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CONDITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Additions suggested by the Secretariat to the draft report on conditions in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands proposed by the Drafting Committee (T/L.139)

Note: In accordance with the decisions taken by the Council with respect to the petitions concerning the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Secretariat has prepared the following suggested additions to the draft report on conditions in the Trust Territory. (T/L.139)

Local Government (T/L.139, page 5)

Add after the final paragraph the following:

"The Administering Authority further stated in its operations on the petition that there had been a gradual evolution toward a more democratic form of indigenous government in the Marshalls and a consequent weakening of the power of the chiefs, the Iroiiji, a situation which called for adjustment on their part to meet the changed conditions.^{1/}

"In its resolution on this petition the Council expresses the hope that under the guidance of the Administering Authority, the petitioners will meet the changed conditions, through recognition and adjustment on their part."^{2/}

Status of the Territory and its inhabitants (T/L.139, pages 8-9)

Add after the final paragraph the following:

"With respect to the first petition from the House of Council and the House of Commissioners of Saipan, the Administering Authority stated that there was no political association between Guam and the Trust Territory."^{3/}

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In its resolution on this petition the Council considers that it is inappropriate to make any recommendation as to the possibility of incorporating the Territory into the United States of America, or as to the acquisition of the nationality and citizenship of the Administering Authority by the inhabitants of the Territory as a whole; considers further that the inhabitants of the Territory are entitled to have their national status clarified and defined in such a way as to enjoy the fullest measure of protection by the Administering Authority; and recommends that the Administering Authority take action as quickly as possible to define the legal status of the islanders as citizens of the Trust Territory in conformity with the provisions of Article 11 of the Trusteeship Agreement.^{1/n}

With regard to the second petition from the people of Rota (Luta) the Administering Authority stated that the civil administration representative on Rota had been instructed to explain to the petitioners that the flag design contest which had given rise to their fears, had been conducted only for the purpose of finding those symbols for use in a Trust Territory flag which would be most meaningful to the inhabitants, and that there had been no implication in this action that the administration of the Territory by the United States would be terminated.^{2/}

In its resolution on this petition the Council recommends that the Administering Authority continue to take the necessary steps to explain fully to the petitioners the exact meaning and implications of the selection of a flag for the Territory; inform the petitioners that the creation of a flag for the Territory will in no way hinder the flying of the United States' flag as the flag of the Administering Authority; and continue to use its best endeavours to explain to the population the exact meaning and implications of the status of their Islands as a Trust Territory under the International Trusteeship System.^{3/n}
Seat of Government (T/L.139, page 10)

Add at the end of the last paragraph on page 10 the following:

"In its observations on the petition the Administering Authority further stated that while the permanent headquarters of the Territory had not yet been finally decided upon, it was doubtful that it would be located at Koror."^{4/}

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In its resolution on the petition the Council takes note of the observations of the Administering Authority and the Visiting Mission.^{1/}

General Economic Situation (T/L.139, pages 12-14)

Add after the recommendation on economic advancement the following:

"In its resolution on the petition referred to above the Council draws the attention of the petitioners to the above recommendation.^{2/}

Japanese Currency, Bonds and Postal Savings (T/L.139, pages 15-16)

Add after the recommendation on Japanese Currency and Postal Savings the following:

"In its resolutions on the petitions referred to above the Council draws the attention of the petitioners to the above recommendation.^{3/}

Trade (T/L.139, pages 16-18)

Add after the final paragraph the following:

"In its resolution on this petition the Council draws the attention of the petitioners to its recommendations with respect to general economic advancement.^{4/}
(see above at the end of section on general economic situation)"

Land (T/L.139, pages 18-19)

Add after the recommendation on land the following:

"In its resolutions on the petitions referred to above the Council draws the attention of the petitioners to the above recommendation.^{5/}

Copra (T/L.139, pages 21-22)

Insert after the third paragraph the following:

