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GUAM RECONSTRUCTION UNDER DISCUSSION

A radio conference between High Commissioner M. W. Goding and Deputy High Commissioner Jose A. Benitez in Guam indicates that reconstruction work is underway in Guam. Repairs are being made to the TT Hotel and the living quarters. The TT Administration has already sent to Guam a lineman and other personnel who are currently rehabilitating the Trust Territory Compound, and the houses in the area should have electricity by tonight. Up to now the TT Hotel and the Liaison Office have been supplied with power from one of the 60 KW generators sent from here to Guam via the DC-4.

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The Director of the Office of Territories, Mr. Richard F. Taitano, arrived in Guam last night from Washington, D.C., for a first hand inspection of the typhoon damage and for conference with Acting Governor Manuel Guerrero and other Government of Guam officials. Mr. Ralph Burns from the Office of Emergency Planning also arrived in Guam last night to confer with local officials on disaster relief. On the invitation of the

High Commissioner, Mr. Burns will come to Saipan tomorrow to spend the day discussing Disaster Relief Program with HQ officials so that in the event of a major disaster in the Trust Territory, details of disaster relief may be known.

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Guam is in need of workers, especially workers who have experience in construction work; carpenters, electricians, plumbers, masons (concrete workers or brick-layers), welders, mechanics, stealmens, and the like. The High Commissioner has offered to supply a labor force from the Trust Territory from amongst unemployed workers in Saipan, Truk, Ponape and Palau. It is not known at this time how many unskilled laborers will be needed but workers with construction experience are urgently required. Details on recruitment, wages, living arrangements, etc., will be given later if final plans are made with Immigration officials in Washington, D.C., to permit Trust Territory citizens to go to Guam and help in the rehabilitation work.

DC-4 ON SPECIAL RUN TO ANGAUR

The villagers near Kobler Airport probably murmured in their sleep a few words of complaint as the DC-4 plane roared off the runway early this morning on its special flight to Angaur, Palau District. Taking off at 6 a.m., the DC-4 will make a brief stop in Guam to refuel and pick up Palau-bound passengers, especially the sponsorship students from Palau who are returning home until schools reopen in Guam. If an early take-off from Guam is accomplished, the plane will make a turnaround flight, returning to Saipan late this afternoon.

Among the passengers—who were probably snoring off in the plane as they had to be up as early as 4 o'clock this morning—from Saipan for Palau were SPC Executive Officer for Economic Development J. Barrau and TT scholarship student Sandy Oiterong of Palau who was among the first group of evacuees to Saipan. Other depart-

SPC ECONOMIC OFFICER OFF TO PALAU

Mr. Jacques Barrau, Executive Officer for Economic Development, South Pacific Commission, departed early this morning for Koror, Palau, on the DC-4. He will be inspecting the Vegetation Barrier Rhinoceros Beetle Project sponsored by the South Pacific Commission in Ngesebus Island, Palau District. He also will be conferring with TT Staff Entomologist Russel Owen. If plane schedule permits, Mr. Barrau will make a turnaround trip to Ponape before departing for Tahiti on another inspection tour. While he was in Saipan, Mr. Barrau conferred with the High Commissioner, the Program Officer, Economic Development Officer and Director of Agriculture and Fisheries.

tee included two Nursing School students from Saipan and several others from Ponape and Truk.

The SA-16 aircraft will also make a special flight to Truk and Ponape,

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SPECIAL FLIGHT (continued)

via Guam, tomorrow, according to Executive Officer Spivey. Truk District Administrator Robert Halvorsen, who has been conferring with High Commissioner and other HQ staff, will be aboard the plane.

THANKSGIVING DAY FESTIVITIES AT CLUB TOPPA TAPPI

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, there will be an extensive program provided for members and guests at the Club Toppa Tappi. A dinner will be served at 2 p.m. The Club will provide the roast turkey and dressing. Each member attending is requested to prepare and bring a side-dish other than meat. This may be any kind of vegetable salad, pie, etc. There will also be games and entertainment. Joe Pangelinan's orchestra will play in the evening. There will also be a buffet in the evening. Whatever left over food will be available for snacks later on in the evening. A full day's entertainment is planned.

Additional information will be provided later. There will be no charge for members, but there will be a charge for guests--this amount to be announced later.

NEW FRONTIER THEATER GRAND OPENING

HQ NEWS was informed by Joe Tenorio that the NEW FRONTIER THEATER will hold its grand opening tomorrow from 6 to 8 p.m. The public is cordially invited. Immediately after the grand opening, the initial movie will be shown.

The Public is also invited to buy stock, a very good investment, at \$10 per share. If anyone is interested, please call Miss June Seman, the Manager, at Tel. No. 18 during working hours.

MORE INFORMATION ON TYPHOON

DEVASTATION IN GUAM

As the HQ NEWS was preparing for the press, the following additional information about the conditions in Guam was released from the High Commissioner's Office and is reprinted here for the interest of the public.

Typhoon Karen devastated Western and Southern parts of Guam. Villages in Asan, Piti, Agat, Santa Rita, Umatac, Merizo, Yona, and Barrigada are reported to be almost totally devastated with families now living in mass shelters. Santa Rita Village with a population of some 2,400 did not receive quite as severe a blow and can be occupied to the extent of 50% after necessary repairs to buildings are made.

The general school situation is very uncertain. The George Washington High School was practically leveled. According to the High Commissioner who made a first hand inspection of many of the typhoon areas, the new permanent school buildings stood very well but in most instances are now being used for temporary shelters for homeless people.

The College of Guam buildings did not suffer very much damage and it might be possible that the College could open before any of the schools.

The Trust Territory Scholarship students are working in the TT Compound, clearing debris, making repairs to their apartments and other houses, and emergency repairs to the Liaison Office Building.

!!HAVE A NICE WEEKEND!!

Watch the Monday's issue for High Commissioner's report on 1964 Budget.