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# Armed Escapees Back In Prison

SAIPAN -- Four of Saipan's prisoners escaped from jail in broad daylight Tuesday morning (March 15), carrying guns stolen from the police. By 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evening, all four and their weapons had been captured, according to Chief of Police Jose Mafnas. They are in the secure lock-up now, he said.

Police were aware since Monday that an escape was planned but never expected it would be attempted in broad daylight, Mafnas said.

Among the four escapees was Ponciano Matagolai, leader of the rash of auto thefts and burglaries perpetrated by escapees on three different nights during the Christmas holiday season. Matagolai is in prison in lieu of $10,000 bail awaiting trial on more than 20 charges including rape, attempted rape and burglary in the summer of 1976.

Two other veterans of the holiday spree were among the escaping foursome yesterday: Joaquin A. Taitinfong, who escaped all three nights with Matagolai, and Thomas Aldan, who was along one of the nights. Taitinfong and Aldan are serving sentences for past crimes.

The fourth escapee was a Palauan, Felix Ebas, who was awaiting trial on charges of burglary and grand theft.

According to Mafnas, the escape took place while the prisoners were doing their daily

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# Mobil Franchise Cancellation Urged

SAIPAN, -- (NMIL) -- Because Mobil Oil Company's service to the Northern Mariana Islands has been "poor" during the last three years, Speaker Herman R. Guerrero strongly urged the Office of Territorial Affairs, Department of Interior, to repeal Secretarial Order 2989 so that the Marianas can "cancel the Mobil Franchise Agreement."

In his letter to Emmett Rice, Acting Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs, Speaker Guerrero cited the price hikes imposed by Mobil over a short period of time which has caused "great financial hardship" to the people of the Northern Marianas.

Speaker Guerrero noted that up until the middle of last year, the Government of the Northern Marianas was paying $12.29 a barrel for fuel oil used in the operation of the power barge Impedance. The price went up to $15.69 until January of this year, and since then, Mobil again increased the price to $16.27 per barrel. A few weeks ago, the price was again "increased to $16.63 a barrel according to Speaker Guerrero.

Speaker Guerrero

Speaker Guerrero said the net result of these price hikes leaves the Northern Marianas with no other alternative but to pay about $249,450 a month or $2,993,400 a year for fuel oil to continue providing essential power services to the local

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# Saipan Municipal Council Convenes, In Limbo

SAIPAN -- Convened for a 20-day session on March 14, the Saipan Municipal Council now is in limbo as to whether this will be its last or second-last session.

"The chartered municipality form of local government shall cease to exist on the effective date of the [Marianas commonwealth] constitution," according to Article VI. Section 6, subsection (a) of the constitution. Having received the approval of the people in the March 6 referendum, the constitution is expected to receive U.S. Government approval later this year.

Council members strongly argued, however, that "you never know" what the outcome of the action on the U.S. constitution will be, and they intend to continue to provide services to the people of Saipan, they said.

During the first two days of the session the council took action to over-ride the Mayor's veto of several ordinances passed in last session.

Saipan Mayor Luis Benavente has vetoed most appropriations ordinances and several

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The 1977 graduating class of the CCM School of Nursing listens to speeches in their honor.

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# COM Leaders Discuss Vance Invite

SAIPAN -- The leadership of the Congress of Micronesia (COM) was scheduled to meet in Ponape March 16 to discuss the recent invitation from the U.S. Secretaries of State and Interior to visit Washington for informal talks on future political status negotiations, according to COM sources.

Senate President Tosiwo Nakayama and House Speaker Bethwel Henry called the meeting and asked congressmen from each district as well as Andon Amaraich, chairman of the Commission of Future Political Status and Transition, to join the Ponape meeting.

The U.S. invitation, from Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus, was received last week by Nakayama, Henry and the speakers of the six district legislatures, but not by Amaraich.

The letter asked the Micronesians to send representatives to Washington in late April or early May for informal discussions of the U.S. Micronesian relationship and "how best to proceed with future status negotiations."

Asked to join Nakayama and Henry in Ponape, according to available information, were House Vice Speaker Ekpap Silk, Marshalls; House Floor Leader Luke Tman and Sen. Petrus Tun, Yap; Rep. Isidoro Rudimch, Palau; Rep. Lambert Aafin, Truk.

Ponapean Sen. Ambilos Iehsi, Senate vice president, is believed to be in Ponape for the meeting.

It is not known who was to represent Kosrae.

# Senators Visit Jail At Prisoners' Request

Eye Terzich
Staff Writer

SAIPAN ---- Saipan's prisoners took matters into their own hands last week when they sent a joint, unsigned letter to Speaker of the Northern Marianas Legislature, Herman R. Guerrero, inviting him to visit their jail house. The letter, dated March 10, was typewritten on the Resident Commissioner's stationery and was delivered in an official envelope.

In their letter, the prisoners complained of inadequate and unsanitary conditions and lack of decent food, and asked to be treated "more like humans".

In response to the letter, Speaker Guerrero and Senator Joaquin Villanueva visited the jail on Monday (March 14) and came away with strong feelings that the detention facility was far from satisfactory. Senator Guerrero said that the living accommodation was small, crowded, and dangerous to the extent that prisoners with mixed sentences were living side by side; that a man jailed for murder was housed with a man serving sentence for housebreaking. He also abhored the arrangement whereby three juvenile detainees were left to mingle with adult prisoners. What we need is a new, larger building, said the Senator. This temporary building is far from suitable, he added.

Coincidentally, last week's issue of the Variety published an article describing the appalling conditions under which the prisoners live. This was not what prompted the Senators' visit however, as they said neither of them had read the article.

After touring the jail, the Senators agreed that the kitchen and washroom were "bad and unsanitary," but Senator Guerrero could not agree that as contended in the prisoners' letter, they were being served spoiled sardines from old cans. On checking the food supplies, Senator Guerrero said that the cans looked new and, he said, the prisoners told him they thought the food was "OK." Senator Villanueva said things had not changed "down there" since the days when he was a police Captain. In fact, they are worse, he said. To his knowledge, said the Senator, this was the first inspection visit to the jail house by officials.

Senator Guerrero left Saipan for Washington Wednesday 14 and will be returning at the end of the month. He gave his assurance that he will raise this issue in his talks with officials while in D.C.

# Head Start Program Has A Good Start

SAIPAN - The Pacific Training Office, (PTO) of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) has ended its HEW funded conference at the Saipan Beach Intercontinental Hotel covering "New Dimensions of Head Start in Micronesia."

The conference, chaired by Dr. John Joyner, director of the PTO, ran for a scheduled eight days from 3 to 10 March and was attended by approximately 130 invitees from Pacific Island groups and the different districts of Micronesia, with only Kusaie unable to participate.

Invitees to the conference were given insight into all possible facets of the Head Start pre-school education program of child development from the pre-natal stage through 5 years, speech disorders, mental health, nutrition and health education, classroom techniques, and others, and with strong emphasis on parent participation in as many areas as possible.

Dr. Joyner told the Variety he felt that the Conference had been an enormous success and that participation by the districts had been strong and enthusiastic. He will shortly be leaving, said Joyner, for a month's tour of the districts to give on-the-job training in the program which began seven months ago.

# Council In Limbo...

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others, citing the coming abolishment of the council and the slow cash flow to the municipality of Saipan.

The Council's override of the Mayor's veto is considered to be the first time in the history of the council, according to the best recollection of legislative council Mike White.

In an earlier action, the Council has asked the committee on administration, chaired by Councilman Joe Sablan, to investigate the municipal administration and review actions taken by the Mayor in regard to employees who were terminated and replaced by others, according to Councilman Sablan.

