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SPC SECRETARY-GENERAL ARRIVES Confers With HiCom On TT Problems

South Pacific Commission's Secretary-General, Mr. W. D. Forsyth of Australia, arrived in Saipan Monday for a series of conferences with the High Commissioner and his staff regarding progress and problems within the Trust Territory.

He was accompanied here by High Commissioner M. W. Goding, who was returning to Saipan from Washington, D.C., where he attended the Bureau of Budget hearings on the 1965 Trust Territory Budget.

Mr. Forsyth was in Saipan to discuss with the Administration's officials various problems and needs within the Trust Territory and to offer possible assistance within the scope of the Commission's resources and functions.

At a conference with the High Commissioner and his staff, the SPC Secretary-General said the Commission seeks to help the administering authorities carry out their obligations and responsibilities within their respective territories. This is

done by organizing research into unsolved problems, through training schemes, by providing experts, by financing study tours, and by collecting, preparing and distributing information of a general and particular nature.

He also briefed the High Commissioner and his staff on the Commission's accomplishments during the past year and outlined some of the major programs and projects scheduled for 1964. The Secretary-General said the Commission anticipates expanding its activities and has thus
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JUDICIAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

A Judicial Conference for Presiding District Court Judges, Clerks of Courts and Administrative Assistants to the Justices will open March 16 in Saipan according to Headquarters announcement.

The conference is sponsored by the Chief Justice's Office and is being coordinated to run concurrently with the Prosecutors/Public Defender's Representatives Training Course until March 23, when the conference will adjourn.

Adequate Protection of the Rights of Parties in Court will be the general theme of discussion according to Chief Justice Edward P. Furber who will preside at the conference. Judge Furber will be assisted by Associate Justice Paul Kinnare.

Judge Furber said the High Commissioner, Attorney General, District Attorney, Public Defender, and all temporary judges of the High Court have been invited to attend the conference.

TT Doctors and Nurses Complete Training at University of Hawaii

Five Micronesian doctors and two nurses have returned to their respective districts after completing a refresher medical training course at the University of Hawaii.

The five-month medical training program was sponsored by the East-West Center's Institute for Technical Interchange, University of Hawaii, in cooperation with the State of Hawaii and leading hospitals in Honolulu.

The course was the first of a series of advanced medical courses for Pacific Island doctors and nurses in a continuing medical education program to bridge the gap between modern theory and practice in medicine through classroom lectures and clinical in-service training in such specialized fields as

surgery, pediatrics, orthopedics, and physical therapy.

Medical and health personnel from Guam, American and Western Samoa also took part in the initial course. The Trust Territory participants were Drs. Jose L. Chong and Marao Kumangai, District Directors of Medical Services for the Marianas and Palau, respectively; Eliseu Fretrick of Ponape, Herunanga Sonis of Truk, and Bernard You of Yap—all medical officers; nurses were Josepha Oite-long and Katey Thetuchl, both of Palau.

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added to its staff economists and health education officers. One of the important projects, he said, is the intensified campaign to eradicate the Rhinoceros beetle—a serious coconut palm pest endangering copra industry among the Pacific Islands, some of which are solely dependent on such industry.

Mr. Forsyth was the first Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission. He aided in the drafting of the original Canberra Agreement, signed in 1947 by the representatives of the Governments of the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, France, and the Netherlands, which established the South Pacific Commission to "encourage and strengthen international cooperation in promoting the economic and social welfare and advancement of the peoples of the non-self-governing territories administered by them" in the South Pacific area. The Netherlands terminated its membership from the Commission in late 1962, when it turned its former territory of New Guinea to the Republic of Indonesia.

As the first Secretary-General, Mr. Forsyth established the South Pacific Commission's Headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia, in 1949 and maintained a staff there to execute the Commission's programs. He left the post in 1951 and returned to a position with

the Department of External Affairs in Canberra, Australia. He later became Minister and Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Australian representative on the Trusteeship Council. More recently, he served as Ambassador to Viet Nam and Minister to Laos.

Mr. Forsyth was re-appointed by the Commission as Secretary-General in March of 1963.

He was scheduled to depart Saipan yesterday for Guam where he is to confer with Government of Guam officials regarding Guam's problems. He expects to visit many other territories and major islands in the South Pacific area.

The UN Visiting Mission is expected back Monday, March 9, in Saipan to conclude its inspection tour of the Trust Territory with a series of conferences with the High Commissioner.

The four-member Mission, headed by Mr. Frank H. Corner of New Zealand, is presently visiting the Marshalls and is expected to arrive Guam Sunday afternoon and proceed to Saipan Monday. The Mission will remain three days in Saipan conferring with the High Commissioner and Headquarters officials.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

MRS. IRENE ROWLAND now a staff member at the TT School of Nursing...The HUGHES family celebrating the birth of a son...An HQ welcome to new assistant personnel officer ARTHUR DALE and family...MRS. ALAN MACQUARRIE urges all persons interested in opening the Community Club Library more often to attend a meeting in the library Tues. at 4:45...ELIZABETH UDUI recovering from an ear infection.

A Prayer



"Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old...Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion...Release me from the craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs...Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy...With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it at all—but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details—give me wings to get to the point...Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by...I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others but help me to endure them with patience...I dare not ask for improved memory but a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others...Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken...Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil...Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. Give me the grace to tell them so...Amen."

(Author Unknown)

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