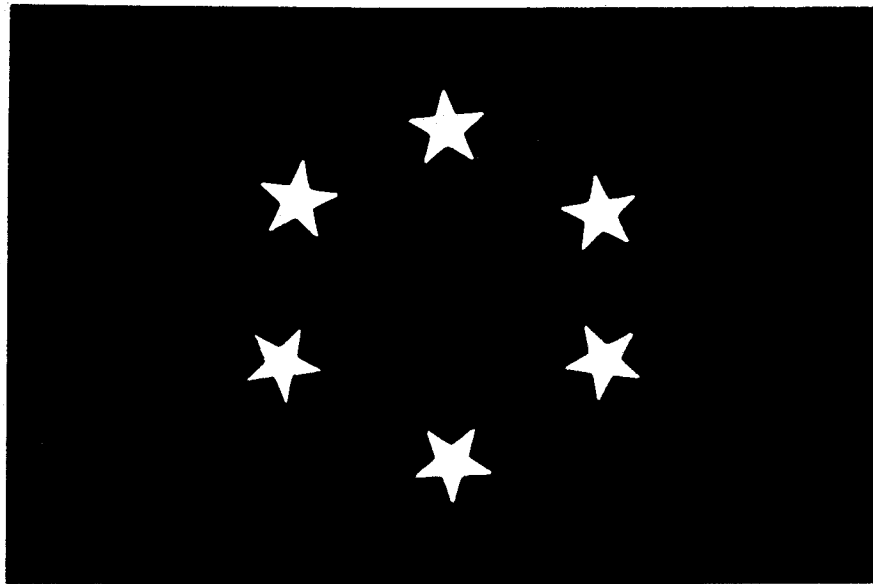


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NOTES ABOUT THIS REPORT

Although the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is politically a single territory there are obvious and significant demographic and cultural differences between the districts. For this reason, we have prepared parallel but independent reports for each of the five district surveys (no survey was done in the district of Palau).

After a discussion of the methodology of the survey and a brief summary description of findings for the Trust Territory as a whole, the five district reports are included, ordered alphabetically.

Each district report follows the same pattern: a discussion of background information, a brief description of the survey in the district, a discussion of the findings: 1) fertility and fertility trends, 2) fertility control. Tables and graphs for each section are included after the text.

Where appropriate, statistical significance of findings reported in the tables is indicated. Figures and percentages are rounded off to the nearest whole number.

