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STORMS AND FLU HIT MORTLOCKS

Typhoon Emma and more recently Typhoon Karen have destroyed taro beds, breadfruit and coconut trees in the Lower and Upper Mortlock Islands in the Truk District, leaving hundreds of people in that area with only a week supply of limited food--mainly coconuts and fish.

The epidemic of influenza coming on the heels of the storms has also struck the people in these islands. As soon as reports of storm damage began to filter into the Truk District Center, the Ponape field trip ship M/V KASHEILHIA was ordered by the High Commissioner to proceed to Truk to make a relief run to the Lower Mortlocks. The KASHEILHIA is expected to leave Moen Island, district center, today with relief food, medical team and supplies. On its return, the ship will immediately make a similar trip to the Hall and the Western Islands, also in the Truk District.

Yesterday, two canoes arrived in Moen from Nomwin and Murillo Islands and the crew also reported severe storm damage and epidemic of flu in those islands. On Nomwin Island, it is reported that all the coconuts

were off the trees, and about 25% of coconut trees were topped. Some houses were destroyed; the copra dock is gone, and breadfruit is ruined with only coconut and fish for food. About 130 people of the 290 population on the island are down with influenza, and all medical supplies have been exhausted.

On Murillo Island, sea water washed over the island but spared the houses. Murillo, however, had been hit very hard by a typhoon several years ago and the recent storms have knocked down most of the remaining coconut trees. About 90% of the bearing trees have been affected, and 25% of the residents are down with flu.

Immediate steps to provide medical attention, antibiotics and emergency relief food were taken yesterday by Acting District Administrator Boyd Mackenzie. The two private yachts, WANDERER and MYONIE now in Truk, have been chartered by the District Administration to carry medical teams and supplies and relief food to these two stricken islands. The yachts left on their mercy trips late last night and were expected to be in the islands sometime today.

GUAM SCHOOLS REOPENING SCHEDULE

Apparently, Guam is making a faster recovery than expected from the scourge of Typhoon Karen.

According to information received from the Liaison Officer in Guam, the following reopening schedule of schools has been announced:

George Washington High School, Tumon Senior and Junior High School, Barrigada Junior High School, and the College of Guam will be reopened on Monday, November 26th. The College of Guam, however, will conduct daytime classes only.

The Tumon and George Washington High Schools will be operated in two shifts at the Tumon Jr-Sr. High School: Tumon classes will meet from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and George Washington classes will meet from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

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THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

All members of the Marianas Community Club are reminded to attend the Thanksgiving Day Feast tomorrow at the Club Toppa Tappi. Dinner will be served at 2 p.m., with Club providing the roast turkey and dressing. There will be no charge for members, but there will be charge for guests--\$1.50 for adults and 50¢ for children 12 or under. Each member attending is requested to prepare and bring a favorite side-dish other than meat. This may be any kind of vegetable, salad, pie, etc. (If in doubt about what to bring, call Mrs. Robinson at 2550 or Mrs. Trace at 2247.) Ham and left over food from the dinner will be available for snacks later in the evening. Joe Pangalinas's orchestra will play in the evening.

Since there will be more people attending than the Club has in the way of plates and silverware, and

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SCHOOLS REOPENING (continued)

No information is yet available on the parochial schools, except that St. Andrews Episcopal School was anticipated to be reopened yesterday.

THANKSGIVING DAY (continued)

since it would not be appropriate to have Thanksgiving Day Dinner off paper plates, each family is requested to bring sufficient plates and silverware for its own use.

JUDGE ADA RETIRES, NEW JUDGES AND ASSOCIATE JUDGES SWORN IN

At 9:30 this morning, November 21, at the Office of the Mariana Islands District Administrator, former Mayor Ignacio Benavente was formally sworn in to occupy the bench as the new District Court Judge for the Mariana Islands District, as aging Justice Ada retired after some 11 years of serving as the Presiding Judge for the District Court. Two associate Judges sworn in with Judge Benavente were Olympic Borja and Elias Sablan.

In officiating at this brief ceremony, District Administrator Francis B. Mahoney commended the outgoing Judge for maintaining a judiciary system under the unique situation of the Naval Administration which cut off Saipan from the rest of the Territory. As for the new Judges, the District was very confident that they will maintain and perpetuate the good record left behind.

Attorney General Robert Shoecraft represented the High Commissioner at this occasion and conveyed the High Commissioner's messages of congratulations to the incoming team and sincere appreciation of the Administration for service rendered by Judge Ada.

After presenting the High Commissioner's letter to Judge Ada, the Attorney General, on behalf of his legal staff, took the opportunity to congratulate the new Judges and to commend the ex-Judge for his untiring effort in serving the people of the Marianas.

In his brief farewell talk, retiring Judge Ada expressed confidence in the new Judges and the Associate Judges. He said that while in the office he has come to be acquainted with local problems, including those involving land problems and social problems. He concluded his talk by offering to make himself available should his advice be needed.

The brief but solemn ceremony came to an end when Judge Benavente thanked Judge Ada and expressed appreciation at being sworn in as the new District Judge. He assured the audience that he would do his best in his new capacity.

THE FOUNTAIN'S SPECIAL FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Roast young Turkey, with Sage Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce; Candied sweet Yam..... \$2.00

Glazed Virginia Baked Ham, with Pineapple Sauce; and Candied sweet Potato..... \$2.00

Soup, Salad, Home Baked Rolls, Fresh Apple Pie A'la Mode, Coffee or Iced Tea or Orange-ade are included in the above orders.

Opens from 11:00 a.m. to mid-night