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FUEL RATIONING ON SAIPAN IS WORKING

SAIPAN - A positive improvement in fuel consumption on Saipan was apparent at the Saipan Power Plant, according to Mr. Tony Tenorio District Director of Public Works. The cooperative response by the public to district appeals to save energy has been helpful. "We believe if the public will continue to save power by shutting off home appliances throughout the

month, we will be able to have electricity all the time and there will be no more outages," Mr. Tenorio continued. "When the public minimizes the usage of electricity, the power units reduce consumption of fuel. In this way we will be able to ration fuel and thus keep the power units working all the time," Tenorio said. "We don't want to have power

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Sen. Sali:

"NOW Is The Time To Set Up A Government Of Our Nation"

SAIPAN, Feb. 1 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---Despite differences yet to be resolved in negotiations with the United States, Senator Lazarus Sali, Chairman of the Congress

of Micronesia's Joint Committee on Future Status, proposed Friday that 1981 be set as the "target date" for complete self-government in Micronesia. "I believe the time has

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DISTAD ADA DELIVERS THE DISTRICT MESSAGE

SAIPAN - During the first-day session, Feb. 4, of the Marianas District Legislature, District Administrator Francisco C. Ada presented his State of the District Message. He covered economic, agricultural, fishing, educa-

tional, health and recreational progress and accomplishments during 1973.

DistAd Ada also stressed the importance of the Political Status Negotiations and the steps the executive branch is taking in preparing materials to be used in the education for self-government program. Ada commented on the honor of selecting between multiple choices for the future type of government which will affect not only us but also our posterity. Caution must be exercised to allow for "careful consideration of all alternatives for the

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SANTOS OPENS MDL SESSION

SAIPAN - Vicente N. Santos, President of the Mariana Islands District Legislature opened its third Regular Session on Monday, February 4. Mr. Santos noted that this is the tenth anniversary of the operation of our Legislature and that its members have gained many governmental skills since its inception in 1964.

Although properly controlled tourism can "result in substantial development for our islands," Mr. Santos "believes that diversifica-

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THE SAN ROQUE D-9'ERS 1973 SOFTBALL CHAMPION WINNERS
Front row from left to right - Manager Jesus Guerrero, Frank Camacho, Larry Tenorio, Team Captain John Camacho, Faustino Camacho, Joe Babauta, Cristito Alepuyo, Felipe Babauta. Back row left to right - Ben Sablan, Manny Tenorio, Joseph Lizama, Jesus Dela Cruz, Jesus Pinaula and Danny Camacho. Not shown are coach Luis Camacho, Nick Pinaula and Dominic Chong.

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tutional convention, to achieve self-government. He said if legislation for a constitutional convention to be held next April is approved, ratification could take place in 1975, with a provision that its sections become implemented gradually, and become fully effective July 12, 1981, on the anniversary of the creation of the Congress.

Salii said even if the road to find an acceptable status relationship with the United States remained blocked, there would be no halt to the "sacred task" of nation building.

"In other words the establishment of self-government need not wait the result of the status negotiations. The net result," Salii explained then, "would be the same as Free Association, except the Trusteeship

Agreement would still be in effect."

"However, this does not mean that the negotiations will be slackened. They will be intensified," he emphasized.

He said members of the Micronesian Joint Committee will be meeting with United States representatives "in the very near future" to try to resolve the dilemma over future financial commitments to Micronesia from the United States. "If these discussions reach enough agreement to warrant another formal round of negotiations...one will then be called," he said.

Despite these continuing efforts, Salii pointed out that no one can tell just how long it will take Micronesia to resolve the remaining differences with the United States on the issues of finance, termi-

nation, foreign affairs and defense.

But whether or not agreements are reached, Salii proposed that during the seven-year period of transition with the United States continuing to fulfill its financial obligations to Micronesia, new roads, permanent hospitals, airports and docks would be built. Then, he said, when the new constitution goes into effect in 1981, future financial commitments from the United States "need not be high later on."

Concerning the Constitutional convention, Salii concluded: "If we are ever to become free and self-governing, we cannot afford to postpone our first experiment in real self-government--constitutional convention. By the same token, if we delay, we cannot afford to suffer the consequences."