The Second Regular Session of the Council is to be held in September of this year.

Meanwhile, in the first and second day of this session, several ordinances and resolutions were introduced.

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# Japanese Night Club Opens

SAIPAN - A new restaurant-night club, Japanese-style (Kabarziti) began its initial operation on Saipan, according to its manager, Hiroshi Takahashi.

The former Marianas Hotel was leased to Kan Pacific Inc., several months ago. The hotel has since been closed for renovations.

The club is to be called the K.P. Mugen Club, said manager Takahashi. During the daytime food and drinks will be served - mainly Japanese dishes - and from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. the place will be operated as a nightclub in the Japanese style, similar to Mugen clubs in Japan, explained Takahashi in an interview with the Variety.

He said originally the attraction will be mainly for the Japanese tourist who comes here to Saipan and could have a Japanese nightclub where he could be entertained, but that idea might change, said the manager.

Manager Takahashi added that for now the club is not in full operation and it was not decided yet whether it would be open for members only (Japanese) or whether some locals would be permitted to join the club.

The K.P. Mugen club now employs 9 waitresses from the Philippines and 5 hostesses from Hong Kong, said Takahashi. According to him, some of the girls are not qualified and he thinks that they will be sent back. Takahashi said that the hostesses are to entertain Japanese men, to join the customers as drinking partners only, he said.

Why not Japanese hostesses? Takahashi explained that a Japanese hostess asks for a high salary plus expenses while she is here. Hong Kong hostesses are much cheaper and get lower salaries compared to the Japanese.

In a brief visit to the club, the former dining-room has been changed and now is furnished with a number of cocktail tables and big overstuffed chairs, and has black lace curtains at the windows.

Also, in a chat with a source there, she said that at night no food will be served just drinks, by hostesses. Asked who is occupying the rooms, she explained that the Filipina waitresses share rooms while the Hong Kong hostesses each occupy one of the hotel rooms.

Manager Takahashi is aware of rumours that additional services are provided by the hostesses. Takahashi denies the allegations, however, saying, "I want to see the person who was provided such a service."

Kan Pacific Inc., has a business permit to engage in recreational activities and resort development on Saipan. Their plan is to develop 36 hectares of land in the Marpi area as a golf course, including swimming pool, marine activities, supermarket, driving range, auditorium, horseback-riding and many others.

# Normar II Captures Japanese Vessel

SAIPAN --- Saiship's NORMAR II, on a government field trip to the Northern Islands, apprehended a Japanese fishing vessel KAISEI MARU off Agrigan Island at 1 p.m. last Thursday (March 10), for fishing within the three-mile territorial limit.

Field Trip Officer, Luis Cepeda, reported the arrest and reported same to the Acting Resident Commissioner Francisco C. Ada.

Cepeda was instructed by Ada to confiscate all navigational equipment and log books to aid in investigating the incident. The KAISEI MARU is presently off-loading equipment in Agrigan and will be towed to Saipan by the NORMAR II for further investigation.

Estimated time of arrival is Friday March 18.

The ship's owner was given as Hironori Suematu, with home port listed as Shimizu, Shizuoka-ken, Japan.

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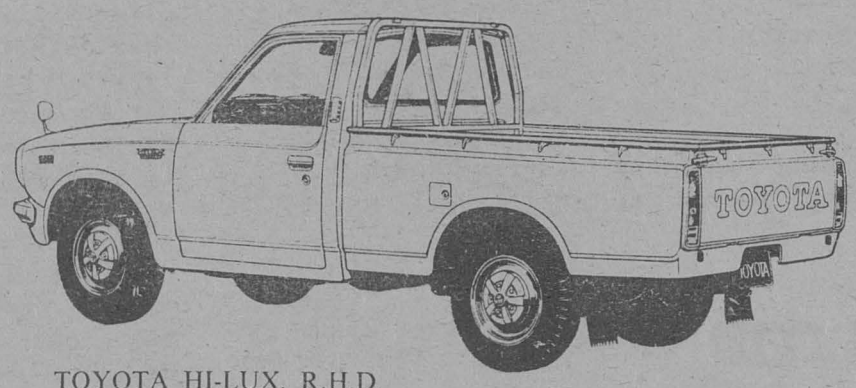


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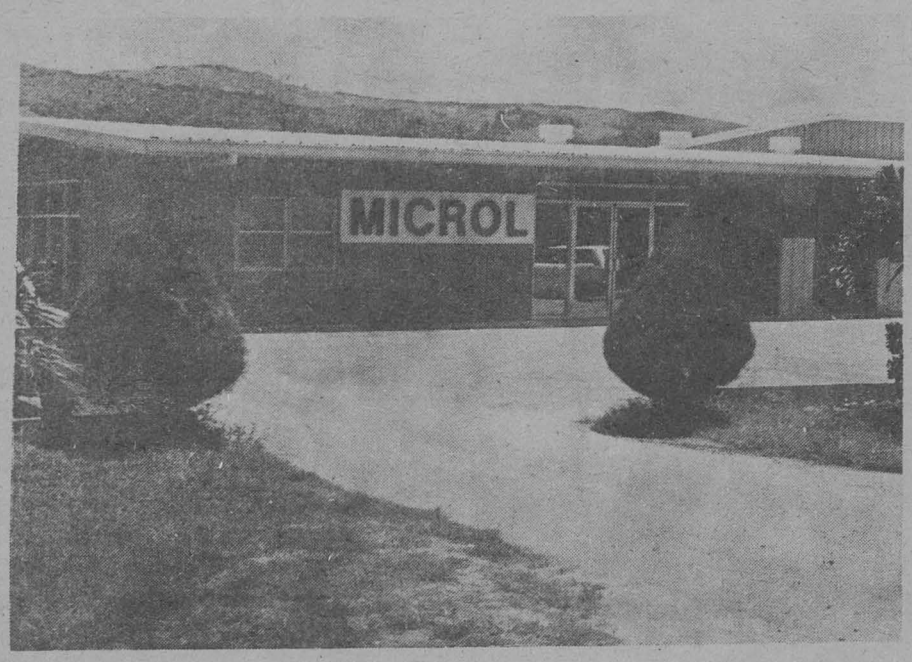


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# School Of Nursing Graduates Fifteen

SAIPAN -- Fifteen student nurses received Associate of Science degrees in nursing in commencement exercises held at the Community College of Micronesia's School of Nursing, Sunday, March 13. The afternoon ceremonies were as crisp and fresh as the new graduates in nursing whites.

Dwight Heine, special consultant to the High Commissioner, gave the traditional commencement address. Heine spoke to the school's first all-female class about challenges ahead, and with a typically charming Heine anecdote, hinted at an emerging leadership role by Micronesia women.

Valedictorian Florencia Ngirachelbaed and Salutatorian Nearia Armaluuk, both of Palau, also addressed their classmates and guests, who filled the large classroom and lined the outside walkways.

Fred Young, acting director of CCM, conferred the degrees, and Sizue Yoma, acting dean of the nursing school, presented the school pins.

The junior class honored the graduates with a song and the seniors reciprocated with a farewell number.

Receiving degrees were: Kenye Jackson and Elterina Shrew from Kosrae; Almi Strance, Marshalls; Elizabeth Dudley and Lorenza Monkeya, Northern Marianas; Armaluuk, Ngirachelbaed, Bransa Ngiracheluolu and Maria Rita Salvador, Palau; Kathleen Albert, Elsihna Eliot, and Lihner Welles, Ponape; and Neiar Kolios, Andita Meyshine, and Conception Ruben of Truk.

