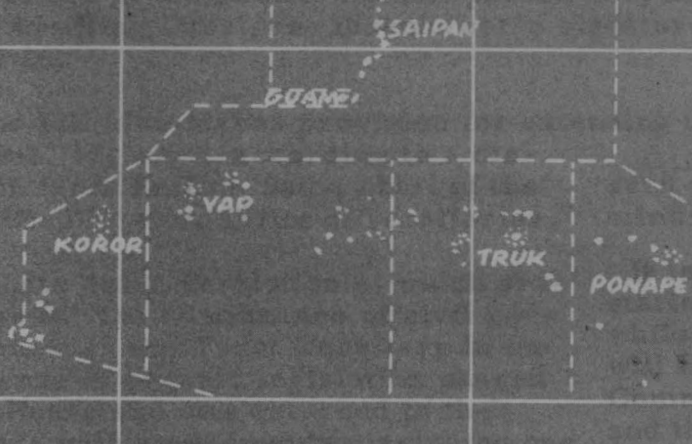
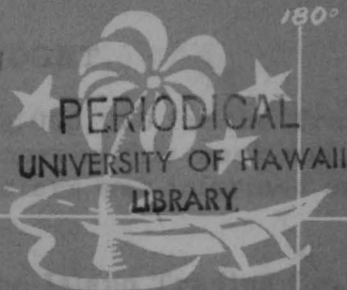


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Although the budget will be a relief to the Trust Territory, it will have to be eliminated in the future. The budget has been carried over from the previous year and is not expected to be continued. The budget is a temporary measure and is not expected to be continued.

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CONGRESS APPROVES \$4,000,000 TT BUDGET

An Interior Department appropriations bill containing \$4,000,000 for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands passed both houses of Congress this week and is now awaiting President Eisenhower's signature. Headquarters was informed on July 29.

The bill also makes provision for extending the life of the Island Trading Co. to Dec. 31, 1954, according to a dispatch from Emil J. Sady, chief of the Pacific Division, Office of Territories. such and the liaison officer position eliminated.

Senate Joint Resolution 6, which provides for the continuance of civil government in the Trust Territory in the absence of organic legislation passed the House and was returned to the Senate with amendments, including one to extend the life of ITC.

It is planned to have an engineer stationed in the field with a small staff while the director of political affairs will become an advisor to the High Commissioner on island governments and the director of economic affairs becomes advisor to the HiCom on commerce, agriculture and taxation.

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MIDKIFF, McCONNELL
EXPECTED BACK

The \$4,000,000 budget is about \$1,000,000 less than was appropriated for the administration last year. It will mean that the TT has to practice stringent economy in operation and reduce somewhat the services it has made available to the islanders.

High Commissioner Frank E. Midkiff and Deputy High Commissioner James A. McConnell are expected to return from Washington about August 1.

Although there probably will be no "wholesale layoffs," some positions will have to be eliminated and a reduction in force carried out. This already has been done to some extent with the elimination of 25 positions, both at Headquarters and in the field.

The two top Trust Territory officials have been on the Mainland since mid-June in connection with budget hearings and the presentation of the annual report before the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

Personnel Director Nat Logan-Smith said his department is making every effort to find other jobs in the Trust Territory for employees who have received RIF notices. "We've had some success although it is not expected that all can be situated."

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BUCKLE MEETS BUCKLE

The belt-tightening metaphor, so apt during post-congressional interludes of the past few summers, seems less appropriate at this point in Fiscal Year 1954. Who will claim the necessity of a belt when the form is not clothed in a garment? The wasp-waisted figure of present years, it is hoped, has not become a permanent feature of territorial administration in the land of the little islands.

Editorializing over the wan shadow of a once-healthy budget is beginning to assume the status of a national pastime, but all the elegies in the world will not bring a greater number of pigeons home to the cote. The pigeons already at roost nevertheless deserve an inspirational smoothing of feathers by the solicitous keeper which will express an earnest concern for the welfare of a loyal flock. Having known and lived under straitened circumstances, the modus vivendi developed in the face of stern necessity during recent lean years may yet stand us in good stead by making the

tasks of a leaner year ahead less trying.

It is a humbling thing for the spirit when we reflect upon the staggering misfortunes that today pursue millions of fellow men in other parts of a troubled world. Even the burden of reconstruction has yet to be measured, so vast is the job to be accomplished, and so great is the human misery to be erased. Are our own problems therefore so very large?

Fiscal Year 1954 in the Trust Territory may be a time for sackcloth; but never ashes!

Reduction in the Trust Territory budget for the ensuing fiscal year has necessitated abolition of the position of Safety Administrator but it has not changed the need to practice safety. During his fifteen months in the field, Mr. Derosier has established a program of safety education, inspection to locate and eliminate hazards to life and limb, and a reporting procedure to analyze incidence of duty-connected injury and loss of time due to occupational hazard.

After Mr. Derosier's departure, this program must be maintained; and the responsibility of District Administrators and District Safety Supervisors becomes all the greater due to the loss of their technical advisor. The Personnel Department at Headquarters will henceforth distribute safety material to the districts, and it will continue to be the duty of all personnel to become familiar with safety procedures and to develop "safety-mindedness" as a way of life.

Safety is everybody's business, but the responsibility for safety rests with the supervisor and the teacher as well as the individual. Mr. Derosier's departure will mean that supervisors will have to study harder to learn proper safety practices and

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MARY COHEN, CAPT. NARRAMORE
PERISH IN PLANE CRASH

Two persons associated with the Trust Territory perished in the tragic crash of a Transocean DC-6B plane between Wake Island and Honolulu on July 12. All 58 persons aboard the plane lost their lives.

Trust Territory people on board were Mary Higa Cohen, 27-year-old public health nurse employed at Koror and Capt. Charles L. "Ted" Narramore, master of the Pacific Micronesian Line motor vessel METOMKIN.

living first in Hilo on the Big Island.

Navy authorities at Pearl Harbor who directed an extensive air-sea search for the plane after it was believed lost in the vicinity of 350 miles east of Wake enroute to Honolulu, theorize that the craft exploded in mid-air. Civil Aeronautics Administration officials presently are investigating the disaster, the worst in the history of commercial aviation in the Pacific.

He is survived by his son, Don Narramore Carder, a student at the University of Hawaii. Mr. Carder's wife is expecting a child, who would have been Capt. Narramore's first grandchild.

Capt. Narramore, like Mrs. Cohen, was widely known and well liked in the Trust Territory.