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tion is the key so that we will not be forced to rely entirely on one or two sources of income."

Another "great concern to me is the repeated increases in food costs in the Marianas." The District Legislature should "provide needed leadership and service to our people whose very life-style has been changed by this crisis." To accomplish this aim, President Santos will be introducing a resolution requesting the immediate establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate the recent increase in the cost of food and fuel in Saipan.

The Status Commission has reached a critical stage in its activities and President Santos urged "that every effort be made to budget additional funds for its activities this session." He feels that "if present plans are achieved, the

monetary benefits for the future will be large. So, let us sacrifice now so that we can get the benefits for our future generations."

Although it will initially be the Legislature's responsibility to review and adopt the positions reached by the Status Commission prior to presentation to our people in a plebescite for their consideration, he stressed "that the final decision concerning our future political status will be up to the people of the Marianas - not the Political Status Commission and not the Legislature but the people themselves. The right of self-determination is theirs."

A final item that Mr. Santos felt important for the Legislature to consider is the inclusion of "the young people in the development of the society in which they are going to

be required to live and function as members of this community." To do this he proposes a charter amendment to lower the age of eligibility for members to age 21 to "give these young people who are full of ideas and energy an opportunity to make known their leadership capabilities."

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sake of selecting a judicious conclusion."

The DistAd feels that "the recent event of a new policy regarding the permission of foreign investment will not only have an economic impact but social and political effects. It is incumbent upon us to monitor it so that appreciable gain is achieved and not a total control by outsiders."

The historical U.S. policy of the return of public land to the Districts should be administered wisely and Ada is "confident that an impartial body can be created to equitably and judiciously administer this important mission."

Budgetary priorities will be a problem in 1974. These will be further complicated by the unexpected energy crisis which raised the price of fuel over 100% in the last five months. The high prices of commodities and materials will make it more expensive to run the government, according to Ada.

He concluded by suggesting that the legislative and executive branches should "discharge our duties and obligations which have been bestowed upon us by our people."

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CAB Wants Hearing On SAIPAN

WASHINGTON, (FROM UPI)-- The U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board says it wants to hold new hearings on Saipan to continue its investigation into the Saipan-Japan airline route case. The Board said, in a story from Washington reported by United Press International, that it is unable to decide the case based on information received in hearings thus far, and that it "wants to know where the Micronesians really stand" on the case.

The UPI story, which was carried in the Saturday edition of Guam's Pacific Dateline newspaper, says the CAB took issue with the recommendation of its administrative law judge that PanAmerican be awarded the route because the judge's opinion had stated that "only slight weight" should be given to the preferences of the Micronesians. The judge had said the views coming from Micronesia had been "seriously devalued" because of attempts to influence public opinion in Micronesia which were "intense, persistent and pervasive" on the part of the two major contenders for the route, Continental and Pan Am.

The Board said this raises "ugly questions" about the fitness of both carriers, the UPI story says, adding that the charges, if true, "could well constitute breaches of the rules of conduct in Board proceedings and thus call into question the carrier fitness."

During the final round

of hearings in November, the Board heard a total of twelve Micronesian spokesmen, eight of whom spoke on behalf of Continental, and four on behalf of Pan Am. The officially recorded position of the Congress of Micronesia favors Continental on the basis that award of the route to that airline would most benefit all six districts of the Trust Territory. The CAB indicated it was influenced in its decision to order further hearings by letters which it received from both the State and Interior Department, which said in effect that the Board should attach considerable weight to the views of Micronesians as contained in official resolutions of the Congress of Micronesia and the various district legislatures.

The story said the CAB has ordered new hearings held, on Saipan, to air the charges of lobbying against the airlines, as well as to determine the actual wishes of the people of Micronesia in the matter of carrier selection for the Saipan/Japan route.

Complaint Filed Against A.G.

SAIPAN, (CONGRESS RELEASE) --- A complaint against Trust Territory Attorney General Richard I. Miyamoto was filed Monday (Feb. 4) in the High Court of the Trust Territory on Saipan by thirteen members of the Congress of Micronesia.