Valedictorian Florencia Ngirachelbaed (right) and salutatorian Neari Armaluuk appear pensive during Sunday's commencement exercises.

# Mobil Franchise...

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residents.

"Within less than a year, the price for fuel oil has increased three times," Speaker Guerrero said, adding, "the Northern Marianas has to pay an additional $65,100 a month, or a total of $781,200 a year more than what it paid about a year ago."

The Speaker indicated that the island-wide power rationing about two weeks ago was not the first time that such alternative measure had to be taken and which was caused by "Mobil's delayed delivery of industrial fuel oil to Saipan." He added that the power barge Impedance is Saipan's sole source of power supply.

In a related matter, Speaker Guerrero also cited the increase in the price of gasoline throughout the Marianas. He said the price of gasoline on Saipan has gone up from 57 cents to 70 cents a gallon in the last three years. "On Rota, gasoline costs between 80 to 90 cents a gallon."

Said the Speaker: "Mobil has provided poor services to the Northern Mariana Islands, causing great hardship and inconvenience to the people ...we strongly urge you to repeal pertinent sections in Secretarial Order 2989 so that we can cancel the Mobil Franchise Agreement."

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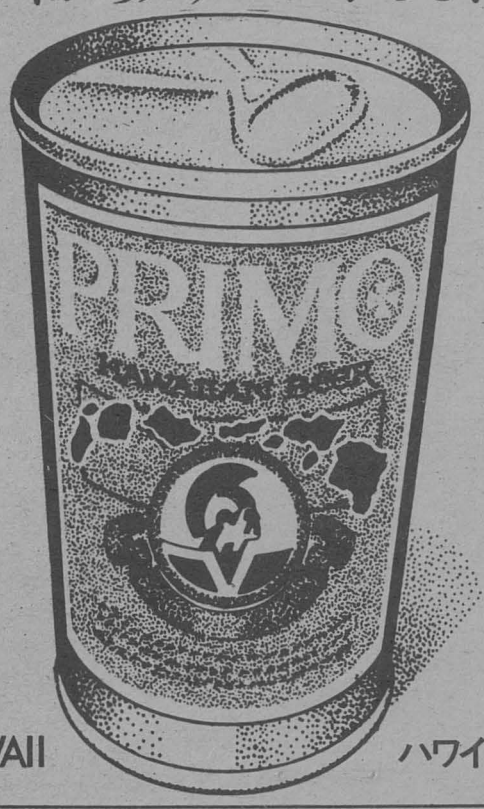


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# Marianas Duck Out Of Luck

SAIPAN -- Has anyone seen the Marianas mallard, a rare species of swamp-dwelling duck, found only in the Marianas?

The Marianas mallard may already be gone, extinct, according to Nick Drahos, a wildlife biologist who recently completed a tour on Guam. Drahos said he saw only one of these ducks on Saipan, most recently in November 1976. He said the duck is already extinct on Guam, and may be already gone on Tinian.

Drahos has alerted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Smithsonian's Endangered Species participants, and the Resident Commissioner of the Northern Marianas, but he fears that by the time any one of these does something, it may be too late.

If there are any mallards left, Drahos would like to see them captured and raised in captivity on Guam or some other warm place for later stocking.

According to a 1951 publication, the Avifauna of Micronesia, the Marianas mallard even then was rare, and "probably never was abundant in the small chain of islands to which it is restricted, because fresh water marshes and swamps are not extensive."

*Editor's Note. The Marianas Variety on February 10 summarized an article from "International Wildlife" magazine which cautioned leaders of island governments about the dangers posed to their wildlife and ecology by too much development. The report indicated that islands have very fragile ecosystems which are extremely susceptible to damage by man's incursions. The article pointed out, for example, that perhaps 10 percent of the world's birds live on islands but that those 10 percent have accounted for over 90 percent of the world's extinctions.*

*The Variety decided to investigate further to see how the Northern Marianas was faring in this regard.*

Abby Brown
Staff Writer

Avifauna's recounting of the number of Japanese and U.S. collectors who before and after World War II removed specimens, dead and alive, indicates one of the reasons it became rarer. The book cites one Japanese collector who took 38 ducks back to Japan!

Drahos indicates that typhoons also affect bird populations, and cites Typhoon Pamela as having affected several bird species on Guam. Drahos lists more than a dozen bird species which he believes are either endangered or threatened in the Marianas.

He cites the Micronesian megapode and the red jungle fowl as being practically extinct.

Endangered are the reef egret, black-crowned night heron, Marianas fruit dove (toto), white-throated ground dove (paluman apaka or paluman fachi), vanikoro swiftlet (chiguguan), Marianas crow (aga), reed nightingale warbler (ga-karriso), and the golden honeyeater.

Some species which may be endangered on Guam and Rota are only in the threatened category in Saipan: white collared kingfisher (sihig), rufous-fronted fantail (chichirika), Micronesian starling (sali), cardinal honeyeater (egigi), and the bridled white-eye (nossak).

What happens as wildlife species become extinct?

Drahos believes that by not conserving their wildlife, people are unwittingly "destroying their own cultures, their children's heritages, and their local attractions."

Bill Brewer, Trust Territory headquarters ecologist, cites another reason. Each time a species becomes extinct, he said, "you lose a gene pool, for each species is a unique combination of genes which can never be reproduced." "And who knows," he said, "you may just have lost the cure for cancer."


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# Marianas To COM Thank You, Too

SAIPAN, -- (NMIL) -- Speaker Herman R. Guerrero this week extended, on behalf of the people of the Marianas, his profound appreciation to the presiding officers of the Congress of Micronesia for the "many good experiences we have shared" when the Marianas was represented in that legislative body.

The Speaker's remark was a response to Senate Joint Resolution 7-38, extending a warm and heartfelt "Si Yuus Maase" to the people of Saipan for the many courtesies and hospitalities shown to the Congress of Micronesia over the last ten years.

In his letter to Senate President Tosiwo Nakayama and House Speaker Bethwel Henry, Speaker Guerrero said, "We have learned a great deal and have benefited much from your leadership over the years. We shall ever remember as we enter our constitutional government that our tenure in Congress also enabled us to share our views and ideas with our brothers and sisters in the districts."

Said Speaker Guerrero: "However different our political aspirations may be...in the years ahead there shall be a need to promote economic intercourse between Micronesia and the future Commonwealth Government of the Northern Mariana Islands."

The Speaker said he is positive the Marianas would be willing "to cooperate in the realization of our common need to improve our economic posture so vital to our survival."

Speaker Guerrero added that the people of the Marianas "shall remember the Congress of Micronesia in their prayers in the days ahead as you ponder to resolve the political and economic fate of the would-be island nation of Micronesia."

The Speaker quoted a portion in the preamble of the Micronesian Constitution which says in part: "Our seas do not separate us...," but keep us together. He said this holds true "in terms of future economic relations between the future governments of our respective country."

Speaker Guerrero noted that Saipan will go down in history as having been the second home of the provisional Capital of Micronesia.

"We wish you well and may Godspeed as you too forge a new foundation for the people of Micronesia in your new and permanent home, the rain garden of Micronesia--Ponape District," Speaker Guerrero concluded.

The Marianas was represented in the Congress of Micronesia since 1965 until it was separated administratively last April 1, following approval of the Marianas Covenant by the U.S. Congress. The separation transferred the five Marianas solons to the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature.

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chores Tuesday morning. The lone jail guard accompanied three prisoners to throw the trash, and while he was gone, the foursome took off, at about 10 a.m.

