

PUBLICATION OF HQ NEWS TO CEASE

With this issue the HEADQUARTERS NEWS will cease publication. A review of the various District Newsheets reveal that a predominant portion of news now printed in these district publications come from Information Office Press Releases or from the items printed in the HEADQUARTERS NEWS. The result is duplication of effort as well as unwarranted expenditure of funds and time.

After a careful analysis, it has been decided that the Internal Information Program of the Information Office can best be served through the gathering and issuance of news for all district newspapers. Accordingly, a stepped up program of internal press releases will be initiated to provide all districts the type of information that has been published in the HEADQUARTERS NEWS and in the regular Press Releases.

Items of local interest to Capitol Hill residents already are printed in the Marianas DISTRICT PANORAMA and that newsheet is prepared to accept "notices" and other items for publication.

The Information Office proposes from time to time to issue a special "Information Bulletin" when an event or occasion warrants special attention beyond ordinary press releases.

The Editorial Staff

New Deputy Hicom's Arrival in Saipan Announced

Word was received just before press time from the Office of Territories that Richard F. Taitano, former Director of Office of Territories and new Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, is expected to arrive in Saipan April 27 to take up his new assignment.

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TT Awards Contracts To Micronesian Firms

Two school furniture contracts involving more than a quarter of million dollars were signed this week at Trust Territory Headquarters in Saipan.

High Commissioner M. W. Goding said the contracts were awarded as part of the Accelerated Elementary School Construction Program in the six districts of the Territory.

A contract with the Micronesian Construction Co., of Saipan is for 13,333
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TT MEDICAL SERVICES TO LAUNCH TT-WIDE MASS IMMUNIZATION

The Trust Territory Medical Services Department is embarking on a Territory-wide mass immunization program in an effort to prevent the occurrence of certain epidemic diseases in the area, according to an announcement released this week by High Commissioner M. W. Goding.

Dr. Daniel Schneider, Acting Director of Medical Services, said the immunization program scheduled to begin early May is a part of the accelerated over-all public health and medical services program in the Territory.

The successful completion of this program will see the entire Trust Territory population vaccinated against such diseases as typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, smallpox, tuberculosis, influenza and cholera.

Some 600,000 sets of syringes and needles, including other required medical supplies, are now
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EPIDEMIC SWEEPS MOEN, EBEYE

An epidemic of gastroenteritis has broken out in two areas of the Trust Territory as new cases are reported daily in Moen, Truk, and Ebye, Marshalls, according to messages received here from these two areas.

Some 3,000 cases were reported during the first three days of the epidemic, with hundreds of cases being reported daily, according to Truk District Administrator J. B. MacKenzie.

Ebye reported late last week approximately 200 cases of gastroenteritis, with majority of cases involving infants.

MacKenzie said he has ordered strict quarantine measures in Moen and has banned all movements from

Moen to other islands in Truk Lagoon in an attempt to prevent further spread of the disease.

Similar quarantine precautions were taken in the Marshalls, but the quarantine was lifted on April
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being shipped to all district centers in the Territory, according to Headquarters authorities. Starting from the district centers, where the population is concentrated, and gradually spreading to outer villages and islands, the program will immunize approximately 65,000 persons, or two-thirds of the Territory's population, within a relatively short period of time.

The next phase of the mass immunization program will be to send medical teams on field trip vessels to the outer islands and atolls.

The ultimate goal of the Trust Territory Administration in launching this program is to give a 100 per cent immunization coverage in the Territory in an attempt to prevent the possibility of a disease occurring on an epidemic scale.

TT NURSE STUDENTS RECEIVE CAPS

Eleven junior nurse students attending the TT School of Nursing in Saipan will receive their caps this afternoon from Nurse Education Supervisor Ruth Martin, marking their successful completion of four-month provisional trial period.

Mrs. Martin said the students are now fully qualified as nurse students at the TT School of Nursing.

The male nurse students will receive green ribbons which they will wear during classroom studies and clinical practice. The girls will wear white, unstriped caps.

Mrs. Martin said during the provisional four-month period, the students were graded not only on academic achievements but also on their personality and character, and added that the TT School of Nursing staff is proud of the accomplishment of these nurse students.

General Membership Meeting Announced

Mariana Islands District Community Club President James Cook announces that there will be a general membership meeting for paid-up members at Club Toppa Tappi, Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Members are urged to attend the meeting since important items will be discussed.

NEW CO ARRIVES

Mr. Samuel Mitchell, new Trust Territory Cooperative Officer, arrived in Saipan from US mainland early this week, according to a Headquarters announcement.

Mr. Mitchell is now scheduled to arrive in Palau April 21 for orientation and familiarization trip there. He is expected to visit other districts in near future.

Awards Contracts Cont

pieces of school furniture to be manufactured at a contract cost of \$142,161.91. Another contract, with the Palau Handicraft and Woodworkers' Guild, is for 16,257 pieces of furniture at a contract price of \$121,545.82.

Fifteen different sizes and types of furniture were included in the contracts to fill furnishing needs for 435 elementary school classrooms in the Territory. Both Micronesian firms will manufacture desks, chairs, tables, easels, and bookcases. Staggered delivery dates provide for furniture arrivals at the various districts through mid-1965.

NEW BOND WILL BE AVAILABLE

All U.S. personnel eligible for U. S. Savings Bond Purchases are advised that, effective May 1, 1964, a new Series E Bond in the maturity amount of \$75.00 denomination will be available for the purchase price of \$56.25. You can sign up for the purchases of these bonds in the Payroll Section through payroll deduction.

LADY BOWLERS!

All interested lady-bowlers are advised to contact Frank Diaz at 3235 if they wish to join the three-man Women's Handicap Bowling League, scheduled to start soon.