The complaint seeks to compel the Attorney General to prosecute Kozo Yamada, Maynard Neas and Emmett Rice of the Division of Lands and Surveys of the Department of Resources and Development for refusing to provide a Congressional committee with certain documents relating to their testimony in Washington, D.C. about public lands in the Trust Territory before the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations.

The complaint also contends that the Attorney General was prejudiced in the matter for having acted as the legal counsel for the three individuals, and for refusing to prosecute them, alleging that there is no contempt of Congress involved. The complaint seeks to have a special prosecutor appointed to prosecute the three persons--Yamada, Neas and Rice.

The complaint represents

a culmination of exchanges between the Attorney General's Office and the Joint Committee on Future Status of the Congress, during which the Attorney General contended that there was no contempt of Congress involved in the matter. Around July of last year, the three persons were subpoenaed to testify before a sub-committee of the Joint Committee, and refused to answer questions put to them by committee members concerning their Washington testimony on land in Micronesia.

Plaintiffs in the case are: Senator Lazarus Sali, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Future Status; Bethwel Henry, Speaker of the House; Tosiwo Nakayama, President of the Senate, and ten other members of the Congress, Senators Andon Amaraich, Petrus Tun, Ambilos Iehsi, Bailey Olter, Edward Pangelinan, John Mangefel and Roman Tmetuchl, and Representatives Ataji Balos, Herman Q. Guerrero and Ekap Silk. All of the plaintiffs except Speaker Henry are members of the Joint Committee on Future Status.

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\$ 9 Million Suit Against TransPac

SAIPAN - A civil suit was filed in the Trust Territory High Court yesterday, February 7, totaling nearly nine million dollars in damages against Trans Pacific Lines. Five Micronesian stockholders, Pedro R. Deleon Guerrero, Antonio L. Taisacan, Jesus A. Sonoda, Segundo T. Sablan and Ermas Ngiraelbaed have charged the top officials of TransPac, Clarence Echols, James White and William Penrose as well as the corporation of TransPac itself with establishing policies and management decisions high have resulted in a financial loss for the corporation and therefore for the stockholders.

Acting, as the complaint states, for all of the stockholders in the shipping company, the plaintiffs have charged Echols with cancelling the charter and purchase option agreement on two vessels previously charged by the former Micronesian InterOcean Lines, (MILL) claiming that the loss of these vessels, highly adapted to inter-island service, resulted in a loss of four million dollars, the suit accused Echols of gross negligence.

In a second count against Echols the five Micronesian stockholders accuse him of fraudulently and negligently causing the cancellation of the charter of two of three reith vessels, the Mathias Reith and the Grette Reith, and stated the probability that the third vessel the Lotte Reith, will be taken off charter by her owner and resulting in a loss of the ship and the option to purchase the same.

The charge states that all of the three vessels were chartered at approximately five hundred dollars a day, then above the

average market rate for ships of comparable size but that now the going rate has increased above that figure and the loss of the charter under the old agreement has resulted in a direct financial loss for the company to the amount of one and a half million dollars.

Also included in the charges are allegations that the officials of TransPac, Echols in particular, used TransPac money to provide junkets for relatives of employees with no resulting benefit to the company. Five thousand dollars is claimed as the loss for sending the husband of a TransPac employee to Hawaii.

In a related charge, the director of TransPac is charged with paying the way for a TT official (unnamed) to Melbourne, Australia in October, 1972. This cost was judged at two thousand dollars.

The suit didn't explain the difference in cost of sending someone to Hawaii for five thousand dollars and someone to Australia for only two thousand.

Claiming that the board of directors of the corporation has had their power and control taken over by Echols, the plaintiffs are claiming that the company has lost another two and one half million dollars in lost profits.

In a sixth count against Echols, the plaintiffs allege that TRANSPAC has practiced discrimination in their employment practices and cite one example of a Micronesian who applied for the position of Assistant Operations Manager and was not considered. As a result of this discriminatory hiring policy, they are claiming a loss to the Company of one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars.

In summing up their

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SALII CLARIFIES SEPARATE NEGOTIATION

SAIPAN, February 4 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---"As long as the United States continues to more separately with different parts of the Trust Territory, our differences will become potentially more difficult to solve."