The prisoners had among them five pistols which Ponciano Matagolai allegedly stole the day before from a pile of weapons Matagolai was helping to clean and repair. According to Mafnas, the "talented" Matagolai was helping Captain Torres and when Torres turned his back to take a telephone call, Matagolai slipped five guns--two 38-caliber and three 22-caliber--into a trash can, which he later took outside "to empty." Matagolai allegedly then distributed the guns to the other prisoners the day before the escape.

Mafnas said the guns were usable, but old and somewhat unsafe because of their condition.

Informed of the escape and of the prisoners' plans to rendezvous near Taitinfong's house, police quickly rounded up Aldan. Taitinfong then decided to turn himself in. Matagolai was picked up without resistance in District 1 at noon, while Felix Ebas remained at large until evening.

Police fanned out over the community Tuesday afternoon, in three groups, to find Ebas. One group went to Garapan, scene of a burglary with which Ebas is charged; one group went to District 3 where Ebas was originally arrested, and the third went to San Antonio where he had once lived.

About 7:30 p.m., Ebas was sighted in District 1, where he was found shortly thereafter on the back of a pickup with three other Palauans. Police stopped the pickup and took Ebas into custody, Mafnas said.

The driver of the pickup said he was going to turn Ebas over to police, Mafnas said.

Ebas allegedly gave Helasio Decherong, a passenger on the pickup, his stolen pistol. Decherong has been arrested and charged with illegal possession of firearms and receiving stolen property, Mafnas said.


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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, on Friday, April 15, 1977, at the hour of 9 o'clock a.m., of the said day, at the office of the Chief of Police of the Northern Mariana Islands, sell at public auction, for current lawful money of the United States of America, all of the right, title, claim and interest of said Defendant in and to the following described real property to satisfy the said judgment, together with interest and costs of sale, to the highest bidder, subject to a minimum bid of $15,000 by agreement among the parties:

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DATED, this 22nd day of February, 1977:

JOSE P. MAFNAS, Chief of Police
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## Variety 5 Goes On.....

In the Variety's five year existence, we have seen headlines come and go. Some concerned disasters, some moving experiences. Some promoted island culture, some predicted its demise. Some headlines drag on, as in the case of the Superport issue, and remain with us for months, severely testing our powers of endurance to stay with the subject.

What all these headlines have in common is that they entitle news articles. Printed news articles. A newspaper is an information medium of great importance to the community at-large, and we on the Variety have chalked up yet another year of exciting and interesting work trying to bring you, the public, items of newsworthy importance without political bias. We feel we owe it to our readers to publish news as it is made, and by whom it is made.

The Variety takes this opportunity on the occasion of its Fifth Anniversary to extend its thanks to all those contributors who have diligently given their time to bring us topics of interest both on Saipan and from the rest of the world. Their efforts have helped us give you a more comprehensive and informative newspaper.

In our constant striving for better coverage, better layout and better readability, we could not have done it without you, our readers. Our thanks also to you.

The Variety also wishes to express its thanks to the local advertisers who have generously supported the paper over the years through their advertising. A warm Si Yuus Maase to you all.

The staff and publishers of the Variety look forward to a fresh year of news and pictures. The challenge is an exciting one which we shall strive our best to meet.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would appreciate if you will accommodate in your column my comment on Senator Jose R. Cruz of Tinian in welcoming the military as soon as possible.

It's good for Mr. Senator, as a businessman to welcome the military as soon as possible, but not for all the people. In fact the young voters which comprise 30% of the total eligible voters are against the propose military. Base this on the yes and no votes.

It's not, that I'm purely anti American, because I, too, support down deep in my heart the Democratic System, but not this way.

Sincerely yours,

David Mendiola Cing
Tinian

Dear Editor:

Your editorial regarding the benefits we may reap from the resources of the seas within 200 miles was an excellent essay. It is representative of your interest to b r i n g vital issues into perspective for public consumption.

It boggles the mind why the broadcast media cannot come up with intelligently prepared items for public information purposes or to stimulate public reaction. WSZE Radio and TV and including our infamous KJQR Radio have been but flunkies in this respect.

About the only hope now is whether cable TV plans to initiate nightly commentaries or the dissemination of palatable news items for the good of the public. KJQR just can't hack it; and, WSZE is gradually ascending but with much room for improvement.

Keep up the good work. It's nice to have a medium where we can expect to learn something from and exchange views with.

In another matter, I think it is fitting and proper that the staff and management of California First Bank be congratulated for being the most accommodating people despite the short time they have been here. This also goes to the staff and management of American Savings. They're always on their toes to please customers and assist them w i t h their needs. As regards the other banking institutions, their services leaves much to be desired.

This brings me into another topic which is the l e a s t hardest to give to customers who enter business establishments. Frankly, it's sickening to be given a suspicious look by employees of some of the big businesses here. Yet, this seems to be the current trend as has always been.

A warm smile is the cheapest thing yet the nicest thing to give under the sun! Might mention too that President Carter's warm smile was instrumental in earning the support of many during his campaign days and when he first came out of the dark. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Name Withheld by Request

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter in the Marianas Variety's March 10 issue, I find it very interesting and highly remarkable to see Senator Norman Tenorio defending his father's business quite eloquently. I only wonder why such an eloquence appears only when vested self-interest is questioned.

The public perhaps can better be served if the same eloquence is delivered on the congressional floor, but since the inception of the legislature, I have yet to find out whether Sen. Tenorio is a member of the legislature or not. The Public should be informed that since the opening of the sessions, Sen. Norman Tenorio has done nothing except responding to roll calls. I am compelled to wonder whether he is only a custodian for the Joeten Enterprises, answerable to no code of behavior except the dictates of his father's consultant. Furthermore, his presence in the legislature is doing no one any good except the Joeten Enterprises. His letter to the editor in the Marianas Variety is testimonial to this. Thank you.

Senator Oscar C. Rasa

Dear Editor:

Not long ago, an article appeared in your paper about the increase in salary of the Northern Marianas Legislature. To me, it is somewhat ironic that despite more urgent problems of greater magnitude, the Legislature decided to give priority consideration to the increase of their salaries over all others.

My astute politicians, is your salary increase more important when there are hundreds of students abroad whose constant worry is "when will their checks be issued so that they can pay their tuition?" The issue is a "crisis" in itself.

Our students abroad rely on your services to meet their requirements as they have no where else to go for help except to you as public servants. It pains me so much to hear these students crying for help and yet little attention is being focused to their needs.

The other issue which I think retards the well-being of our people is the tremendous and sudden increase of the fuel price on Saipan. Many of our people can hardly afford to pay $.70 per gallon with their present salaries. Had the public salaries been dealt with first I am sure this problem would have been alleviated. Nothing i s ever thought about raising the salaries of our employees. This should come first. I think this issue should be resolved so that an average family on Saipan can enjoy the privileges of the legislature. I remember years ago when the same thing happened and I was able to revert back the price of fuel to a price that every single family on Saipan can afford.

Finally, I wish to register my support with the Speaker of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature when he seeks for the cancellation of the present franchise of Mobil. It's a lesson to the government that issuing a franchise to a huge company without any competition is not a healthy idea.

Sincerely yours,
Felipe Q. Atalig

# Students Flock To Culture Club

SAIPAN -- It started as a classroom assignment, but when some Marianas High School (MHS) students caught the contagious enthusiasm of a creative teacher, it blossomed into a "cultural heritage club".

When teacher Florence Mendiola recently assigned her students a writing project for her sociology class, several of her younger students complained that they couldn't express themselves on paper. The innovative Ms. Mendiola suggested an alternative approach: she would give credit for doing a project instead of a written paper.