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Mrs. Cohen, who recently married Charles S. Cohen, Trust Territory representative at Angaur, was returning to her Kauai home for a visit when she met death on the ill-fated plane.

SPC NUTRITION EXPERT
TO MAKE INFANT STUDY

Mrs. Cohen studied nursing at St. Francis hospital in Honolulu and from September 1948 to March 1951 furthered her studies at hospitals in Missouri and Wisconsin. She held a B.S. degree from Marquette University.

Miss Sheila Malcolm, a nutrition specialist with the South Pacific Commission, left Honolulu July 13 on a four-month assignment in the Trust Territory.

Before coming to the Trust Territory last fall, she was employed as a public health nurse at Lehua, Kauai.

Miss Malcolm will spend between two and three weeks at each district. She will visit Koror, Yap, Majuro, Ponape, and Truk in that order.

Dr. H.G. Marshall, Director of Public Health, praised Mrs. Cohen as an excellent nurse and a fine person.

Miss Malcolm, who has worked all over the South Pacific--her last assignment was in Tahiti--will investigate problems of infant feeding and nutrition among islanders of the Trust Territory.

The office of the Secretary of the Interior, the Office of Territories and the staff at Headquarters expressed condolences to Mr. Cohen at his, and the Trust Territory's, loss.

Specifically, according to Dr. H.L. Marshall, Director of Public Health, Miss Malcolm will deal with the nutrition of babies under two years of age. She will collect information on lactation, foods, food preparation, and feeding practices, and will weigh, measure and investigate the feeding of as many babies in this age group as possible.

Capt. Narramore was a long-time friend of poet Don Blanding and to the late artist Leeteg of Tahiti. He is believed to have come to Hawaii in 1930,

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MICRONESIAN STUDENTS HERE KEEP BUSY DURING SUMMER VACATION

By Endy Dois

It's not all just playing around for the members of the Micronesian Club of Honolulu.

Most of them have signed up for jobs for most of the summer in the Hawaiian Pineapple Company and Libby.

Nicholas Guerrero of Saipan, the first president of the club, left for Molokai where he will be a truck driver for the Libby Pineapple Company at Kaunakakai, Molokai.

George Ngirasaol of Palau, who is attending the Honolulu Vocational School, is ambitious to hold two jobs in the Hawaiian Pineapple Company; one during the day and the other at night time.

Bob Keju of the Marshalls, whose ambition is to become an outstanding businessman in the Marshalls, plans to attend McKinley High School, where he will pursue the study of business this summer.

The others are waiting to hear from the Hawaiian Pineapple Company as to when they are to report for work.

Kouso Yamata and Bethwel Henry of Ponape, left Honolulu May 30. They are now looking forward to their positions in the Ponape District.

James Milne has enrolled in the summer school at the University in independent study in community development under Prof. Leonard Mason.

Kiyoko of Palau and Irminia of Saipan, the only two nurse trainees in Honolulu from the Trust Territory, are working at the Leahi Hospital, Honolulu, and have also spent several months at Wahiawa General Hospital.

This club, recently organized in Honolulu, held its monthly meeting and election of new officers on Feb. 1, 1953, at the Atherton House.

The new officers are as follows:

Joseph Tamag of Yap, president; Endy Dois of Truk, vice president; Victoria Akiyama of Saipan, secretary-treasurer.

Outgoing officers are Nicholas Guerrero of Saipan, president; James Milne of the Marshalls, vice president; and Kouso Yamata of Ponape, recording secretary and treasurer of the first semester.

On Sunday, March 1, 1953, the members of the club enjoyed a picnic on the beautiful beach fronting Dr. and Mrs. Gibson's residence. They enjoyed themselves by wrestling on the beach and swimming in the clear water, but most of all they enjoyed the delicious food which was prepared by Mrs. Elizabeth Carr, the adviser of the club, and Miss Victoria Akiyama, the appointed chairman of the food committee. The picnic was concluded at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The second picnic of the club took place at Sacred Falls on May 10.

GIBSON TO FIELD

Dr. Robert E. Gibson, Director of Education, is expected to return to Headquarters early next month after a five week visit in the field.

Dr. Gibson spent two weeks at Majuro and presently is at Ponape assisting with summer workshops for teachers.

20% DIFFERENTIAL IS OFF TAX LIST

Federal employees in Hawaii have been advised, unofficially, that the 20 per cent differential, or cost-of-living allowance, which they receive no longer is subject to federal income taxes.

Word to that effect was received this month by C. Harry Dyer, budget management officer with the Civil Aeronautics Administration in the Territory. He said he was informed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington that the differential was off the tax list.

Mr. Dyer, who filed a suit with the tax court in Washington challenging the past policy of the Bureau in taxing the differential, said the new ruling is retroactive to 1949. However, to get a rebate on taxes for 1949 it was necessary to file a claim prior to March of this year. It is understood that there are about 6,000 claims on file.

It is suggested that all Trust Territory employees who have received the cost-of-living allowance since 1949 take steps to obtain refunds on taxes paid on it. This is done by filing a claim (Form 843) in duplicate with the Director of the Office of Internal Revenue where the original income tax was paid.

The claim forms are self-explanatory, but the Personnel Department will be glad to assist employees with the filing. In giving the reason for the claim, the employee should state: "an amount representing cost-of-living allowance was erroneously included as taxable income." Claims may be filed within three years after the original tax was paid. How much time will be required for action is not known.

The Territorial Post Differential paid in Guam and the Trust Territory is designated as additional compensation and is taxable under existing

decisions.

A letter on the subject has just arrived from Paul R. Griffin, Director of Finance and Supply. It follows:

"No action will be taken by this office which might result in a refund on taxes withheld on the cost-of-living allowance, even though that amount has been declared to be non-taxable. Whatever amount of excess taxes will have been deducted on account of the inclusion of the cost-of-living allowance as a taxable income from Jan. 1, 1953, to the formal date of notification to exclude such allowance from the computation of withholding taxes must be applied by the taxpayer to his tax due for the calendar year 1953.

"Refunds obviously cannot be made for the reason that withholding taxes are remitted to the U.S. Treasurer and, therefore, are not held by this agency."

FOR THE LOVE OF TT

Suzy Kanemoto, Trust Territory librarian, could hardly believe her ears when the phone rang the other day. Here was somebody — totally strange to the Trust Territory — offering her services as a file clerk, typist or whatever was needed, absolutely free!