Senator Lazarus Salii, chairman of the Congress of Micronesia's Joint Committee on Future Status, Monday re-examined the effects of separate negotiations now being carried out between the U.S. and the Marianas, in relation to the overall Micronesian status talks. He said that press reports Friday had neglected to point out this fact.

In outlining plans of

setting up a complete self-governing Micronesia by 1981, Salii said Friday that the time had come for Micronesia to "get on with the business of setting up the future government... even if it must be at the unfortunate expense of stopping our negotiations indefinitely," as long as agreements on certain vital points cannot be reached. A major point of disagreement in previous negotiating sessions has been the refusal of the United States to accept the Joint Committee's mandate to negotiate a future political status agreement for all of Micronesia, so that each district would have the chance to accept or reject that agreement.

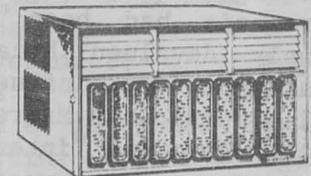
New Guinea Official To Visit T. T.

SAIPAN, Feb. 5, (MNS)--- Foreign Affairs Officer of Papua New Guinea, Ralph Karepa, is scheduled to visit two districts of the Trust Territory later this month, according to word received from Washington this week.

Karepa, who is presently touring the U.S. mainland as part of the U.S. State Department Leader Grant, is planning to visit Ponape February 27, meeting with members of the Ponape District Legislature and other government officials.

Following the Ponape visit, Karepa will make a similar orientation tour of Saipan February 28, meeting High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, other government officials, and local dignitaries before leaving for Guam March 3rd for a one-day visit with Guam's leaders. He is scheduled to depart Guam for Port Moresby March 4th.

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The repeated allegations against TransPac Shipping Lines by various committees and individuals since the beginning of its operation hasn't changed its present situation. Maybe it is not going to, simply because it's easier to see the mistakes and the problems and bring them to attention without giving solutions or other alternatives.

Normally solutions come after the mistakes and problems arise. Meanwhile the situation is like this: The administration is alerted because the subject is touchy. Starving shipping lines are waiting for the chance to jump into the blue waters of Micronesia. Hungry sharks are pushing to get their last bites. TransPac is blowing their balloon to keep floating. The share holders are waiting to use the stocks as stickers. The Congress is pushing the button to let it sink. And still no alternatives and solutions?

The Marianas Status Commission completed the first round of "self-political education" by meeting with the public in each village and district in the Marianas, explaining to the public what agreements have been reached between the Commission and the U.S. Delegation in the latest round of talks. To explain how the future of the Marianas under a Commonwealth Status will look, the members of the Commission give examples from Puerto Rico and American Samoa and how the system is working in those territories. That's fair enough, but if it's self-political education, maybe some local citizens should travel to Puerto Rico and American Samoa for a visit and, for dessert, stop over at the Island of Nauru and see which one of the systems they like.

Editor's note

On the article "Youth Conservation Corps on Saipan" in the Marianas Variety February 1st issue, Mr. Francisco M. Diaz, a Marianas Tourism officer should be included as a member of the Youth Conservation Corps project planning committee.

A Personal View

By: JON A. ANDERSON

The case involving the Congress of Micronesia and the Attorney General's Office over the alleged contempt of Congress of three executive branch government employees is interesting. But I am inclined to think it's being carried too far with the latest move made by 13 Congressmen to compel the AG to prosecute the men.

The trio-Kozo Yamada, Maynard Neas and Emmett Rice--are all employees of the Lands and Surveys Division; Yamada is the division chief. Last summer they refused to provide certain information to a sub-committee of the Congress' Joint Committee on Future Status. Obtaining that information is no longer the issue, however, since it has become available to the Congress by other means.

The point has now become the extent of the power of a committee of the Congress to compel testimony from witnesses--in this case witnesses who are executive branch employees and thus presumably acting under instructions in refusing to testify. A lesser point is to clarify the role of the Attorney General's Office in a case such as this--prosecutor, defender, or both?

There are some parallels to a well-known U.S. situation here. The request of the Congressmen to have a "special prosecutor" is one. Another is the relative balance of powers between two separate but supposedly co-equal branches of the same government, a thorny legal thicket at best.

