T. government to develop and encourage a marketing program for citrus fruit and pineapple produced in Yap.

--SJR 13--expressing the disapproval of the Congress over certain recent actions of the Office of the Attorney General.

--SJR 14--urging the elimination of government involvement in the housing industry and the encouragement of the development of private housing and construction firms.

--SJR 23--requesting that certain U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations be lifted to allow importation into the U.S. of swine and untreated pork products from the Trust Territory.

--SJR 26--expressing sympathy and condolences to the family of the late former President, Lyndon Baines Johnson.

--SJR 28--congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. White on their recent marriage.

--SJR 29--urging that a policy be adopted to provide plans for water catchment tanks for all public buildings or buildings constructed with public funds which are not serviced by government water systems.

--SJR 36--expressing sorrow and sympathy to the family and friends of Leko Anjain for his untimely and unwarranted and irreplaceable loss.

--SJR 38--express the sense of the Congress with regard to certain issues relating to the future political status of Micronesia and directing the Joint Committee in Future Status to conduct negotiations accordingly.

--SJR 40--declaring the intention of the Congress to claim jurisdiction over a portion of the seas adjacent to Micronesian islands consistent with the political, cultural and economic realities of this island nation; and authorizing the Congress Joint Committee on the Law of the Sea to take several specific actions.

--SJR 41--requesting that the government expedite the issuance of land certifications for homesteads.

--SJR 42--requesting the placement of mooring buoys and navigational aids in certain channels in Palau District.

--SJR 48--expressing the sense of the Congress that the people of Roi-Namur should be permitted to return to their island, and requesting the Administering Authority and the United Nations to assure the peaceful return of the people and to provide relief funds for that purpose.

--SJR 58--requesting that the President of the United States direct the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board to designate Continental/Air Micronesia to fly the route from Tokyo/Osaka, Japan, to Saipan.

--SJR 66--requesting that the Government Accounting Office of the U.S. audit the records of TransPacific Lines, Inc.

--SJR 69--commending the employees of the T.T. Print Shop for their outstanding work and contribution to the effectiveness of the Congress of Micronesia.

## House Resolutions

--HR 1--congratulating the Honorable Joab Sigrah on the occasion of his birthday.

--HR 2--congratulating the Honorable Luke M. Tman on the occasion of his birthday.

--HR 3--urging the T.T. to purchase a bus to be used by Micronesian students attending the University of Guam.

--HR 4--wishing a speedy recovery to the Honorable Rogers C.B. Morton, Secretary of the Interior.

## Senate Resolutions

--SR 1--directing the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations to investigate the organization, policies, programs and activities of the Department of Public Works.

--SR 2--congratulating the Honorable Roman Tmetuchl on the occasion of his birthday.

--SR 3--directing the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations to conduct an evaluation of law enforcement and of the state of the Judiciary in the Trust Territory.

--SR 5--requesting the High Commissioner and the Yap and Marshalls District Economic Development Boards to reconsider the decisions to revoke the business permits of the Gunther W. Mothes and Co., and Spicewind Fishing Co., Inc., respectively.

--SR 6--expressing deep sympathy and condolences to the families of four boy scouts who drowned off Saipan.

## The U.N. Mission on Tour in Ponape...



The U.N. Visiting Mission concluded its tour of the Trust Territory earlier this month, with meetings on Saipan. The tour had progressed through all six districts of the T.T.--the photos at the top of this page depict some of the Mission's activities in Ponape. Upper left, DistAd Leo A. Falcam greets the Mission and escorts members past a police honor guard. Upper right, Falcam briefs the Mission at a meeting with District Department Heads. Below left and right, meetings with an interim committee of the Ponape District Legislature and the people of Net Municipality. The Ponape portion of the tour lasted for about three days.



## in Palau ...



The Mission's tour of the western districts began in Palau, where the photos at the bottom of this page were taken. Above left, the honor guard stands at the ready on arrival. Above right, a meeting with high school students in Koror, where Ambassador Issraelyan responds to a student's statement. Below left, Mission members sample local transportation in an outlying area of Palau District. Below right, a meeting with the people at Peleliu. Mission members visited municipalities along the east and west coasts of Babelthuap, and in several other locations at Koror and elsewhere during the five days in that district.