The young lady who originated this unusual offer turned out to be Miss Frances Jackson, home in Hawaii for the summer vacation. While studying at Stanford University, California, she became enthusiastically interested in the Pacific area, its history and anthropology. Frances would like nothing better than to become an expert on the Pacific, to roam the islands and study its people and customs.

When summer came she found time to pursue her major interest and instead of finding a job that would pay, she now works at filing and sorting materials on Trust Territory — all for the love of it.

HOW I WOULD INSTITUTE A SANITATION PROGRAM

By Elizabeth Digon

(Elizabeth Digon, a Yapese girl, began her nursing course last February. The course in sanitation was given by Louis Gardella, Sanitarian for Truk District. For the final examination he posed this question:

"You have been appointed as a nurse to the island of Ogwog (fictitious name). The district medical officer has also appointed you as the Sanitarian for that island. The island has never had any type of sanitation program so it will mean that you will have to start one from the beginning... write how you would set up a sanitation program..."

Elizabeth's examination paper, which she completed in less than an hour according to Ruth Ingram, Nurse Educator Supervisor, follows:)

The people of the Island must be a group of people who have never known what sanitation and health are since they have not been taught. So the first thing I'm going to do is to teach them how diseases are transmitted, how they grow and multiply, how to control them and how to prevent. In my teaching I'll tell them something about the development of the carriers and how to prevent those carriers. I'll tell them what to do to keep from getting those diseases, and that is mainly, after going to the toilets, before preparing foods, etc.

Tell them to cook their foods well, especially pork. Tell them to cover their drinking water, especially wells, if they have any. For covering wells they'll prevent two things, contamination and accidents.

When they have an idea of how diseases are transmitted, they should know that flies, rats and mosquitoes are the carriers as well as man himself. In order to get rid of these pests, the village should be clean at least 50 feet away. (i.e., grass should be cleared away for 50 feet around each house — Ed.)

Garbage should be burned or buried

since flies breed in them as well as rats. If both things are not possible they can throw the garbage into the ocean.

Small pools of water should be emptied since mosquitoes lay eggs in water. Half of the coconut shells, tin cans, leaves, and all kinds of things that hold unnecessary water should be buried, burn, or thrown into the ocean, or you can just turn it up-side down.

They should have benjoes enough for every people. Instead of going to benjoe behind the trees, build over water or on land benjoes. Over water benjoes are best, but if it is not possible a hole with a cover and a little house over it will do. When it is almost full, cover it up and build a new one.

All these things are to be done by the people of the island I'll just show them how and they'll do it themselves. I don't have to go around building benjoes for them. If I tell their Chief to persuade them it will be a lot easier.

D.D.T. and other kinds of sprays may not be available. But if the things I mentioned are done, D.D.T. and all those stuff are not needed.

Pests stay close to people in order to eat, so if the village is clean, the houses are made so no flies or rats can live in, there will be no pests. If the food is kept away, there is no reason for flies and rats hanging around.

Flies live in dirty things. There-

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KABUAS RETURN FROM U.N. VISIT

Dorothy Kabua and her son, Amata, returned recently from a trip, the likes of which they had never dreamed of before. Amata once visited Guam, and his mother traveled to Japan long ago, but that's all they had seen of this wide world of ours.

Now they had flown to Honolulu, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Washington, and return--all because they were selected to represent Micronesia at the United Nations Trusteeship Council Meetings. Mrs. Kabua is a member of the House of Irois, and Amata a teacher. Little did they ever dream on peaceful Majuro Atoll in the Marshall Islands that the United Nations, six thousand miles away, would request their presence.

For over a week the Kabuas lived in the heart of New York City, at the Vanderbilt Hotel. They appeared at the United Nations headquarters, attended the four-day session of the Trusteeship Council, and Mrs. Kabua gave a speech which was translated by her son. Between meetings they were feted and entertained by a host of helpful friends. And what of New York City do they remember the best--the Empire State Building, Times Square, Radio City? Oh, yes, these and many more--but a movie by Cinerama Productions (the wide screen) was the most spectacular.

Then on to Washington, which they found to be a city more in tune with the natural things of life. There, too, they were entertained by friends. They inspected all the monuments and galleries, saw the Senate in action, and paid a call on Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay. High Commissioner Midkiff made the introductions and Mrs. Kabua remarked that their visit to the United Nations and the Department of the Interior "was a landmark in the history of the Microne-

sians."

After a week in Washington the Kabuas returned to Honolulu where they have been staying while Mrs. Kabua underwent an eye operation. Now that she is well they plan to make, in the near future, the last lap of the momentous trip, back to the Marshall Islands.

Amata summarizes his feelings and those of his mother when he talked about the educational values of their visit--not just to them and their friends at home, but to the American people as well. Amata and his mother plan to appear before the Marshallese Congress to speak to them of their impressions and to show them the many photographs they have taken.

LEYNSE NAMED HISTORIAN

Humphrey W. Leynse, former administrative assistant to the District Administrator of the Marshalls and recently assistant to the director of political affairs, has been named Trust Territory historian. He replaces Dr. K. C. Leebrick, who resigned to accept an educational position on Maui.

Mr. Leynse, who holds an M.A. degree in international relations from Claremont (Calif.) Graduate School, has been with the Trust Territory since August, 1951. Previously he was in Germany as an educational adviser to the occupational authorities.

During the war Humphrey was a counter intelligence agent with the Army. He was stationed in Australia and the Philippines.

On a recent visit to the field with the United Nations delegation, Humphrey shot a movie of operations in the field. He recently completed the difficult task of editing the film, and it soon will be available throughout the districts. Forty-five minutes long, it is in color and has sound commentary on tape.

MY TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND, SAMOA AND FIJI

By Dwight Heine

(Continued from the June issue)

I stayed at White Horse Inn, a fairly new hotel in British Samoa. The proprietor is a local European of German descent. He is a very kind and pleasant gentleman.

My impression of the people in British Samoa — it might be inaccurate — is this: They have three social groups made up of Europeans, local Europeans (half-castes) and the Samoans. The division, as I saw it, is horizontal and not vertical. No racial social strata. The Europeans are mostly the New Zealand government's civil service people, who more or less control the machinery of the government. The local Europeans, or half-castes, control the economy but the Samoans are the powerful politicians. The British call them the Irishmen of the Pacific.

The Samoans are a proud people, but kind and hospitable. They have many and complicated customs, which are still strong and still closely observed. Most of the villages I visited with the Senior School Inspector received us with impressive rituals, including orations from the High Talking chiefs, and the kava ceremony. These rituals always precede business. Their hospitality is shown by the huge feast that usually follows the kava. They beat us Marshallese in the varieties and the quantities of food served.