The most unfortunate aspect of the case is that one of the three men involved is a Micronesian. He finds himself charged with contempt by his own elected Congressmen. In attempting to "get at" the administration the Congress finds it is getting at a fellow Micronesian, and there are some disconcerting implications in this.

Basically, though, it's a silly situation, one that could, and should have been avoided by reasonable men on both sides. The Congress, of course, will contend that it is the administration which has been unreasonable; the administration probably feels the same about the Congress. In fact, both sides have been unreasonable.

An earnest attempt should now be made to settle this problem short of a court battle that can only result in further embarrassment to the three men involved. The Congress should also pass legislation spelling out clearly and without ambiguity the subpoena powers of its committees, to hopefully avoid situations like this in the future.

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Fuel Rationing...

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outages as this causes many problems such as changing schedules of the employees, complications in the units, shutting off the water pumps and, of course, these cost a lot of money. It's unprofitable." "Normally we have six units in operation all the time", said Mr. John Pangelinan Administrative Officer at District Public Works, "and two units are reserved for emergency conditions. The total amount of fuel now available for the these units is 260,000 gallons per month."

When asked about whether the idea of closing the businesses along Beach road on Sundays is helping to save fuel, both Mr. Tenorio and Mr. Pangelinan agreed that any offer made to save energy is helpful. Closing businesses on Sundays will save about 10-15% of the regular daily fuel consumption and this is helpful in saving energy.

An important thing to do to avoid complications and

further fuel consumption is that when a power outage occurs, the public and businesses are urged to shut off all appliances lights and machines and gradually turn them back on after the outage is over. This will avoid damage to equipment and unnecessary fuel consumption caused by initially overloading the plant's capacity when electrical service resumes.

Additionally, a favorable response was received from brief interviews with several gas station operators on Saipan concerning whether the rationing card system worked during the first week. A common answer from four operators was that the system is working successfully, with no customer complaints and no more lines. The rationing cards were issued by the District Economic Development Office and became effective Feb. 1. The cards were distributed to all vehicle owners on Saipan.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

As the year 1973 was concluding, Representative Pedro P. Tenorio wrote through me in ascertaining problems and whatever comments the students at the University of Guam may have for possible discussion during the present session. His concern for our welfare as students is greatly acknowledged and that we trust his legislations to be enacted to be beneficial to us in the best of our interest.

Furthermore, on behalf of the Marianas Student Organization I would like to thank Congressman Tenorio for the \$100.00 he gave as a contribution to the organization. No doubt we need such donations as our fund is very low.

Representative Tenorio, many thanks to you and your family and here is to hope for your success in future endeavors.

Thanks,

Magdalena Castro

President, Marianas Student Organization

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CONGRESSMEN VISIT TINIAN

SAIPAN, Feb. 4, (MNS)--- Several members of the Congress of Micronesia visited the island of Tinian in the Marianas this past weekend. They heard from a number of residents concerning local problems and views on future status and economic development, and also heard plans of a Tinian business venture that could make the Trust Territory self-sufficient in dairy products.

The Congressmen, led by Speaker Bethwel Henry and President Tosiwo Nakayama, were greeted at the Tinian airport by a police honor guard and a delegation of the island's leaders. Also there to greet them were a number of people waving signs reflecting an anti-military position, according to Marianas Representative Felipe Q. Atalig, who represents Tinian in the Congress of Micronesia. The Congressmen said other signs asked for more land for the people to farm and homestead,

asked for a lifting of the current economic development moratorium, and so forth.

The Congressmen were given a tour of the island, and were guests at a beach barbecue hosted by Marianas Development Corporation (MDC), Tinian's largest business enterprise. Mayor Antonio Borja spoke at the barbecue, asking the Congress to look into the matter of the economic moratorium as this is a major concern of his people. Businessman Ken Jones of MDC also spoke, and he also asked for the help of the Congress in getting the moratorium lifted, so that he can proceed with plans to enlarge his operation on Tinian.

In that regard, Jones informed the visiting Congressmen that his company expects to receive a shipment of 700 dairy cattle from New Zealand in March. According to Congressman Atalig, Jones states that

it is the plan of his company to produce sufficient fresh milk and butter on Tinian to satisfy demand for these products in the entire Trust Territory.