## on Guam...

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In what some Mission members and staff called the most successful meeting of the tour, the U.N. group met with a large group of Trust Territory students at the University of Guam on the Mangilao campus. Active participation in the question and answer session by about three-dozen students made for a lively session. Above, Mission Chairman Blanc addresses the students; one of the students addresses the Mission return, at the microphone set up in one aisle of the auditorium. Below, T.T. students performed a stick dance for the Mission members following the session, and (below right) talked informally with the Mission members for quite some time after the formal meetings inside.



## ... and on Saipan

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Mission members met with High Commissioner Johnston and members of his cabinet and other key staff members from the T.T. administration in the last formal sessions of the five-week long tour. Chairman Blanc and Ambassador Issraelyan left Saipan shortly after this session; Mission members Hinchcliffe and Ashwin stayed on Saipan to talk at more length with Resources and Development and Education officials. The Mission's report is to be formulated over the course of the next two months and be ready for presentation to the U.N. Trusteeship Council when it meets in late May of this year.

# It's Happening in the Trust Territory!

## Marianas

*Big time Little League Baseball came to Saipan during the month of March, with several teams now competing in regular league play to come up with a pennant winner at season's end. Several dozen youngsters are involved in the program; the Saipan league is affiliated with the one on Guam. And that means that the winning team will earn a spot in playoffs with Guam teams to determine who goes to the Far Eastern Little League tournament this summer. Saipan teams are backed by commercial businesses on the island.*



*Other miscellaneous things are happening in the Marianas: On Rota, the Civic Action Team is involved in laying a pipeline to bring water into one of that island's drier spots to help agricultural production. The Air Force CAT personnel shown below left-actually a team member and a welder trainee from Rota--are putting the finishing touches on one section of the pipeline. Below right, Mrs. Hattie Baker, Community Development Women's Interest and Nutrition Program Officer, accepts a copy of a Marianas District Legislature resolution from legislator Juan Cabrera on the occasion of the opening of a family food distribution center on Saipan. The resolution had requested extension of the food-for-the-needy program to the Marianas. The presentation took place at the opening of the distribution center on the last day of February.*



## Marshalls

*In the photo at left, Lova L. Joab and Wilson Matili are receiving certificates from Marshalls DistAd Oscar DeBrum after they successfully completed their training in Weather Observation for Airport Advisories. Both men work at Majuro Communications, and were trained at the U.S. Weather Service Office in Majuro. Joab and Matili will be responsible for air-to-ground communications and daily weather observations for aircraft operating in and out of the new Majuro International Airport.*

## Briefly

Australia's High Commissioner (comparable to an Ambassador) to Nauru, The Honorable Leslie G. Sellars, visited the Trust Territory during the month. Sellars explained that Australia's representation on Nauru has recently been upgraded, and that he succeeds the Australian Representative to Nauru, Richard K. Gate, who had visited the Trust Territory previously. In addition to his duties on Nauru, Sellars said he has "visiting responsibilities" for the T.T., and that he expects to make one or two trips a year to this area.

A young Saipan man who gained a measure of notoriety last year when he was put on trial for the arson burning of the High Commissioner's residence was killed Sunday, March 5, in a motorcycle accident on Saipan. He is Ricardo R. Santos, 20, of Asmahetok. Santos was killed when the motorcycle he was driving collided with a station wagon on beach road, near the main intersection at Chalan Kanoa. Police said Santos was given first aid by two nurses who witnessed the Sunday morning accident, but that he was dead by the time a police officer arrived.

The winter quarter graduation of the Micronesian Occupational Center (MOC) in Palau was held in Koror on Thursday, March 1. Twenty-one students from all six districts graduated, receiving diplomas in such specialties as construction carpentry, construction masonry, construction plumbing, electricity, food services and secretarial.

The interim committee of the Ponape District Legislature has tentatively decided to accept a proposal that the members of the legislature become full-time lawmakers like the members of the Congress of Micronesia. The committee met last week with DistAd Falcam, who had advanced the idea last October in his first address to the legislature.