"The Administering Authority in its observations on the petition stated that attempts had been made to combat the rhinoceros beetle through the application of biological controls since 1947 and that early in 1950 a sanitation control programme had also been established. The Palau people had co-operated in both programmes and showed great interest in the results."^{6/}

In its resolution on this petition the Council notes with satisfaction the work of the Insect Control Committee for Micronesia.^{7/}

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Add after the final paragraph the following:

"The Administering Authority further stated in its observations on the petition referred to above that the price paid for copra was based on the world price, but that an effort was made to adopt measures to stabilize the wide variations in prices and to inform the producers of these operations.^{1/}

The Council in its resolution on this petition takes note of the observations of the Visiting Mission and of the Administering Authority and draws the attention of the petitioners to the fact that the question has been and will continue to be examined by it in connexion with its annual examination of conditions in the Territory.^{2/}"

Fisheries (T/L.139, pages 22-24)

Add after the final paragraph the following:

"The Council in its resolution on the petition draws the attention of the petitioners to its suggestion that the Administering Authority might engage experts to teach and aid the people of the Territory in the establishment of an indigenous commercial fishing enterprise.^{3/}"

Labour (T/L.139, page 25)

Add after the final paragraph the following:

"The Administering Authority in its observations on the petition stated that the matter of finding employment outside the Territory for Palauans and for other Trust Territory labour was being explored.^{4/}

The Council in its resolution on this petition recommends that the Administering Authority further explore the question of finding employment for Palauans, especially in Guam.^{5/}"

Prohibition of Liquor (T/L.139, page 30)

Add after the final paragraph the following:

"The Administering Authority in its observations on the petition stated that the problem of the consumption of alcoholic beverages was not considered more

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serious in Palau than elsewhere in the Trust Territory. There was a District order controlling excessive drinking and the question of prohibition was a matter for local determination by the municipalities.^{1/}

The Council in its resolution on this petition draws the attention of the petitioners to the observations of the Administering Authority and the Visiting Mission and in particular to the fact that it is within the jurisdiction of each municipality of Palau to forbid the manufacture of alcoholic beverages, and that the women of Palau are in a position to have their views made known in the municipalities.^{2/}

Entry of Japanese Nationals (T/L.139, page 30)

Add after the final paragraph the following:

"The Administering Authority in its observations on the petition stated that the present policy did not permit the entry of Japanese nationals into the Trust Territory as residents. Every opportunity had however, been extended for the families of repatriated Japanese to be joined in Japan."^{3/}

The Council in its resolution on this petition, invites the Administering Authority to include in its next annual report information on the return of Japanese nationals to their families in the Territory, including the number of cases involved.^{4/}

Intermediate Education (T/L.139, pages 33-34)

Add after the final paragraph the following:

"The Administering Authority in its observations on the petition stated that it was aware of the necessity for expanding the school curricula and was doing so and believe that sufficient funds were available to achieve its objective."^{5/}

The Council in its resolution on this petition takes note of the desire for higher education expressed by the petitioners and of the statement by the Administering Authority that it is taking steps to provide the Territory with educational facilities corresponding to its present and future possibilities.^{6/}

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Teachers and Teacher Training (T/L.139, pages 34-35)

Add after the final paragraph the following:

"The Council in its resolution on the petition notes with sympathy the concern of the petitioners as to their future financial ability to pay elementary school teachers salaries; notes with understanding the policy of the Administering Authority in the field of education to develop local responsibility and self-reliance while at the same time making provision for financial relief; and, recommends that the Administering Authority continue its policy of aiding municipalities where necessary in meeting the costs of elementary education and keep the situation in Saipan under careful review in accordance with this policy.^{1/}"

Vocational Training (T/139, page 36)

Add after the final paragraph the following:

"The Council in its resolution on the petition notes with sympathy the desires of the petitioners for the continuance of an adequate system of education and its expansion to include technical training and recommends that the Administering Authority give increasing emphasis to vocational training as the needs of the Territory may require.^{2/}"

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