The Senior School Inspector told me that the girls who served the kava drink in the first village we visited, were girls of high rank. "They are called the virgins of the village. It is just a title. We have many titles in Samoa."

I visited many schools on the two principal islands of British Samoa: Upolu and Savaii. I travelled by boat, truck, horseback and by foot. All the schools I visited presented a program of singing and dancing. I was asked, in several schools and villages to speak to them about the Marshall Islands. They were just as eager to

learn about our place as I was about theirs. Of the three places I visited, I enjoyed my stay in Samoa most. All the people I came in contact with were very kind to me, Europeans, local Europeans and Samoans.

I spent one week in American Samoa. The American community there and the Samoans were most cordial. They put me up in the government's hotel, Pago Pago. Dr. Spencer, the Director of Education for American Samoa, guided me personally on my tour of schools.

American Samoans are very proud of being U.S. nationals. One of the waitresses in the hotel told me, "My father was a real American, he was a Marine."

I left Pago Pago on April 16, the day Governor Judd was made the highest chief of American Samoa.

Pago Pago has a beautiful harbor, surrounded by steep hills. You still can see the remnants of the U.S. Navy installations and facilities: docks, machine shops, barracks, chow halls, commissary stores, officers and enlisted men's clubs and also a brig. Many of these were modified to make them suitable for the needs of the Department of the Interior, others are standing idle. Since these were built for permanent use they still retain their militaristic appearance; reminding you that Pago Pago was once a powerful naval base.

I stayed in Apia for a week, after I returned from Pago Pago, before I de-

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PALAUANS LEARN BY DOING AT KOROR SUMMER SCHOOL

By Blanche Burnett

Under a spreading banyan tree, as magnificent as the famed ancient in the patio of Honolulu's Moana Hotel, 80 eager, interested young Palauan men and women sit daily these summer mornings, taking notes to carry home to their villages from the Koror Summer School teacher training course. Each afternoon, they "learn by doing," a tenet of Education Administrator William V. Vitarelli's broad program.

Some of their teachers are American. Dan Peacock, educational adviser, heads the summer session program, aided by Arnold Look, Mrs. Robert Owen and Mrs. Sidney Burnett. But the long-range plan of training qualified Palauan young people to handle their own affairs is bearing proud fruit. Note this list:

Alfonso Oiterong, whose abilities are recognized as superintendent of schools, is a leading educator at this summer session. His assistant, David Ramarui, will leave shortly to attend school in Hawaii, but he will be replaced by one of the Intermediate School teachers, Jonathon Olsingh. Jonathon, along with others of the Koror teachers — Wilhelm, Sadong, Tatsuo, Tarkong, Adelbai, Ngodri, Maria Gibbon, Dorothy Yano, to name a few, is also going to school this summer.

About 35 of the recent graduates of the Intermediate School who have passed the ninth grade are also taking the full program of teacher training, as are graduates of the Pacific Island Central School at Truk who returned last month on the M/S ROQUE. Although the courses are directed mainly toward the needs of the village teachers from the neighboring islands, these younger folks, fresh from their studies, add stimuli to the class work. Some of them will go into teaching, for which there is a crying need.

Young Dr. Masao Kumangai, one of the Palauans trained at the Central Medical School at Suva, Fiji Islands, conducts classes in health aids and first aid in his off-duty hours at the

Koror Hospital.

Ichiro Michael, assistant to William Westerman, is acting head of the school agricultural program during his adviser's leave in the States. He, too, is studying and working on his chosen project this summer -- a working model of a healthful village which will be carried on the final field trip to the other islands. Health and sanitation is brought down to the level of understanding of the people with instruction in mosquito control, rat trap construction and simple cover designs for water catchments. Ichiro also heads the Training for Leadership group at the Community Center.

The glorious singing in three part music of the students who greet and astonish visiting officials is taught by Ymsei, a young island man who not only recreates the Palauan traditional songs, but is a talented composer in his own right. Ymsei, too, is student as well as teacher in the summer session, improving his English, as are the mistress of the girls' dormitory, Ngemelas, the head of the furniture and boat-building shop, Michie, the sewing teacher, and the school printer. The latter, Melwat by name, turned out one of the finest designs for postcards, a moneymaking project of the arts and crafts group.

High sounding projects such as social studies, resolve themselves into one group of young men studying government, as they can apply it to their communities and for their own future in the administration of their islands; in the resources of their land with three plain questions bracketed with the list --

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COMMUNITY CENTER -- The Palau Community Center building, built by and for the Palauans, is the first in Micronesia. It is jointly sponsored by the South Pacific Commission and Trust Territory.

CAPT. TED NARRAMORE WAS
A FABULOUS CHARACTER

Don Blanding, famed poet and world traveller, was an old friend of Capt. Charles W. "Ted" Narramore, one of 58 persons who perished in the crash of a Transocean plane off Wake Island July 12. The following piece was written by Don before it definitely had been established that all aboard the plane were lost:

"Ted Narramore was a fabulous character.

"I'll change that 'was' to 'is' because, until proven otherwise, I'll believe that the charmed life that he has led will bring him through this venture.

"It would be completely in character for him to board a passing whale and come into port exulting that one more incredible adventure had been added to the volumes of excitement which he has lived.

"Curiously, I had just sent him Friday, his autographed copy of my new book, "Joy Is an Inside Thing," which was dedicated to him because of the debt I owed him for steering me through two months of adventure in Micronesia aboard the MV Metomkin, of which he was skipper for the Pacific Micronesian Lines, of Agana, Guam. I hope he got the book.

"Ted wasn't merely an adventurous man; he was adventure itself.

"He had an unerring instinct for the place where excitement was about to happen; and if it didn't happen, he made it happen. He is known the length and breadth of the Trust Territory as one of its most colorful characters.

"He hailed originally from around Kansas City, Missouri.

"In his last note to me from Guam he said, 'Keep on waiting, I'll make it yet.'"

BOB HERDMAN'S NOVEL
IS OFF THE PRESSES

Adjutant Wallace's novel, "Too Old at Fifty," came off the presses of the New York publishing house Pageant Press early this month.

Adjutant Wallace is the nom de plume of Robert Wallace Herdman, Trust Territory employee who heads Finance and Supply at Koror.

In a note to the Micronesian Monthly, Mr. Herdman says he is planning to throw a "cocktail autograph party" the end of this month or early in August at which time "those who have already subscribed for books will receive their copies and others who wish to acquire them autographed will have the opportunity."