## New Attorneys in TT

Trust Territory High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston has announced several new additions to the staff of the Attorney General. A district attorney for Ponape has been hired, two attorneys have been added to the Headquarters staff on Saipan, and a former district attorney for Truk and Ponape has been transferred to the Saipan staff.

Lyle Richmond has been named to the newly-created position of Chief of the Legal Division at headquarters. Richmond was formerly Truk and Ponape District Attorney, based in Truk. He arrived on Saipan a few weeks ago, in time to work with the Congress of Micronesia during most of the recent session.

To replace Richmond in Ponape, 38-year-old Minor Pounds of Lubbock, Texas has been hired. Pounds, a graduate of the University of Texas Law School, is a former deputy city attorney for the city of Lubbock, and was also in private practice there.

Joining the Headquarters staff are Mrs. Effie Sparling and Charles R. Wheeler. Mrs. Sparling is the new Assistant Attorney General. She recently retired from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, after a twenty-year career during which she served as Deputy State Labor Commissioner, as attorney to the labor commissioner, and, for the past eight years, as a referee on the state's Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board. She is a graduate of the University of California Law School at Berkeley, and calls Berkeley her permanent home.

Wheeler, the newest addition to the Attorney General's staff, arrived on Saipan last week to take the position of Contract Attorney. From Dallas, Texas, the 42-year-old Wheeler attended the law school at the University of Oklahoma, and received his law degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He was in private practice in that city, and worked with the regional office of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, prior to joining the Trust Territory.

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## Scholarship Awards

Congratulations are in order for two dozen Micronesians named recently as recipients of scholarship awards. In announcing the names of the six people who are receiving graduate study awards and the eighteen students who will begin their college studies under new awards, High Commissioner Johnston and Deputy High Commissioner Coleman expressed their confidence in the academic abilities of the students, and wished them well in their studies.

Recipients of Congress of Micronesia graduate study grants are: Ignacio Dela Cruz in the field of veterinary medicine and Ricardo T. Sablan, optometry, both from the Marianas; John Tarlang, law, from Palau; Annes Lebehn, Ponape, secondary education; Barbara Muritok from Truk, guidance and counseling; and from Yap, Isaac Figir, community development. Manuel Sablan from the Marianas was named as an alternate, in the field of

economics.

Those named to receive T.T. scholarships to begin college study next fall are: Carlos G. Matsumoto, pre-medicine, Margaret C. Cabrera, special education, and Brian Torres, vocational industrial education, all from the Marianas; from the Marshalls, Abraham T. Hicking and Stanley Heine in pre-medicine, and Tadashi G. Lometo, secondary education and english; Palau District recipients are Yuzi Clara, pharmacy, Christina O. Kadoi, home economics, and Bismark Brel, accounting.

From Ponape, Orlando J. Poll, medical technology, Damien G. Sohl, linguistics, and Ieski K. Iehsi, pre-law; Truk students are Vita J. Akapito, pre-medicine, Graceful K. Enlet, secondary education, and Gabriel B. Heingio, agriculture; and from Yap were chosen Ben J. B'Moon, pre-medicine, Andrew J. Gabung, vocational agriculture, and Monica J. Tinag, business administration.


# Twenty-two new nurses Join Health Services Program



Twenty-two new nurses have joined the Department of Health Services program -- but this year's graduation had something new added. For the first time, following an agreement between T.T. Health Services and the University of Guam School of Nursing, T.T. graduate nurses are being awarded Associate of Arts (AA) Degrees on completion of their studies. This means that credits received by student graduates in Micronesia are acceptable at any institutions of higher learning in the U.S. should the nurses wish to further their studies leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing. At this month's ceremonies, Special Consultant Dwight Heine (above left) represented the HiCom. Large numbers of friends and family members attended the Sunday afternoon program (above right). Dr. Kieth Binford, Dean of the University of Guam Nursing School, presented the AA certificates to the nurses (below left). The 22 young men and women graduated here (below right) have completed a two and a half year long course of study.



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