Members of the Congress

of Micronesia have also been invited to visit Rota next weekend, and a large number of them are expected to make the trip at the invitation of Rota municipal leaders.

Senator Mangefel Addresses MHS PAD Class

SAIPAN - Senator John Mangefel of Yap district responded to a speaking invitation by the Marianas High School PAD (Problems of American Democracy) class Wednesday, February 6 and answered various questions the students asked concerning which political status would be better for Micronesians. Among the political options provided are a commonwealth status, free-association with the United States and independence.

The first question asked was "what political status do you think would be good for Micronesia in the future?" Senator Mangefel briefly responded to the question saying that "Mi-

cronesia, in terms of unity, would be better off if it became either free-associated with the United States or entirely independent." He added that "free-association is generally terminable, if it is not a permanent arrangement. Once Micronesia becomes a commonwealth, the U.S. would take control of us and our islands. This is a permanent type of status."

Responding to the question concerning independence, Mangefel stated "that independence for Micronesia as a whole would be much more appropriate. We would not lose our culture, and we would be free to do whatever we pleased without any interference from outside nations. We would be entirely free, and by going back to farming and fishing, I believe we would live much better. Right at this moment we are suffering from an energy crisis, high cost of living and many other problems. Micronesia would be better to declare independence."

Senator Mangefel politely answered many other questions, mainly on the issue of Micronesia's future status, that benefited the Marianas high school social study class. The class recently visited one of the Congress of Micronesia's sessions to observe the operation of the Congress and the developments of their session. The class will be going to the Congress buildings again sometime next week to observe another session of the Congress.

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count against Clarence Echols, the stockholders are demanding \$8,132,000 in damages and court and attorney fees.

Listing charges against James E. White, TransPac attorney, the suit alleges that as a result of his negligence, TransPac has suffered losses of \$250,000 through increased court actions against the shipping lines and demand that he pay back the full amount of all defaults and default judgements awarded against the company as well as costs.

Included in the suit, William Penrose, TransPac Manager, is accused of false statements to the Rate Review Board concerning a question of container's used by TransPac and furnished by Pacific Far East Lines. The loss of such containers to

TransPac allegedly was known before Penrose testified to the review board but he is accused of assuring the board that his company was having no problem with the containers.

The losses incurred here are claimed to be \$500,000.00.

The plaintiffs are represented by the Guam Law firm of Arriola, Cushnie and Stevens. No date has been set for further legal action

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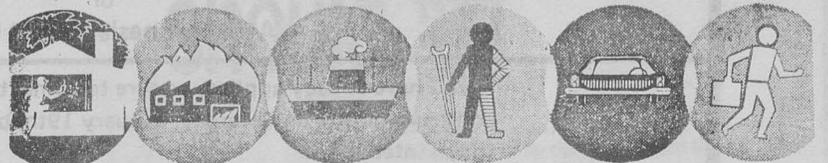


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SPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RESULT: FEBRUARY 3, 1974

On Sunday, February 3, 1974 under the bright sunshine and the cool afternoon breeze there were approximately five-hundred (500) spectators on hand to witness the 1973 softball championship game between the San Roque D-9'ers and the Microl Corporation and the presentation of trophies to the winners of individual titles by the District Community Development Officer, Mr. Gil Ada.

San Roque D-9'ers who lost their final game to the Microl Corporation in their controversial protest game after leading the league with an 8-1 record, jumped on pitcher Tony Satur, the strike-out king for six-runs on six-hits in the first inning which sent 11-men to the plate.

Lead-off batter Manuel Tenorio opened the inning with a first pitch bunt. After Ben Sablan flied out to center, Nick Pinaula and Danny Camacho singled, scoring Tenorio for the first run. First baseman Joe Babauta drove in Pinaula and Camacho with a double to right-center field, and moved to third on the play and then scored on an error by third baseman Pete Olopai on a grounder by Frank Camacho.

With the score 4-0 and only one out, Larry Tenorio walked on a 3-2 count, and then pitcher Faustino Camacho flied out to second for the second out. Right fielder Jesse Cruz and Manny Tenorio hit back to back singles scoring two more runs.