Selected for the project was the building of a traditional house, made entirely from natural materials and fastened by the old lashing methods.

So many students wanted to get in on the action that it soon went beyond the classroom and has been organized as a club, with twice-weekly meetings for some 30 students from all over Micronesia.

The club is now planning an island-wide cultural heritage festival for the end of March. The festival will feature traditional handicrafts, food, song, drama and dance.

One member has volunteered to organize a demonstration of sakau-pounding, Ponape's ceremonial drink made from a root. Other students are planning to do Carolinian, Palauan, and Filipino dances.

The club members plan everything themselves, Ms. Mendiola said, adding, however, that "we do need some help from the community to get lumber for the stage."

Club officers are Laurence Castro, president; Debra Camacho, secretary; and Cynthia Fleming, treasurer.

Besides Ms. Mendiola, school counselor Fermin Kebeko and teacher Manny Borja are helping with instruction in native crafts and dances.


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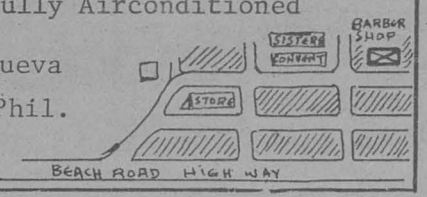



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It is estimated that the total cost of construction will not exceed $300,000.

Time is of the essence of the project.

All interest parties are invited to submit a letter of intent, addressed to the Airport Manager, Mariana Islands Airport Authority, Post Office Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands, 96950 no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 1977. To assist the Authority, interested parties should include, as a minimum, Government Architect-Engineer Questionnaire SF-251 or SF-254, and Government Architect-Engineer Questionnaire for Specific Project SF-255, unless such information has been submitted to the Authority within the previous three months and the information contained in such previous submissions has not been significantly altered. Under such circumstances, letter of interest should make reference to the prior submission.

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All candidates are advised to visit the project sites and discuss the proposed scope of work with the Airport Manager to familiarize themselves with the conditions to be encountered and work to be performed prior to submitting a letter of interest.

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This is not a request for price proposal. The Mariana Islands Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any or all submissions. Except as otherwise set forth herein, selection of candidates and and award of a contract shall be made in accordance with Section 904 of United States Public Law 92-582.

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# What They Say

BY: B.B.

When the Carter Administration rejected my nomination for the position of Game Warden of Goat Island sometime ago, I swore that I would never again be involved in politics, that is, as long as the peanut farmer from Georgia occupies the White House. But I needed a job, temporarily, of course, so I decided to become an actor. I figured that with my dark complexion and unintelligible English, I could effectively play the role of some Arab Prince in an oil thriller. I pledged to myself that I would not appear in any fund raising activities for the democrats once I became famous. So with visions of grandeur and dollar bills swimming in my head, I set out for Hollywood and fame two weeks ago. This is what happened to me in that fun city.

Like every prospective actor, the first thing that I did on my arrival was to purchase a copy of the city's most outrageous underground paper. I wanted to team up with a hungry agent who would manage my career once we make our names. There was no hungry agent listed that day but there was an advertisement for a male lead in a film being shot out of town. This was better than I expected. I immediately contacted the studio and was told to report to a certain address. I went there within half an hour.

"My agent will discuss details with you as soon as he gets here, so let me speak to the producer, please", I told the young lady at the reception desk.

"Sir, could I have your name, please", she asked, ignoring my request.

"Young lady, I'm not in the habit of wasting valuable time chatting with secretaries, so if you would be kind enough to direct me to your producer, I would be very much obliged", I told her.

"Sir, my job is to take the names of all who enter this office. So please give me your name and stop wasting my time", she retorted.

"Well, Okay. Just mark it there B.B.", I told her.

"Sir, I need your full name. Initials won't do", she said.

"Aha, why don't you ask for my telephone number while your're at it", I leered at her.

The young receptionist was getting red, but before she said anything further, a husky fellow walked in. He looked me over and asked, "did you answer our ad in the paper?".

"Yes", I told him.

"Sir, I'm afraid we cannot use you. You see, we are looking for a specific type for a specific role", he told me.

"My friend, I am a very specific person so why don't you try me", I asked the husky fellow.

"Our leading lady has been complaining about the types we've been using lately. They're not up to par, she says. I'm afraid she will not like what she will see in you", he said.

"Why don't you fire her? But let the lady speak for herself", I told my interviewer.

"Alright", he said and went to fetch the leading lady. When the girl entered the room, I could tell that she was most displeased about something. She took one look at me and sniffed: "That won't do, Frank. I refuse to be seen with this specimen", she said, pointing at me.

"Miss, you haven't seen me acting. Why don't you give me a chance now and reserve your judgement for later", I told her.

"Sir, I am not joking. Better men than you have had their chances. And all proved to be inadequate. Now please stop wasting my time", she said.

"Lady, I'll have you know that I can play the role of an Arab prince", I retorted.

"The only role you could play would be in a movie called "Dead", and your central part in it would be the role of the corpse. To make your acting ability more credible, the director would probably have the lid of the coffin closed", the lady shot back.

"There are other studios, you know", I shouted at them and departed.

## COMMENTARY ON RECENT EVENTS IN U.S. - MICRONESIAN RELATIONS

### U.S. MOVES TO EASE DISTRUST IN TRUST TERRITORY

SAIPAN -- US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus have called for top-level talks with Marshalls and Caroline Islands leaders to discuss strained relations caused by recent disclosures of "spying" on island negotiators by the Central Intelligency Agency (CIA) and a recent US-veto of Micronesian Congress legislation to set up a 200-mile limit around the vast Pacific Trust Territory.

Several State Department representatives personally delivered invitations to legislative leaders throughout Micronesia last week to attend a meeting in late April or early May at a mutually agreeable location. Both Vance and Andrus assured Micronesian leaders of interest in "close relations with Micronesian and confidence that we can negotiate an agreement on the future status of Micronesia."

Relations between the US and Micronesian leaders have cooled since the US permitted the Mariana Islands District to break-away last year to soon become a permanent American commonwealth, an offer the Micronesian Congress rejected for the entire territory in 1970. Similar separatist movements have since flared-up in the Marshall Islands District, the site of a top-secret US Army missile testing range, and Palau District, a potential nuclear submarine base and military training site. The US has already concluded separate negotiations with the Mariana Islands District, where plans to construct a huge military base on Tinian Island were an intregal part of the negotiations. Tinian is located about 100 miles north of Guam, from where hundreds of B-52 missions were launched during the Vietnam conflict.

Seven years of negotiations between US and Micronesian representatives came to a grinding halt in recent months as Micronesian leaders pressed for full control over a proposed 200-mile exclusive economic zone, in addition to disclosures of CIA spying on Micronesian negotiators. According to top Micronesian negotiator Andon Amaraich, Chairman of the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition, US officials have been unwilling to set a date to discuss the 200-mile proposal which was handed to them during negotiations on Saipan last May.

Amaraich, who also serves as a consultant to the Micronesian delegation to the United Nations Conference on Law of the Sea, said in a radio broadcast aired throughout the territory last week, that he was "astonished" that the Micronesian status commission was not invited by Secretary of the State Vance to attend the April or May meetings.

He said members of the commission recently informed Secretary Vance that full disclosure to Micronesian leaders of the CIA affair would be necessary before formal talks can resume and that firm assurances must be made that the incident would not be repeated.

Amaraich said the matter of the future unity of the Trust Territory was another "grave concern" due to US approval of the Marianas separatist movement. "A US credibility problem is having a severe impact on Micronesia's internal affairs," he said.