The publisher, in a card announcing publication of "Too Old At Fifty," has this to say:

"This novel probes deeply into modern life as it tells of James Blake's efforts to find a new job in a world that wants only youth. Deprived by the war of his position as manager of the London office of an American investment banking house, Blake seeks employment in the United States—almost in vain.

"Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Adjutant Wallace represented American investment banking firms in Europe for 20 years. A member of the National Writers' Club, the English Speaking Union, the American Legion and the Army and Navy Club, the author now resides in the Western Caroline Islands, where he is employed by the U.S. Government."



GREETED BY SECRETARY--Dorothy Kabua and her son, Amata, were greeted by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay in Washington following their appearance before the United Nations Trusteeship Council. In the presence of High Commissioner Midkiff, Mrs. Kabua told Secretary McKay that her appearance before the UN group was a landmark in the history of the Micronesians.



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I suppose all the other correspondents are in the same boat as I, having to either make their insignificant contributions in the dead of night, or when there is accidentally a quiet moment in the daily flurry of working time. At this particular time, there is nobody within shouting distance that I can see who has blood in their eye, looking for something or somebody, so — I write!?!

As I have said before, things are never dull here — but it is sometimes difficult to separate average business from the other stuff that might make decent reading. Isn't it funny how the little things take on such local importance, yet when I sit down and try to figure out what people in other Districts would be interested in that we do here, it is hard to pin 'em down. I'm not griping, just reflectin'.

We had little ole Yap Harbor fairly aswarm with ships in June. We had the Metomkin latched to the dock, and the Rogue secured outboard of the Metomkin, and on the short, shallow side we had the Frela. I missed a golden opportunity to take a picture, but we were so busy getting stuff loaded and unloaded that I lacked time for pitcher-shooting'. I never cease to marvel at the people who come off the ships coming in here. They, as people are extremely interesting, and when a gang comes back to their homes and brings the worldly goods they have collected, that too is a wonder. They carry everything from pieces of screen wire, books, boxes, pieces of board, rags, bottles, cans and gosh only knows what. It is something to see, the value they place on things, and how tenderly they care for things that we would consider as cast-away stuff. It really makes you stop and think about how fortunate we are in having so much.

Anyway, to get back to the ships, we had a very nasty job to do. After the other ships left, the Metomkin went to Koror to pick up 3,500 sacks of cement for us. Upon its return, we had the job of unloading and stacking it away. You should have seen the stevedores. After 24 straight hours of handling

cement they looked like grey statues. The only indication that they were living men were the bright, shining eyes, snapping back and forth, and the great, yawning cavity of brilliant beetlenut red when they opened their mouths. Otherwise, they were cement from head to toe.

In the plane department, we received Irene Ihde from Koror, who is now a member of the Yap Distad Staff, secretary for the Distad, and taking over a large part of the job Art Lakes has been doing as Administrative Assistant, because Art and his family are saying "kafel" to Yap for a while. Art has completed his contract, and they are taking the long way home, via Japan on the Chicot, and expect to be gone about two or three months. His wife, Shirley, who has been Postmistress for Yap, and the two children departed on last week's flight and Art will leave this week. He was held up here because on plane day he had his "trick" knee jump out of jernt on him, so by doctor's orders he is sitting still for a week.

It will seem funny to not have Art and his family here, they are practically a Yapese institution. Ethel Spurlin has taken over the Post Office during Shirley's absence, and to quote her, "Gee, I didn't know there was so much trouble to get rid of so few stamps!" Being an experienced Civil Service worker, she does understand the paper work and red tape involved, thank goodness. On the other hand, in Irene's case, she is taking hold in fine fashion to keep things going in the office, so the work the Lakes were doing here is going on as per normal.

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THE PALAU COMMUNITY CENTER AND DR. HOMER BARNETT

By Arthur K. Powlison

The beautiful Palau Community Center building, built by and for the Palauans, stands in Koror today principally because of the initiative, understanding and purpose of one man—Dr. Homer G. Barnett.

This Community Center is the first in Micronesia, with the modern world concept and is jointly sponsored by the South Pacific Commission and Trust Territory.

It is known as South Pacific Commission Project S.12 (welfare center) and is the result of three years of discussion and planning.

The fact that Koror in the Palau Islands, Western Carolines, was selected as the site for the Center is a credit to the Palauans and a tribute to Dr. Barnett who lived among them and wrote the book, "Palauan Society." It is of interest also to note that Dr. Barnett is one of two "foreigners" honored by the Palauans with a chief's title, the other being the German scientist, J.S. Kubary.

When the Trust Territory was included in the South Pacific Commission (1951), which comprises Australia, France, The Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States, this welfare center in Koror became a possibility and materialized in November, 1952.

Actually the credit for selling the "bill of goods" (not only to the people of the fourteen municipalities in Palau but to the South Pacific Commission and the Trust Territory) goes to Dr. Barnett, former Trust Territory Staff Anthropologist and Technical Adviser of Project S.12, now Professor of Anthropology at the University of Oregon.

It was Dr. Barnett who drafted for acceptance by the SPC and the Trust Territory the Proposal for the Establishment of the Koror Center, the budget and selection of the present director, Arthur Powlison of Honolulu.

The one regret of his host of Palauan

friends was that Dr. Barnett was unable to be present at the Community Center Dedication Program held in February, 1952.

Dr. Barnett has just returned from Noumea, New Caledonia, where he represented the United States at the 1953 meeting of the South Pacific Commission Research Council. He stayed in Honolulu for one week en route to Oregon. While at HiCom he briefed his successor Dr. Saul Riesenberg and the director of the Palau Community Center.

During the fifteen months of the employment of the Center's director, it is anticipated that the Palauans will be advised in the fundamental methods of organizing and administering their own program and calendar of events and be "on their own."

The Palau Congress has appointed an Executive Committee of 20 members — 16 men and 4 women, who in turn have appointed 22 subcommittees involving more than 100 Palauan men and women. Their responsibilities, duties and projects have been worked out in suggestive and interpretive materials.

The success of the Palau Community Center and its effects on the Community will presage similar efforts in other islands under other mandates in the huge Pacific islands area.

Thanks to Dr. Homer G. Barnett!

Time, tide and television wait for no man.

