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NAURUANS REACH HOME SAFELY

The Nauruan visitors to the Marshalls and Kusaie, who came to the Territory several months ago on a special charter trip of the M/V GUNNERS KNOT, safely arrived back in Nauru yesterday aboard the same vessel. This was the second special trip of this nature, the first one having taken place in 1958.

Some 84 Nauruan-Marshalllese made the recent trip, visiting relatives in the various atolls in the Marshalls and the Kusaie Island in Ponape District. One family group visited Truk, where the Japanese military had confined many Nauruans during the war years and several Trukese-Nauruan marriages took place after the war and prior to the repatriation of the Nauruans to their home island. Several Marshalllese who had been living in Nauru remained in the Marshalls, thus rejoining their families after many years of separation.

Love also entered into the picture with four young Nauruan men courting and winning brides in Kusaie. After much cabling back and forth, all regulations governing the entry of the brides were cleared, and four happy honeymoon couples on the GUNNERS KNOT debarked in Nauru yesterday.

Among the items taken by the Nauruans from Kusaie and the Marshalls were 27 canoes and 2,000 bundles of bananas. Nauru Island, which is known as the "phosphate island," does not have a lagoon, but fishing is possible on the fringing reef. Almost all products are imported into Nauru from Australia as nearly the entire island is a vast phosphate mine. Formerly called the Pleasant Island, Nauru is also a trust territory jointly administered by the British, New Zealand and Australian governments.

NOTE OF CAUTION

Welcomers and farewellers are reminded to take extreme caution while at the airport.

Recently, children are being seen playing beyond the fence, climbing in groups up and down the ramp. Parents or persons accompanying the children to the airport are reminded to warn and stop their children from doing this. The cooperation of the parents and children's guardians will help curb possible fatality

NOTICE FROM POST OFFICE

Recently, the Post Office has been receiving COD packages addressed to the residents of Saipan. According to the Post Master, the Saipan Post Office is not authorized to accept COD packages, a policy which has been in effect for the past two years. This notice is to advise all concerned who are not familiar with this policy that no COD orders will be accepted by this Post Office for delivery to addressee.

TODAY'S DEPARTURES

Among the departees this afternoon to Guam and then on to Yap tomorrow were Community Development Officer Wm. Vitarelli and Political Affairs Officer Robert Flick. Assistant Political Affairs Officer Leo Falcam, who was originally scheduled to accompany Mr. Flick, was forced to stay due to inavailability of housing accommodation in Yap District.

Dr. Vitarelli is going to Yap to conduct a training session for Yap, Ulithi and Palau community development officers on the pilot community development projects.

ATTENTION INTERESTED TENNIS PLAYERS

All personnel and their dependents who find it inconvenient to play tennis during the late afternoon, and thus have not made use of the excellent tennis court we have here, can now play a set or two during the evening after supper. Through the kind service of the Public Works personnel the tennis court now has bright lights to enable the players to bounce a couple of games during the night. Get back in shape before the tennis tournament begins. (Yes, it is being planned.)