"Continuing doubts about the eventual United States policy on separate negotiations is interfering with progress of the negotiations. The success of the future status question of the Trust Territory depends on a firm, persistent, continued, and unambiguous policy from the United States which must be spelled out now," Amaraich declared.

According to Micronesian law, the commission is required to secure an agreement of "free association" with the United States which will accommodate a sovereign Micronesian government, including a 200-mile limit. An attempt by the Congress of Micronesia in February to enact a 200-mile law was vetoed by the US high commissioner. On February 26, however, island lawmakers overrode the veto and the matter now rests with the US Department of Interior to decide.

Word of the veto prompted bitter criticism from many Micronesian lawmakers, including Senator Bailey Olter, chairman of the commission's subcommittee on future political status. Senator Olter said the US enacted its own 200-mile law, "then turns around and tells its friend, the Trust Territory, that it is wrong for us to practice the same." He said the US veto was inconsistent with the Charter of the United Nations, the Trusteeship Agreement and international law.

"The US has turned the Trusteeship and Micronesia upside down and thoroughly shaken everything out of it. It has become painfully apparent to me that the Trusteeship system is working the way the United States wants it to and not the way the community of nations intended it to be," he said.

The US Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, labelled a "strategic area," is the last of eleven trusteeships created by the United Nations after World War II. All ten other areas have since become independent. Micronesia, which includes over 2,200 islands populated by 100,000 inhabitants, is administered by the US Department of Interior while the Department of State has assumed responsibility for the future political status negotiations for the vast Pacific territory.

# Micronesia In Brief

### SABLAN SIGNS KOSRAE'S LEGISLATURE MEETING DATE

Acting Deputy High Commissioner Juan A. Sablan signed into law a bill to change the statutorily mandated date for the convening of the Kosrae District Legislature from the first Tuesday of March to the third Tuesday of the same month in each year (HB 7-87). This will allow the Legislature ample opportunity to examine measures coming out of the January session of the Congress of Micronesia. Additionally, the bill calls for a session of 30 days duration, excluding weekends and holidays.

### TRUKESE STABBED TO DEATH

A young Trukese man was stabbed to death Monday (March 7) on Tol Island, Truk District. David Pio, age unknown, was stabbed in a fight with several Trukese youngsters. Mikal Masao of Munien Village on Tol, has been charged with first degree murder by District Attorney Phil Johnson. Masao is in police custody.

### NORTHERN MARIANAS TO HAVE NEWS AGENCY

MNA is the designation for the Marianas News Agency which will soon be issuing press releases on Marianas Government activities, according to Acting Resident Commissioner Francisco C. Ada. The MNA at the moment has no separate budget but will function under the Public Affairs Office headed by David Maratita, with KJQR newsman Rudy Sablan writing most of the releases.

### HOLIDAY LIST ISSUED FOR MARIANAS

Looking for a three-day weekend for a special trip or project? You can plan ahead now by a recent memo from Acting ResCom Ada. Nine legal holidays remain for 1977, the memo shows. Two fall on Thursdays, including of course Thanksgiving (Nov. 24) and the first "Marianas Covenant Day" (March 24). The other holidays will provide three-day weekends. Christmas falls on Saturday, while the other holidays are Mondays: Memorial Day (May 30), Independence Day (July 4), Micronesia Day (July 12) Labor Day (Sept. 5), Columbus Day (Oct. 10), and U.N. Day/Veterans Day (Oct. 24).

### COM REQUESTS PARTICIPANT AT AIR TALKS

The Presiding Officers of the Congress of Micronesia have sent a cable to Japanese Foreign Minister Hayayama requesting that an official representative of the Micronesian people be allowed to attend talks relating to the 1969 Bilateral Air Transport Agreement scheduled for March 23 in Washington D.C. Reads the cable from Speaker Bethwel Henry and President Tosiwo Nakayama, "....we know the Tokyo-Micronesia route is one of the key issues in these talks, and ..... the interests of Micronesians in the talks between the two countries are both crucial and critical to our economic development."

### AIR FORCE SEARCH FRUITLESS

Search for the remaining 20-foot traditional Yapese canoe missing since last week with four persons on board, and suspended because of inclement weather, continued again Wednesday 16 March. One of the two boats was found by the MV James Cook drifting towards Fauripik Atoll on March 12.

### NITIJELA SESSION BEGINS

The Twenty-Fourth Regular Session of the Fourth Marshall Islands Legislature (Nitijela) began on Monday March 14 on Majuro. Incumbent Speaker Atlan Anien was re-elected Speaker. Namo Hermios was re-elected Vice-Speaker and Jina Lavin, Floor Leader. Standing committee chairman have yet to be named by the Speaker.


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## When, What & Where?

### SAIPAN OCEAN SWIM

Mark your calendar now for the Saipan Ocean Swim on Saturday, April 2, at the Inter-Continental Hotel. Come watch the big meet, first of its kind on Saipan. (See separate story)

### MONDAY NIGHT AT THE GATEWAY TRAVEL SHOW

Ben Concepcion of B.C. Dive Shop will show an all-new slide show of underwater diving on Saipan. Gateway Restaurant, 7 p.m., Monday, March 21st. Free.

### LADIES LUNCHEON

The now monthly ladies luncheon will be held at the Oceana House, Continental Hotel, Wednesday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. $3.75. All women welcome. Two of the four hostesses are Noshko Allen, 9527 and Linda Cartwright, 9293.

### TAEKWONDO SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

A Korean master in the art of Taekwondo conducts classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, 7-8 p.m. at the Marianas High School P.E. room. New students welcome. Fee, for instruction and club membership, is $20 a month.

### LADIES SLIMNASTICS

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Marianas High School P.E. room.

### 1977 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

The 1977 Little League baseball season for 9-12 year old boys will begin soon, according to Joe Sanchez of the Community Development (CD) Office. Interested sponsors and coaches are asked to submit their team rosters to CDO in Susupe. For more information, call 6378.

# Local Produce Filling Shelves

SAIPAN -- Since the devastation wrecked on local agriculture last May by Typhoon Pamela, Saipan's inhabitants have been relying heavily on fresh produce shipped in from the United States, Australia and Japan.

Local farmers have been working hard to reinstate their crops of seasonal fruits and vegetables, and supplies are starting to come in.

Gregorio Cabrera, manager of the Farmers Market in Chalan Kanoa, is much heartened by the gradual influx of local produce and proudly displays abundant supplies of watermelons, cantaloupes and honeydews. Three kinds of sweet potato: purple, yellow and white, have been available for some time, but cucumbers, eggplant, Chinese cabbage and locally-grown tomatoes are now coming into their own and are on sale at considerably less than imported vegetable prices.

The local citrous season ended in January, said Cabrera, except for lemons which grow year round. Saipan residents will have to wait until next November for home-grown tangerines and oranges, but bananas and plantains are now in abundance, and breadfruit and papayas have just started to reach the market. Saipan's avocado crop is presently in flower and supplies of this highly nutritious fruit should be on sale starting in May. Green beans of the Kentucky Wonder strain are at their best right now, said Mr. Cabrera, and the Farmers Market also has a good supply of green betel nuts.

# Dean Promotes Goats For Ponape

Eve Terzich
Staff Writer

SAIPAN - It happens in every line of business - the public is always demanding an improved product, or a product that cannot be supplied.

In the case of Dr. Larry Dean, Chief of Animal Health Services at the Trust Territory Department of Agriculture, he was able to supply a demand. The demand is for goats!

