

Pacific Isle Natives Hail U. S. Navy's School Program

HONOLULU—(U.P.)—While the question of trusteeship, with or without complete American domination, or outright American control, of several strategic Pacific island groups develops, the Navy is rapidly extending educational facilities throughout many of these areas.

Directed from Pearl Harbor, a Navy program is aiding military government authorities to set up new grade schools for children and adults alike on Okinawa, the Marianas, Marshalls and Caroline Islands.

American educational methods

are being introduced into far-flung former Japanese mandates where inhabitants received little or no formal schooling before the war. The Navy reports that its efforts are rapidly succeeding.

Dwarf Prewar Figures
For example, more than 54,000 natives already have attended schools on four major Pacific islands—Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa. Large numbers also have been enrolled on various other less important islands.

At Guam, a recaptured American possession, attendance dwarfs prewar figures by 1000 students. Guam had a school system long before the war.

The willingness of islanders to learn is indicated by this incident. One group of Ponape natives volunteered to go to Eniwetok as construction workers for an airstrip only after they were assured that a school would be set up in which they could learn English several nights a week.

Use Native Instructors
Despite major difficulties created by variances in language between the various islands, American authorities have made great strides, according to the Navy, by teaching largely with trained native instructors.

Greatest progress has been shown in the Marshalls, which contains Bikini atoll, scene of projected atom bomb tests, and which during the war contributed some of the most spectacular battle

January Traffic Toll Third Highest in History

CHICAGO—(U.P.)—Three thousand persons were killed in traffic accidents in the country in January and the National Safety Council predicted a possible total of 38,000 fatalities in 1946 on the basis of last month's toll.

Last month's total was 49 per cent more than reported in January, 1945, when gas rationing still was in effect, and it was the third most deadly January in the history of motor vehicle travel in the United States, the council said. The 3,000 toll was exceeded only by 3,159 in January, 1937, and 3,083 in January, 1942.

datelines—Eniwetok, Kwajalein and Majuro.

Because the Marshalls were the first islands occupied, first schools in the Pacific were established there. Before the end of 1945, more than 20 elementary schools were set up, as well as an instructors school which was moved from Roi to Majuro Atoll.

Each Side Has Dialect
Plans have been made to supplement the output of teachers from the Majuro school, which has enrollment of more than 60, with another teachers school on Guam.

To cope with varying dialects, it has been necessary to prepare different textbooks for the people of each island. The curricula of the Marshall Islands include grade school courses in English, spelling, geography, history, handicraft, health and hygiene. High schools on Guam teach subjects which compare favorably with similar U. S. institutions, according to the Navy.

In addition to these courses, American military government educators are also developing courses in their hospitals for training native nurses and hospital corpsmen.

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Native Police Called Heroes Of India Riots

By HAL BOYLE

NEW DELHI, India—(U.P.)—Few world cities have had a more turbulent past than dusty Delhi—ancient capital of India which has been built and rebuilt eight times in as many centuries.

Tombs of forgotten kings and warriors stud its unwashed countryside and to walk among old Delhi's splendid ruins is to stroll through more than a thousand years of troubled history.

Here still remain great remnants of some of the finest palaces and mosques ever built in the orient, and in the center of this welter of dead ambitions and outworn empires has been reared the new capital of modern India.

Only a wide stretch of park grass separates old Delhi, crowded with a half-million Indians, and the antiseptically clean New Delhi. A British designed paradise of terra cotta dwellings, wide boulevards and vast expensive red sandstone government buildings peopled by some 70,000 Indian and British officials and well-to-do foreigners.

Architect's Dream
Old Delhi is age old India. New Delhi is an architect's dream of what new India may become. Old Delhi is swarming picturesquely with flies and bargaining and disease and poverty—and life.

New Delhi is a painted wonderland that first makes you gasp and then quickly falls into a colorful monotony—too perfectly regular to be alive.

One city is Huck Finn. The other is Little Lord Fauntleroy.

It is recorded that the late "Tiger of France," Georges Clemenceau, after being shown the unhappy shotgun wedding of Greek classical and Mogul Indian architecture in which India's seat of government is imprisoned in stone, gave this Gallic verdict: "Well at least they should make some of the most interesting ruins in antiquity."

Building's Man
Even this is doubtful. The building's man in Delhi history has left the best monuments—Shah Jahan, who built the famous "Red Fort," the Jama Masjid, still one of the world's greatest temples after three centuries, and the Taj Mahal at Agra, most renowned building in India.

The "Red Fort," or "Lal Kila," still shows vestiges of the grandeur that once made it the most magnificent palace in the Far East. It had silver ceilings, rare gardens, unrivaled fountains, and was hung with enough silk to satisfy Manhattan's stocking shortage. Shah Jahan, "Flame of the Faith," finished it in 1648 and was deposed soon afterward by his son, who improved the real estate.

Paradise On Earth
Over the entrance to his jewel studded "divanikas" or hall of private audience was poetic Persian inscription:
"If there be a paradise on earth, 'Oh it is here, it is here, it is here.'"

The boast was well founded. In 1739 Nadir Shah of Persia sacked the palace and got away with the Kohinoor diamond, between 120 and 280 million dollars worth of treasure and the most expensive seat ever built, the 24 million dollar "peacock throne." The throne was later broken up for its jewels. More of a braggart with less reason was Chandra, Hindu ruler of the fourth century, who celebrated his conquests by erecting a pure iron pillar that was great shakes in his day but which could be turned out any afternoon by an arsenal manufacturing 16-inch naval guns.

The inscription listing his many feats offhandedly refers to Chandra as "He by the breezes of whose prowess the southern ocean is even still performed."

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