I.T.C. NEWS
By Fran Warren

The copra and coconut oil market was put to a severe test this past week by the financial difficulties of the Primateria organization and their sotellites. Early in the week the Swiss banks held up payment and forced reservation. Later, Agro-New York went to court and got four months moratorium for liquidation which was granted. Uncertainty as to the many outstanding contracts of Primateria in copra, and to a lesser degree in coconut oil caused a great deal of uneasiness throughout the world.

Further reaction was downward in the Philippines. However, due to European strength and strength in Indonesia and Straits copra, the last few days seemed to bring about a general upward moving in copra and coconut oil prices. However, due to rumors that the banks were to liquidate these factors should not have more than a temporary effect on the market. The stock situation in America is extremely tight with nearby oil selling at 15¢ and copra advanced to \$195 c.i.f. for immediate shipment.

The trochus market certainly seems to be holding its own despite fluctuations in other markets. Although ITC disposed of its 1953 crop on the Japanese market well in advance of harvest time, we are still receiving inquiries and requests for offers. Two hundred short tons of trochus shell destined for Kobe, Japan, will go aboard the Gunners Knot, scheduled to leave Guam the latter part of August.

Two subcommittees (House and Senate) have recommended that the life of the Island Trading Company be extended for at least another year from December 31, 1953; however, we have had no news from Washington so far on what the final decision is or will be. In the meantime, ITC is continuing its program of liquidation and at the present writing stocks have been so greatly reduced in all branches and the Guam Warehouse that if continued life is given to the company, many requisitions for staple food items will have to be processed very soon. Definite news on the company's status is ex-

pected with the return of Mr. Midkiff and Mr. McConnell from Washington.

Leonard B. Smith, ITC's branch manager at Yap, left for Guam aboard a PanAm plane recently. "Smitty" is returning to Yap after an absence of approximately three weeks emergency leave in San Leandro, California.

JETNIL FELIX WINS
UN SCHOLARSHIP

Jetnil Felix of the Marshall Islands received word from United Nations that he has been awarded a year's scholarship to New Zealand. Jetnil, who for the past six months has been studying at the University of Hawaii High School, is planning to depart for down under via Pan American August 3. While at Wellington, New Zealand, he will receive a practical course in public administration.

Jetnil is obtaining his education and travel in a hurry. Six months ago he had never been out of the Marshall Islands, and his formal education was limited to that which could be gathered from a Japanese island school. Today he has already travelled to Hawaii, studied in its schools and now with the blessings of HC (which includes travel and clothing allowance for cold New Zealand), Jetnil is on his way to advanced learning and experience.

It is not easy for a Micronesian to leave his island world and adapt himself to the mode of western ways. But Jetnil has done it -- and we know that the folks in Majuro as well as at headquarters are proud of him.

A SANITATION PROGRAM (Continued from Page 6)

fore dirty things should not be hanging around.

Mosquitoes like dark places to sleep and rest and water to lay the eggs, therefore, these things should be eliminated.

Rats live in dark places. If the house is clean and around it is clean for 50 feet away, a rat won't come that far.

I'll also tell the people a little about the water under the ground. That is to build benjoes, pig pens, and chicken houses below the place where people live, plant their food, etc. Because if they have a well down the hill and a pig pen or benjo up the hill, their water is really contaminated. So I'll tell them not only to prevent germs by covering the water but also the under ground water supply.

All the contaminated water comes to the well where the people get their water supply, so be careful about that too.

Inspection will be done often to make sure these things are done. If these things are done, the island will be the best place to live, free from diseases.

MY TRIP

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parted for Fiji. Just before I left some of the Samoan teachers gave a party for me, which lasted from 7:30 p.m. until 5:30 a.m. There was never a dull moment. I was obliged to dance the Siva, a Samoan dance corresponding to the Hawaiian hula. Two of the teachers showed me how. It looked simple, but there is a great deal of difference between a professional and an amateur. In the Siva, like the hula, all the movements from head to foot count; but unlike the hula, there is no special emphasis on the hip line.

I left Samoa at 11 Saturday morning. Many of the friends I made in the Education Department (British Samoa) came to see me off. Tofa Samoa: The plane left Samoa on Saturday morning and after four hours we were in Suva on Sunday afternoon. All of us passengers received a certificate from the pilot of the TEAL plane, proving that we had crossed the International Date Line.

Mr. Bay, one of the Education Officers in the colonial service, came to greet me at the airport and took me over to the Garrick Hotel, where I stayed, after having tea with him and his wife at their home. The very next day I started my visit to schools after paying my respects to Mr. Hayden, the Director of Education.

I worked on Viti Levu, the island where Suva is, for two weeks and then flew over to Vanua Levu. I stayed at the Grand Eastern Hotel, the only hotel in Labasa, which is the capital town of Vanua Levu. This hotel is supposed to be the easternmost hotel in the world.

From Labasa I set out with the Education Officer of this district, Mr. Hammond, on a seven day field trip. We visited three islands: Taveuni, Kio and Rmbi. We also made several stops along the coast of Vanua Levu. The purpose of the trip was for the Education Officer to inspect schools and to pick up Fijian teachers within his district who were going to Taveuni Island for a teachers' meeting and for in-service training. We brought along on the trip a New Zealand girl teacher, who demonstrated teaching methods to the Fijian teachers, using a group of Fijian children as "guinea pigs."

The night before we left Taveuni, the teachers put on a big party. Cup after

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cup (coconut shells) of yaqona were consumed throughout the night until the wee hours of the morning. A string band of one ukelele, one banjo and two guitars played three tunes over and over again while we danced the Tarala, fox trot and the waltz. There were only three girl teachers, so the boys went to two different villages to get some more. Girls sat on one side and the boys on the other side. I was instructed by a Fijian teacher, a friend of mine, in a few things a gentleman should know about Fijian custom. "You see those girls setting over there, they do the asking for a dance. Those on the right side, men do the asking." I was curious so I asked him why the difference. He answered me that it is just the custom from the villages they came from.

The boys went to the girls seated on the right side and in perfect English accent they asked: "May I have the pleasure?" The girls seated on the left side, in strict observation of good etiquette, came and grabbed the men, no asking. Men who have woman-phobia should go there. Their ego will get inflated.

It took us three days to get back to Labasa, where I flew to Suva by Fiji Airways. Two days later I was on my way back to Honolulu by BCPA.

After I got through with customs and immigration, I came out of the terminal and saw Eddie Nacua waiting for me with the Trust Territory car, a pleasant smile and a good, "Welcome back to Hawaii."

At last the long journey of thousands of miles came to an end, but the exciting experience; the kind and interesting people I met, the things I saw and learned will remain always in my memory.