Throughout the Trust Territory and particularly where Filipinos have settled, people raise and eat goats, said Dr. Dean. Admirably suited to small-scale landholding and maintained along with herds of cattle, goats help to keep down the kinds of herbs and shrubs cattle will not eat, declared Dean. So, not only are these herbivores an important source of food, they are useful too.

From locally acquired billy (male) and nanny (female) goats, Dr. Dean and his assistants raised a herd of seventeen goats which have been shipped to Ponape where previously there were none. The object of this exercise is to maintain the herd at Ponape's Department of Agriculture and to sell the offspring as they emerge, thus supplying Ponape's demands.

In a year or so, Dr. Dean hopes to raise a similar herd together with a herd of cattle and transport them to Palau. It is planned that this goat herd will be improved by inbreeding with a strain from Hawaii.


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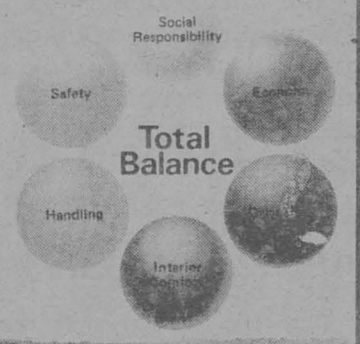

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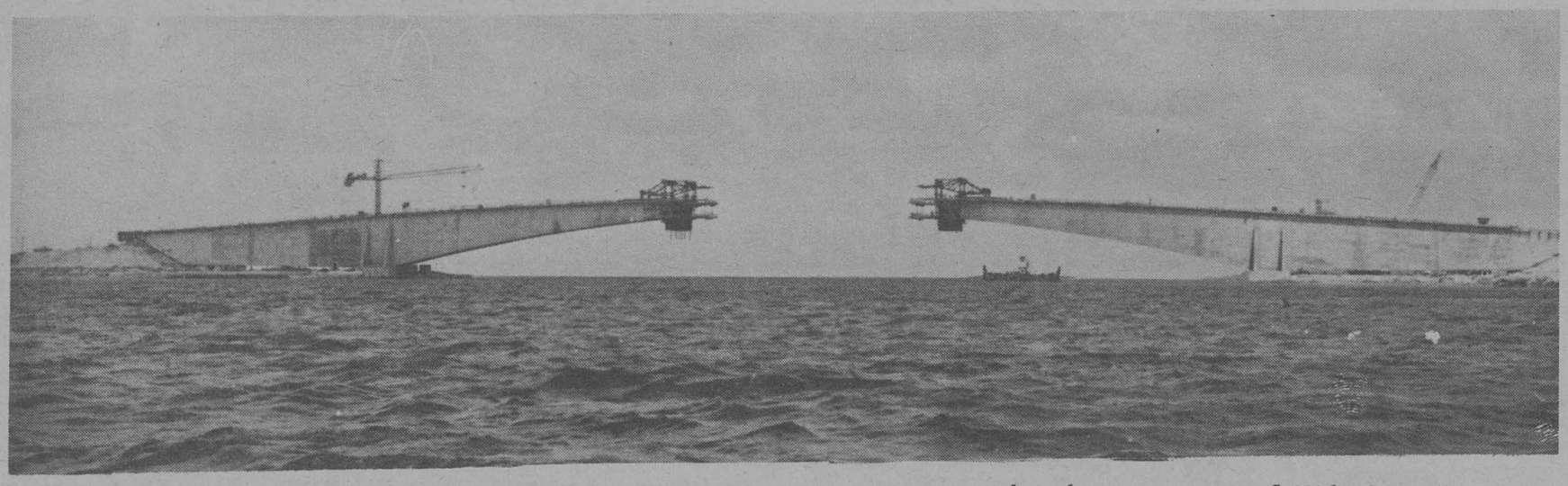


The Koror-Babeldaob cantilevers reach toward each other over the choppy waters of Mid Channel. Beneath the right cantilever is the cable-guided ferry that plies the channel 16 hours a day.

## Palau Bridge Nears Completion

BY: Frank J. Quimby Jr.
Palau

The Koror-Babeldaob bridge, a world record-breaker for prestressed concrete spans, should be completed in April, according to resident engineer Ray Zelinski.

Dedication ceremonies are being planned to coincide with the 22nd Annual Palau Fair, April 21-24.

The immediate impact of the bridge opening will be to halve commuting time between southern Babeldaob, where the airport and several residential communities are located, and the district center of Koror, where most of Palau's population work.

For many residents the bridge is a symbol of continuity. Koror and southern Babeldaob have a long and rich traditional relationship. By bringing these communities closer, the bridge serves more as a link with the future than as a break with the past.

The span arches over broad, swift Mid Channel and will link Palau's cramped district center with spacious Babeldaob, the largest island in the Trust Territory.

Socio Construction Company of Guam is the general contractor for the $5.2 million project. The span has been under construction for twenty months and will be completed ahead of contract schedule.

One of the keys to the bridge's speedy completion is its unique design which utilizes a type of free cantilever construction pioneered in the early 1950's by the firm of Dyckerhoff and Widmann, Inc.

The plan eliminated the need for sinking a center pier in 100-foot deep Mid Channel.

Alfred A. Yee and Associates of Honolulu custom-tailored the design to meet the needs of Palau and Socio. The result is a three span, 1,264-foot bridge built by using "cast-in-place post-tensioned segmental construction."

Unfortunately this forbidding jargon doesn't mean much to non-engineers. Aware of this dilemma, Zelinski, 37, an affable Californian with previous experience in this type of construction, offered a layman's analogy.

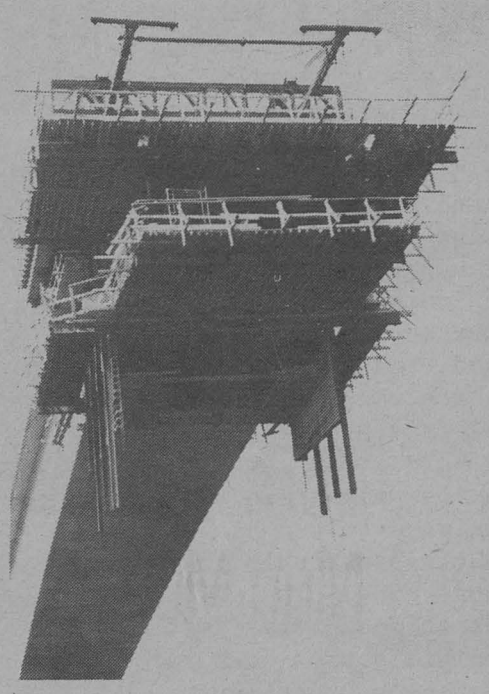
Imagine two arm wrestlers at "go" position. Elbows are dug deep into the edges of the table. Shoulders are squared away. Forearms arch out toward each other and the hands clasp high above center table.

The strength in this contest comes not from the grasp, but from the arms, elbows and shoulders. The bridge strikes a similar pose.

The elbows are the two main-piers, each founded on 104 concrete piles driven 100 feet into bedrock at the edges of the channel.

The shoulders are the end-spans, 237-foot rectangles anchored by end-piers and huge ballast-filled chambers. The end-spans are tied into the causeways by 500-foot approach embankments.

The forearms are the 395-foot cantilevers reaching



The 125-ton form traveler on the Babeldaob cantilever looms above Mid Channel.

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# Palau Bridge...

toward each other over the channel. Though the flesh of the forearms is concrete, the muscle is hundreds of 1 1/4 inch diameter steel tendons running through the concrete and stressed to predetermined tensions.