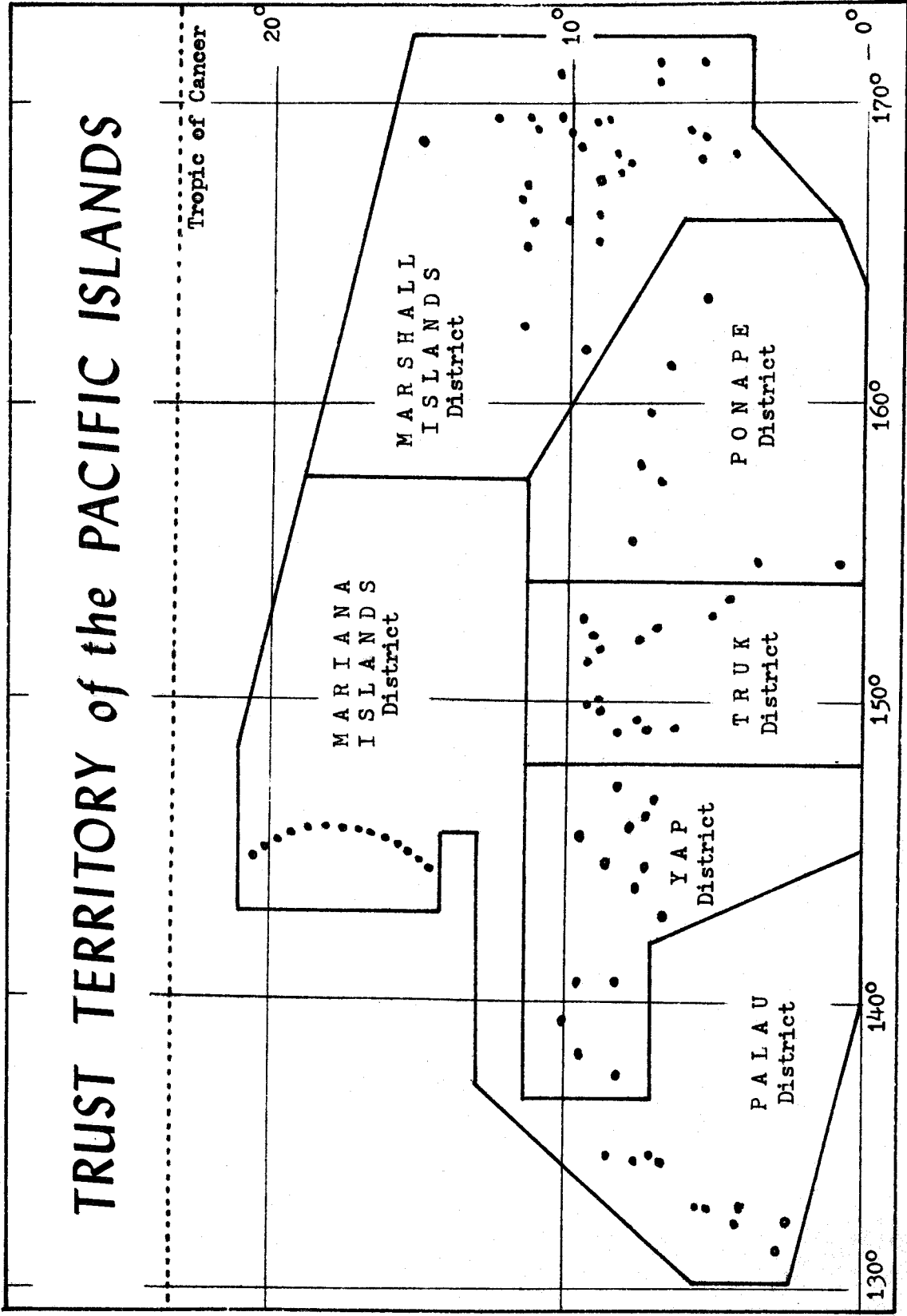
Findings and figures reported are, of course, only a fraction of the available information: we have presented only those findings that we judged to be important.

Just before this report went to press, we received a copy of the Annual Report of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Department of Health Services for 1970. Unfortunately it was impossible at that time to substitute 1970 figures for the figures we had available when preparing the report (1968

and 1969). An inspection of the latest figures, however, does not indicate significant differences with the figures reported in this report.

We appended the results of a "Survey of Trust Territory Physicians" which was done in February of 1971. This was a mail survey, and so, essentially different from the five KAP surveys reported here. Nevertheless the findings compliment the information obtained from the sample of the female populations of the districts.

TRUST TERRITORY of the PACIFIC ISLANDS



I. INTRODUCTION

As in other parts of the world, population size and population growth are becoming one of the major concerns of those responsible for planning in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The area is beginning to show economic advancement, and it is hoped that this improvement can be accelerated. At the same time it is estimated that population will increase significantly in the next few decades and this could well jeopardize development.

In addition to growth, the population is also changing. In many districts there are significant shifts in population from the outer islands to the district centers and the more developed islands. This migration is probably a result of the increasing services and opportunities available today--such migration, however, further threatens to negate improvements.

Early in 1970 the Population and Family Planning Studies Unit of the School of Public Health, University of Hawaii, received a request from the Trust Territory Department of Health Services to conduct a survey among a sample of women to determine attitudes and beliefs concerning fertility and contraception, with a view of utilizing such information in the planning of a territory-wide family planning service.

First preparations for the survey were made by staff and faculty members of the School of Public Health and members of the Department of Health Services. The survey was planned for June, July, August 1970 when university personnel could be available.

The format of the survey was similar to surveys done by the School of Public Health elsewhere: personally conducted interviews by trained local interviewers of a carefully selected random sample of women 15-45 (or 15-49).