(Concluded)

We were graced by a visit from Hank Wolfgram again, for a couple of hours, this past month. He was here to see the progress of the special projects and to investigate the tentative sites for the new Weather Bureau office, which we will build some time in the not-too-distant future. Emmitt Blankenfeld accompanied him, a guy we are always happy to see. One of these days we hope to keep him here long enough to catch a couple of fish. Of course, being Blank, he is always too busy to stop for long.

We also lost Don Heron as our acting Distad. We all wish he could have stayed with us. He had many good views and we were pleased to have had him for two months that he was here, but here we are again, with no Distad. No disrespect to Kurt Hirsch meant, because he is acting Distad again. He is like "on again, off again, gone again, Finegan" -- the poor guy never knows from one week to the next whether or not he has the job, but we give him credit for being able to take over like he has. It isn't an easy job and has a lot of responsibility. Anyway, if any of you know of a spare Distad floating around loose, direct him to Yap, we have a vacancy, and if any further information is desired by him, ask him to write to the Yap Chamber of Commerce, Herb Schwartz, 3rd assistant Vice Pres. in charge of "Helpful Hints for Happy Humans Hoo Hare Hopeful Huv Hcoming to Happy HYap" -- propaganda, strictly speaking.

Hope Hi haven't bored you too deeply.

- - A. Nonymous

The ten-year-old son of the neighborhood's most progressive couple was overheard saying to his mother, "You may choose the TV programs today, mother, since it's your birthday."

LEARN BY DOING (Continued from Page 9)

What are they? Where are they? Who will buy them?

Teachers will go back to their villages with new games, new ideas in fund raising to aid in their markedly simple teaching facilities; they will have acquired new teaching techniques, faced as they are, with the same difficulties their own advisers meet—the lack of books in the Palauan concept. They will be equipped with ideas for community service; with the know-how for development of natural skills with the example of the work done last year by shop students in the Koror Intermediate School. The largest store in Koror was built by boys in the vocation class, who have also to their credit, six family dwellings and a half dozen boats. Learning by doing pays off, as a few statistics will show:

The school served as a market for local produce, buying from the villagers to add to the vegetables, chickens and eggs sold from their own school farm with over \$2,800 changing hands during the year. The vocation classes grossed over \$3,000 from the sale of boats, furniture and construction.

The girls in the sewing classes spent only \$50 for materials and supplies but sold \$135 worth of dresses, at an average price of fifty cents for making. The arts and crafts classes made and sold Christmas cards, pictures and other school-made items grossing over \$400. It was their group also, who purchased craft items from the other island villages for the Third Annual Palauan Fair in April and resold them at a small commission. Their gross sales totalled over \$1,000. The fair itself, handled by the school, was an inspiration to the people, with over 3,000 people visiting the new abai in the three days. \$800 of the profits the school made at the fair are earmarked for a scholarship fund.

The students and teachers at the summer session will take to their villages the values accruing from the active Community Center, in Koror, where Arthur Powlison of the South Pacific Commission is serving as adviser. Mr. Powlison takes over a part of each assembly to discuss the overall plan for center work which can be applied to the villages as well. Others serving in a volunteer capacity include Sanitarian Chris Nakama, Sidney Sied of Western Carolines Trading Co. and Mr. and Mrs. James Stull, of Guam, who spent a part of their summer vacation from school assisting in the recreation work.

Even the Distad, Sidney Burnett, is teaching an evening class at the Koror School, a class in plane surveying to the Land and Claims department of Island Affairs.

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procedures, and must pay more attention to the safety techniques of the persons for whom they are responsible but lack of a safety administrator cannot be considered a valid excuse for the murder of an employee through carelessness.

"The life you save may be your own," and, as the two black crows used to say, "Death is so permanent!"

N. Logan-Smith

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MISS CROSBY BACK

Winifred Crosby, Trust Territory Administrative Officer, returned to Honolulu July 10 after spending almost three weeks in Guam where she instituted an administrative system, similar to that at Headquarters, at the Trust Territory office there.

Miss Crosby made recommendations for uniform personnel procedures, and set up communications and correspondence procedures for the 36 employees at the Guam office.

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DISTAD CONFERENCE SET

The second annual conference of District Administrators is scheduled to be held in Honolulu commencing August 19, it was announced by Acting Deputy High Commissioner Horace G. Marshall.

All District Administrators will attend the conference, which is expected to last about 10 days. Executive Officer Alfred M. Hurt and Director of Finance and Supply Paul R. Griffin also are expected to attend.

Distads have been requested to send proposed agenda items to headquarters.

The first Distad conference was held in Honolulu in late February and early March of last year.

MISS OKAZAKI WEDS AT TRUK

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Steele Holman on Moen Island in Truk atoll was the scene of a 5 o'clock marriage ceremony on May 30 when Linnea Fumi Okazaki, secretary to former Governor Oren E. Long of Hawaii, became the bride of Colby A. Foss.

The service was read by Dr. Harold F. Hanlin, head of the Protestant Mission in Micronesia and this was his first marriage of an American couple. Mrs. Holman attended the bride and best man was John G. Norris who is in charge of the Truk weather station. Some 55 guests attended the wedding and reception.

A frosted white organdy gown with lace mantilla and a bouquet of white roses were chosen by the bride for her wedding costume. Her attendant wore light green dotted swiss and carried pink roses. Vows were repeated before an altar constructed of two huge Trukese shoulder baskets filled with hibiscus and croton. The reception was held in the Holman garden overlooking a blue lagoon.

Mrs. Edward P. Furber, wife of Chief Justice Furber, provided music for the wedding march.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shean A. Okazaki of Honolulu, and is now training coordinator for the Trust Territory. She is assistant to Mr. Holman, the training administrator. Mr. Foss, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Foss of Miami, Fla., is an electronics technician for the U.S. Weather Bureau in the Western Pacific. He was born and educated in Maine.

RICHARDSON ON LEAVE

Dr. Clark Richardson, district director of public health at Truk, presently is enjoying annual leave on the Mainland.

After attending sessions of the South Pacific Commission Research Council at Noumea, Clark used part of his leave to study at the Institute for Research in Filariasis at Tahiti. It is presumed that Clark combined pleasure with business at Papeete.

He is expected to return from the Mainland in late August.

NAT WAS THERE

The Marine Corps ran into a snag over on the windward side of the island last weekend.

Nat Logan-Smith in Kailua said he was wondering what a convoy of trucks — loaded down with grim battle equipped marines — was stopped for until he got up to the head of the column.

