

Trip Report LCU Liktangur 1/5 - 1/15/77

Purpose: Visit of medical team to Rongelap and Bikini.
 Support of Janakirom Naidu, BNL for a special mission
 of information and education of Rongelap people on
 problems related to radiation.

The trip should have started 1/4 but was delayed 1 day to wait for
 Dr. Peter and wife, and mr Kabua of Majuro. The Majuro team did
 not arrive, and Mrs Shimako and Mr Kalmen Bettere of Ebeye joined us
 instead.

(The cause of the 'no-show' was that the tickets, telegraphed from
 Honolulu did not reach Majuro in time. As a result of this mishap,
 the ERDA representative at Kwajalein now has authority to charge
 tickets on Air Micronesia)

The passage to Rongelap was uneventful. In addition to sick calls
 a complete PPD survey with chest x-ray of suspect cases was performed
 with the able assistance of Shimako and Kalmen.

Naidu was established ashore and furnished with supplies for a 4 week
 stay.

At the request of health aide one pregnant patient was given transportation
 to Ebeye on the LCU (name _____, one of the exposed Rongelapese)

1/11 the ship left Rongelap for Bikini and arrived next morning after
 an uneventful passage.

Sick calls on Bikini and collection of urine samples for Pu analysis.

Left Bikini 1/13; arrived Kwajalein 1/15.

The trip was uneventful and pleasant in every respect. It was shorter than
 desired due to a cramped ship schedule, and was further shortened by the
 delay.

Captain Bullock handled the ship skillfully, and morale and spirits on
 board were a pleasant contrast to the previous trip. If in future
 positions he asks for references from ERDA he should be given high
 praise.

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