After failing to score in the first five innings, Microl came back with three runs on four hits in the six.

Simeon Kapileo opened the sixth with single to right; Pete Olopai also rolled a single into right field. Kapileo was then forced out on third on a grounder hit by Ben Seman but Tony Taitano walked on a full count, filling the bases. With only one out and the bases loaded, Raymond Kapileo hit a ground-ball to short-stop who made the throw to second forcing Seman but scoring Olopai and sending Taitano to third. Then John Fitial bunted safely scoring Taitano for the second run. Ray Kapileo scored the last run for Microl on a single by second baseman Tino Olopai.

D-9'ERS: 7-Runs, 7-Hits, 2-Errors, 5-Left on base
Winning Pitcher Tino Camacho

MICROL: 3-Runs, 6-Hits, 4-Errors, 7-Left on base
Losing Pitcher Tony Satur

TROPHIES WERE AWARDED TO THE WINNING TEAM AND THE INDIVIDUAL TITLIST.

CHAMPION-SAN ROQUE D-9'ERS: PENNANT JESUS GUERRERO (MANAGER) PLAYOFF JOHN CAMACHO (COACH)

RUNNER-UP MICROL CORPORATION: JOSE TAROPE (MANAGER)
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Felix Torres of the Sablan's Construction walked away with four (4) trophies. The slugging left fielder from San Antonio Village won the batting crown with .500 average, four (4) homers, twenty-five (25) runs batted in and was awarded as the most valuable player. Torres set two records of two homers and eight (8) runs batted in one game.

Manuel Tenorio D-9'ers and Jack Cruz - Civic Center tied for the most runs with 18.

Dr. Manuel Sablan - Civic Center - Two base hit (Double) 7

Tino Olopai - Microl Corporation, Jose Rosario - Civic Center and Felix Torres - Sablan Construction tied

for three-base hit (Triple) 3

Joaquin Taitano - Tanapag Falcons - Best earned run average - 0.87

Leonardo Kani - Tanapag Falcons - Best winning percentage - 5 wins, 0-Loss

Antonio Satur - Microl Corporation - Most strike-outs - 43

Saipan BOWLING News



SAIPAN - Bowling competition for the King of the Month started off with 12 qualified bowlers for three games over three pairs of lanes. At the end of the three-game series, six bowlers with the highest total pin fall again bowled for another three-game series in lane pairs. The three bowlers with the highest total pin fall for this second three-game series continued on for the double-elimination competition.

In the double-elimination competition, Joe Sasamoto, with the highest total pin fall for the previous six games was considered the high qualifier and "sat out" while the other two bowlers, Tony Guerrero and Rick Callara, rolled the first match. The high qualifier, Joe Sasamoto, then rolled against the winner of the first match which was Tony Guerrero. Sasamoto won against Guerrero. From this point on the winner of each match continued to bowl. Joe Sasamoto again rolled against Rick Callara and Sasamoto again defended himself. Joe Sasamoto and Tony Guerrero rolled for two matches. In the first match Sasamoto lost his title. The second final was rolled and here Tony Guerrero won against Sasamoto taking the King position. Joe Sasamoto was declared Prince and Rick Callara, Pretender, for the month of January.

The King of the Month, Tony Guerrero got \$46 cash, a \$10 gift certificate from Joeten's and 5 free bowling games. The Prince, Joe Sasamoto, received \$22 cash, a \$5 gift certificate from Joeten and 5 free games. The Pretender, Rick Callara, received \$7.50 cash plus 5 free games.

In the women's competition, Julie Castro won as Pretender receiving \$7.50 cash plus 5 free games. Lupe Eugenio took the Princess title with \$11 cash and 5 free games. The Queen of the Month was Alice Santos with \$23 cash plus 5 free games.

High game prizes were also presented to Rick Callara for the men's league and Lou Tenorio for the women's. Rick with the high score of 252 points received \$5 cash plus 3 free games. Lou gets the same prize for the highest score in the women's league of 200 points.