There was one little cop calmly writing out a ticket for one of the truck drivers.

From Bob Krauss' "In One Ear"
Honolulu Advertiser

BUY SAVINGS BONDS

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mr. Harold E. Arnold has been appointed General Supply Clerk at Koror. Mr. Arnold came from Washington, D. C. where he had been working for the CAA. Mrs. Shirley Peacock assumed the duties of steno in the Island Affairs Department at Koror. Mr. Harry G. Hall resigned as Finance & Supply Officer of the Palau District. The Halls travelled the luxury liner Lurline from Honolulu to the West Coast, and then via rail to the East Coast. Mr. Robert W. Herdman (author) has been promoted to Hall's former job. Eric Hjorth has been reassigned as the Accountant. Edith Waters has exchanged positions with Loretta Dudney to become Secretary to the DistAd at Koror. The latter gal is now a member of the Judiciary Staff. Hal Mayo, veteran Agriculturist of the Trust Territory, is presently on Mainland leave. Upon his return he will make Koror his official duty station. Mrs. Irene Spivey is working as a steno in the Education Department at Koror. Arnold Look has assumed the duties of principal of the Koror Intermediate School. Dr. Harry Chang has transferred to Koror from Ponape.

Mr. L. Scott Daniel has been appointed Cartiographic Engineer for the Land and Claims Dept, Truk. Mr. Daniel is on leave from the University of Hawaii. Public Defender John R. Murphy and family have returned from home leave and are now settled on Truk. Mr. M. is working part time for Miss Ingram in the Public Health Dept. Dr. Richardson finally took off for the Old country after his trip to Noumea. He managed to take some annual leave while down under and spent two weeks in Tahiti. Dr. Harry Cloud resigned from Truk although he had been assigned there only a short time. Dr. Cloud has spent considerable time in the Trust Territory as a dentist in the Marshalls and Koror, and for some time he was Liaison Officer at Fiji. Mr. David Miller is assigned to Truk as Communication Specialist. He is pre-

sently on duty at HiCom while Thelma Gorman is in the field. Dave took over on very short notice and has done an excellent job. Mr. Jack Hess, Surveyor, has transferred from the local CAA office to Trust Territory. Presently at HiCom is the third Surveyor, Eugene Aaroe from Oakland, Calif. It looks like a good team to help the Land and Claims Office. Mr. Dayne Marshall has been assigned to the Truk District as Medical Supply Officer. Dr. Sam Mukaida of the Education Dept. has been promoted. John G. Smith, Agriculturist, now on leave on the Mainland, will be unable to return due to the curtailment of funds. Betty Derosier resigned as DistAd secretary at Truk and will probably be returning; husband, Al, has also been hit by the reduction in force. Cy Pickerill has been spending most of her leave in Honolulu attending a work shop at the U. of Hawaii. She will be returning to Truk soon for the fall semester at PICS. Florence Small, also of the Education Dept. is having a time for herself on the East Coast. Mrs. Holman terminated her temporary appointment as Engineering draftsman.

Bob Bowne has transferred from Guam to Yap where he is assisting the Finance & Supply Dept. Mr. Donald C. Muir has replaced Arthur Lakes as Administrative Assistant at Yap. Dr. John Valentine resigned early this month as Yap Director of Public Health. Thorry Esbenson just recently submitted his resignation. He had expected to serve two more years in the Marshalls. Former member of Education staff George Ramos is spending some time at the local institution of higher learning before returning to the Marshalls. Shig Kaneshiro, Anthropologist, is on leave in Honolulu. Irene Ihde transferred from the Koror District to become secretary to the Yap DistAd.

Cecil Hughes, Educational Administrator, returned to San Francisco permanently after completing almost two years of service. He will be replaced

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by George Ramos, former Yap Educational Administrator. Mrs. Josephine White is working in the Island Affairs Office as secretary. Byron W. Bender, linguist for the Education Dept. is presently stationed in the Marshalls. His wife, Lois, is working in the Hi-Com Public Works office for the time being.

Mr. Frank Murray has resigned and has been replaced by Vivian R. Brad-don - Walker as District Finance Officer. Mr. B-W is an old timer in Ponape, having originally gone out with U.S. Commercial Co. and settling down there. The John Fischers are back home by this time after doing some independent research on Truk. Alfred R. King has returned to his home permanently.

Field Headquarters is now a reality on Guam. Mr. Hurt, Executive Officer, and family are there along with the Finance & Supply Dept. We miss them all and are grateful for the prompt delivery of our Friday checks. Keep up the good work fellas. Jack Evans resigned in June and had a vacation before returning to Guam as an Administrative Assistant to the Governor.

Liaison Officer, Karl C. Leebrick, resigned to become President of the Junior College on the island of Maui. Mr. Victor Bloede has assumed his duties as Attorney in the Legal Dept. Several stenos have departed: Alice Fontaine and Louise Taylor; and now Joyce Kimura has decided to return to a job for the Army in Japan. Jack Taylor was reduced in force. Miss Kiyono Hirayama has joined our staff, coming from Fish & Wildlife, Department of the Interior.

You can easily see we have had a busy month in our department. I sincerely wish that members of our staff in the field would come forth with news for this magazine. Please write letters to our editor or anecdotes of your ad-

ventures. We like to hear how you are doing out there and what we can do to help.

Best wishes to all.

Jan

P.S. Our personnel cub reporter, Rose Arndt, Travel Clerk and Custodian of Petty Cash Fund, has so many duties (and titles) that her column was neglected. Here is a bit of news for employees who formerly served under personal service contracts. As you recall, this service was not credited as Federal. We submitted a case to the CSC in Washington for decision and it was considered by that authority to be creditable service. On our schedule of projects is the readjustment of the records of employees who served under these contracts. Benefit in leave (rate of accumulation) as well as years of service for retirement will be the advantages gained.

J. G.

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to iron out differences between the two houses.

Meanwhile, the House Territories sub-committee on July 22 indefinitely postponed hearings on organic legislation for the Territory. The congressional group took this step, according to a United Press report, to allow Defense, State and Interior Departments time to work out disagreements over various aspects of the matter.

The postponement probably means that there will be no consideration this year by Congress of organic legislation.

Interior Department's second birthday in the Trust Territory on July 1, 1953, whizzed by practically unsung but not forgotten. We have come a long way since 1951. They have not been two easy years but the growing up period always is difficult. The administration is in a position now to take all problems in stride.