

TWO FLIGHTS FROM GUAM SCHEDULED

A DC-4 flight arrived Saipan Thursday at 1:45 p.m. A second DC-4 flight from Guam is expected to arrive Saipan Monday, February 24 at 1:45 p.m. Estimated time of departure for Monday's flight has been set for 3:00 p.m.

VAN CAMP OFFICIALS BEGIN WORK IN KOROR, PALAU

Intensive commercial tuna fishing in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands moved a step closer last week with the arrival of two Van Camp Sea Food Company representatives in Koror, Palau.

David H.L. Hyams, Manager of the International Engineering Division of Van Camp, and Peter Buchan Assistant Director of Foreign Purchases for the

company, met with representatives of the Palau Construction Company to discuss construction bid plans.

First construction item under discussion is a quarters building to house 120 fishermen. Van Camp officials indicated the quarters would be required for use by the middle of May.

Other facilities for the Van Camp concern to be built or installed at Malakal Island include a 1,200 ton fish storage freezer, ice-making machines, water storage tanks, and office spaces.

According to Van Camp officials, Herb Schuch, Project Manager, will arrive in Palau in mid-May to begin negotiations for the construction of the plant which is to be operational by July 1.

Trust Territory Economic Development Officer, George Taggart, said six 25 gross ton tuna boats will begin operating from Koror's main port with 72 Okinawans and 48 Palauans as crewmen and fishermen.

Under the provisions of the contract signed by Trust Territory and Van Camp officials the Palauans will be trained as tuna fishermen. It is hoped that through the training program all boats will ultimately be manned completely by Palauans.

Taggart said the heavy emphasis on boatbuilding and tuna fishing affords the Palauans every opportunity to build a solid economic footing in that part of the Trust Territory. He added that the expansion of tuna fishing in other parts of the Territory will depend to a great degree upon the success of the initial program in Palau.

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HOUSING/URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED HERE

Authority to establish a Mariana Islands Housing Authority to develop and administer low-cost housing and urban renewal projects has been provided through a Special Order issued by High Commissioner M. Wilfred Goding.

The empowering instrument was issued from Trust Territory Headquarters February 11.

Full powers of the Housing Authority will be vested in a five-man board of Directors appointed by the High Commissioner with a manager appointed by the Directors. Additional assistance to the Board of Directors in carrying out their plans will be provided by the High Commissioner through the assignment of such government employees as needed. The Authority is to be an activity of the Government of the Trust Territory.

The Special Order limits the power of the Authority to developing and administering low-cost housing and urban renewal projects in the Marianas District of the Trust Territory.

Other powers of the Housing Authority include the granting of loans to individuals, groups, or associations to assist in the development, acquisition,

construction or administration of low-cost housing.

The Special Order points out that there is an urgent need for such an Authority to assist in correcting certain housing conditions endangering the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of the Mariana Islands District.

Headquarters officials said no appointments to the Housing Authority Board have been made as yet.

STRICKEN SEAMAN BROUGHT ASHORE

A foreign flag vessel neared Tanapag Harbor Wednesday morning to transfer a seaman stricken by a reported case of appendi-

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DIST. LEGISLATURE COMPLETES 3RD REGULAR SESSION

Olympio T. Borja, President of the Mariana District Legislature, gavelled the Third Regular Session of the Legislature to a close last Friday after two weeks of daily meetings in Chalan Kanoa.

Highlight of the session, according to Borja, was the public hearings of the Mariana District Legislature with members of the 1964 United Nations Visiting Mission. Several resolutions were presented to the Mission voicing the desires of the Legislature.

In normal legislative business during the session renewed emphasis was placed in resolutions dealing with a request for greater legislative authority, a request to the Trust Territory administration for more professional/technical scholarships, and technical assistance in the field of economic development.

Borja expressed his appreciation to all members of the Legislature and staff for their efforts during the current session.

The 16 members elected Legislature includes 11 representatives from Saipan, three from Rota, one from Tinian, and one representative from the extreme northern Marianas.

Borja said the next scheduled meeting of the Legislature will be held August 3 with the possibility of a special session before that date.

SAIPAN STEVEDORING COMPANY FORMED AND CHARTERED

A step in community economic development was marked in Saipan last week with the signing and presentation of the corporate charter of the Saipan Stevedoring Company.

District Administrator Roy T. Gallimore formally presented the charter to Board of Directors Chairman Jose C. Tenorio. Feb. 12.

Thirty Saipan residents have subscribed \$25,000 in the initial issue of 500

shares of capital stock at \$50 a share.

Nearly eight months of preparation and investigation of cost analysis by Trust Territory officials and prospective corporation officers resulted in the formation of the company.

Transportation Officer James M. Cook said the formation of the Saipan Stevedoring Company will represent a major money saving source to the government while providing an economic assist to the local community.

Temporary regular directors of the corporation include: Jose C. Tenorio, Herman R. Guerrero, Olympio T. Borja, Albert S. Camacho, and Santiago C. Tenorio.

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Patient W. V. Mi Fat, 24, born in Shanghai, is a crew member of the KWANGSI a cargo vessel that operates between Hong Kong, Japan, and London. The KWANGSI, according to District Immigration Officer Frank Castro, is registered with the China Navigation Company in Hong Kong, with home port in London, England.

Mi Fat was transported by an ambulance to the Torres Hospital at 10:30 Wednesday morning. Doctors confirmed the suspected case of appendicitis.

CLUB OFFERS HOLIDAY MENU

George Washington's birthday will be observed with a special roast turkey dinner menu at Club Toppa Tappi Saturday nite.

Dinner charges have been set at \$2 according to club officials.

TRACE BEGINS COAST TOUR

John R. Trace, Co-ordinator of the Territory's Accelerated Education Program, left Guam Thursday to interview a number of teachers on the West Coast of the U.S. who have indicated an interest in teaching in the Territory.

His trip through California, Oregon, and Washington will bring him in direct contact with 250 interested teachers.

Trace explained that personal contact with the teachers is necessary to impress upon them the challenge of teaching on one of the 96 inhabited island units in the Trust Territory. He said isolation, tropical temperatures, rainfall which in some areas exceeds 120 inches a year, cultural differences, and other psychological factors must be presented first-hand to determine the advisability of some individuals to accept such an assignment.

Trace is expected to return to Saipan about the end of March.

SPC OFFICIAL EXPECTED HERE

A Home Economist/Nutritionist from the South Pacific Commission will begin a six-week visit in the Trust Territory in late April to assist in the development of a home economics curriculum for high schools.

South Pacific Commission's Miss Margaret Crowley will begin her work in Saipan April 23 according to Director of Education Robert E. Gibson. He said her work will take her to Truk, Ponape, the Marshalls, and to Palau.