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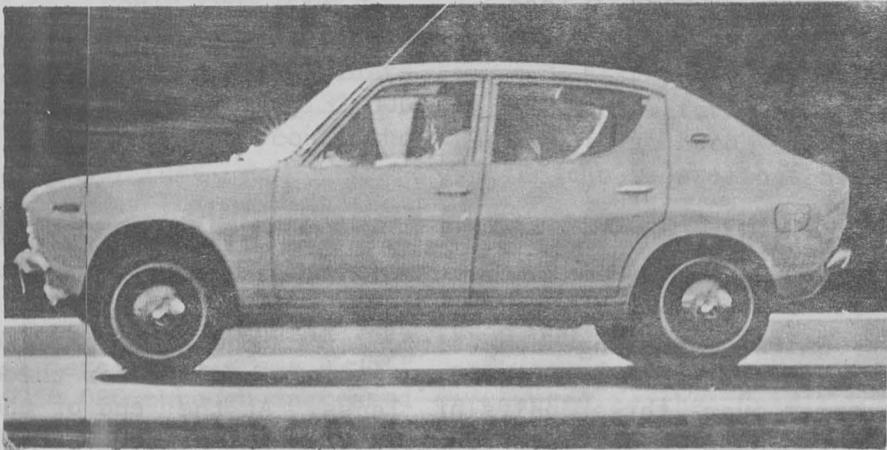
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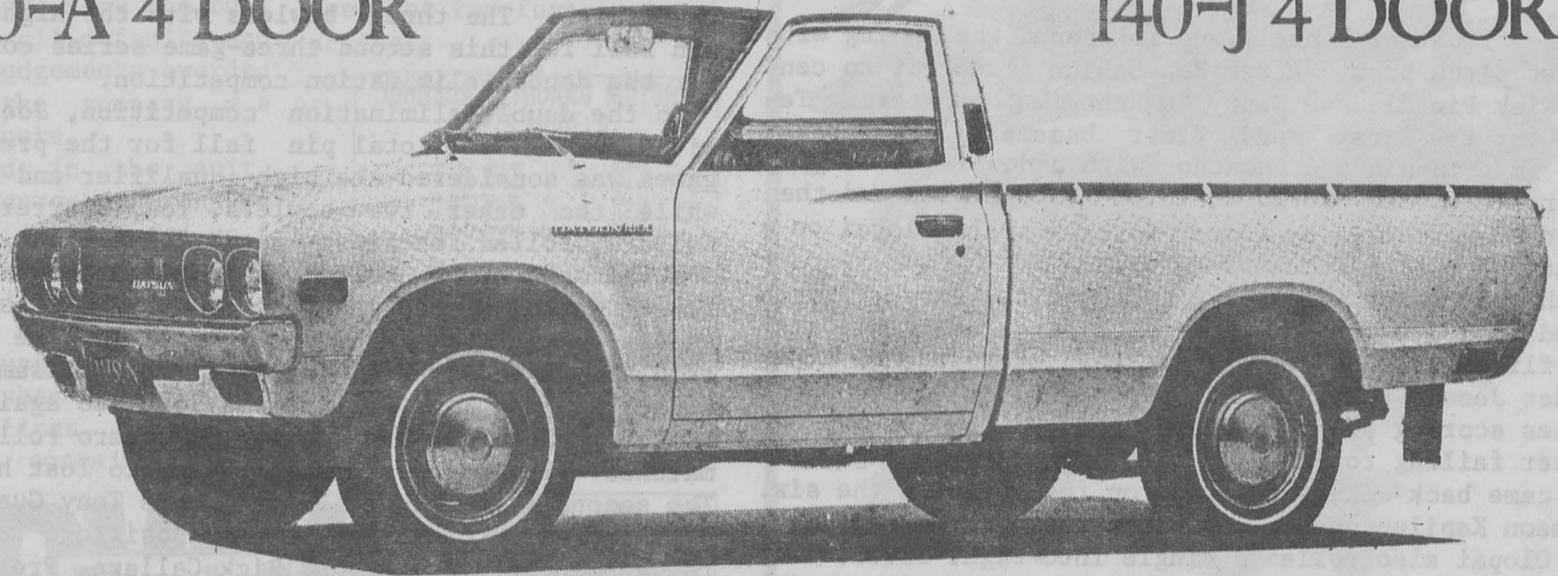
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