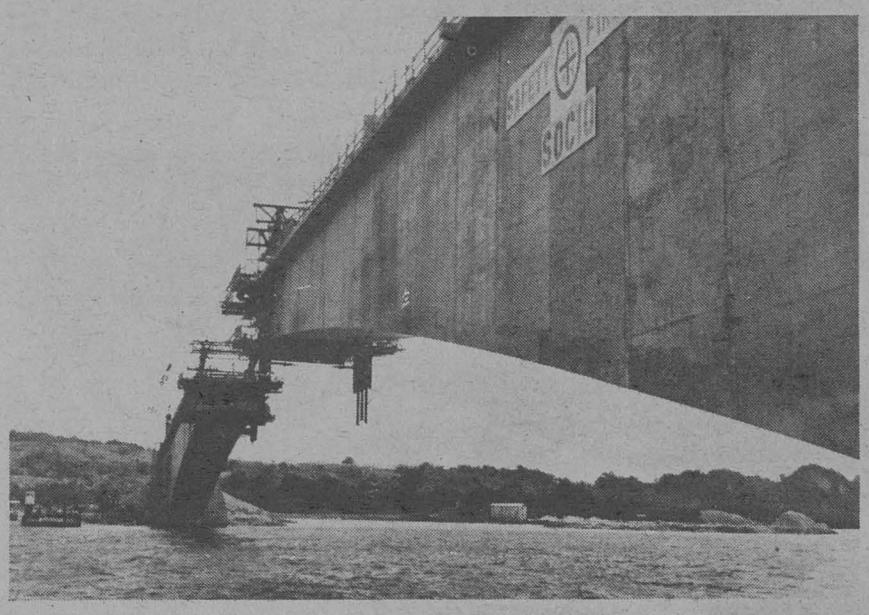
The cantilevers were constructed simultaneously using form travelers-125 ton hydraulically operated steel trusses.

The travelers were first set in place on the main-piers. Reinforcing and prestressing steel were installed and the concrete poured into the forms. When each 15-foot segment reached specified strength, the tendons were stressed with portable jacks.

The travelers were then moved over the completed sections and adjoining segments were layed out, poured and stressed. From main-pier to main-pier there are 51 sections, including the center "hinge".

The cantilevers have been arching toward each other in this way for the past several months. When joined they will form the 790-foot record breaking main-span. The former world record-holder was Japan's Hamana-Ohashi bridge, with a main-span of 787 feet.

The Palau bridge is designed to withstand 150 mph winds and Zone III earthquakes. The completed structure will contain 11,000 cubic yards of concrete, 1200 tons of reinforcing steel and 575 tons of prestressing steel.



The Koror-Babeldaob cantilevers reach toward each other.

Resident Engineer Ray Zelinski on the Koror side side of the $5.2 million free-cantilever bridge.

The roadbed of the bridge will accommodate two 12-foot wide traffic lanes and a five-foot wide walkway. Guard walls and lighting fixtures will run the length of the span and a utility tunnel beneath the roadbed will house water, electric and telephone lines. At center-span the roadway will be 67 feet above mean sea level.

The communities have been linked by a slow cable-guided ferry, plying Mid Channel 16 hours a day. On the least crowded of days, the ferry takes 15 to 20 minutes and often as long as 30 minutes.

The bridge will also eliminate a local tradition-the bottleneck at the ferry that backed up traffic on plane-days for an hour or more wait. Noone, as yet, has protested the impending demise of this custom.

The long-term impact of the bridge is expected to be an increase in the tempo of infrastructural, residential and commercial development in southern and central Babeldaob.

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# Recreation Survey Shows Youth Need More

Abby Brown
Staff Writer

*Editor's Note.*

*The following is the third and last of a series on recreation in Saipan. The first (Dec. 10, 76) listed outdoor recreational activities, and found Saipan a paradise, at least potentially. The second (Dec. 30, 76) surveyed indoor facilities and found them somewhat limited. Today, the Marianas Variety looks at programs and facilities especially for youngsters.*

SAIPAN -- More than half of Saipan's 12,500 population (1973 census) is under 20 years of age. Almost half are of school age.

What do these 5,000 (+) children do after school and on weekends? Are there recreational facilities and programs to meet their needs for creativity, exercise, peer contact, and fun?

The Marianas Variety recently surveyed the recreational scene for youngsters. Here are the results.

*NOT MUCH FOR PRE-TEENS...*

For pre-teens the possibilities are especially sparse.

Scouting, which at one time seemed to be enjoying steady growth, has dwindled to two Girl Scout and about three Boy Scout troops. The demise of Scouting parallels the cutback in professional and funding support from the U.S. counterpart organizations, according to Isidro Ada, former Boy Scout coordinator, and Jerry Heyl, youth advisor in the Trust Territory Community Development Office (CDO).

Little League baseball for boys has also stopped because funds appropriated by the Legislature were not paid, but the Marianas CDO hopes to reactivate Little League this year.

Besides scouting, the Saipan Swim Team is about the only organized recreational program for pre-teens. The program is coached by a Statesider, Jean Sakovich, and so far mostly has appealed to American kids, perhaps because of the hotel location, parent support required in chauffering the kids to daily practices, and costs involved in taking trips to Guam to compete.

*LITTLE BETTER FOR TEENS...*

Recreation for teenagers is a little better, the survey showed.

For sports-minded in-school teens, the Saipan Athletic League has one girls' and one boys' sports competition going on at all times throughout the school year for Hopwood, Mt. Carmel and Marianas High School (MHS) students. Boys basketball and girls softball are concluding now, to be followed by girls basketball and boys volleyball. SAL also offers soccer and cross country track for boys and girls.

The SAL program is conducted entirely through the volunteer efforts of the school's teachers, who receive no compensation for time spent organizing, coaching and officiating. The Department of Education has no funds budgeted for after-school sports, according to Director of Education Jesus Concepcion.

SAL's coordinator, Kurt Barnes, who volunteers many hours a week for the program, relies on donations from Rotary Club and other civic organizations to purchase even the most basic equipment and supplies for the program.

For older teens and young adults, the CDO offers, one at a time, several sports throughout the year, according to CDO's enthusiastic recreation leader, Joe Sanchez. Currently the men's softball league is in progress, to be followed by women's softball, junior (14-17 year old) basketball, "Papas'" softball, co-ed volleyball, women's basketball, and men's basketball.

As with the Education Department, CDO provides no funds for equipment, trophies, maintenance, etc., so these supplies must come from team fees.

Gaping hole in restraining fence shows poor condition of municipal tennis court. Tennis nevertheless is one of the most requested p.e. activities at the Marianas High School.

Organized offerings in areas other than team sports are even more sparse. Mt. Carmel offers after-school guitar lessons and, beginning recently, instruction in musical band instruments. Some efforts have been made to form a chorus.

Occasionally a special interest club springs up through one person's enthusiasm. Just recently, a cultural heritage club (see separate story) and a self-defense class began, each with about 30 participants.

Neither of the churches offers any recreational programs, according to Monsignor Thomas Camacho and Reverend Mack Williams. Msgr. Camacho says, however, that Mt. Carmel has its gym open at all times for kids who want to play informally and that there are kids there "all day long, constantly, from morning to night."

Similarly, Rev. Williams sets up his volleyball net on weekends and kids "often just drop by for a game," he said.

Both preachers have some sort of church-oriented programs for youth: Williams a Friday night youth Bible study program, Mt. Carmel an altar boys program for thirty 10-15 year olds, and a lecture series designed to promote better understanding among parents and teenagers.

Social recreation programs consist mainly of occasional dances sponsored by school classes or student government organizations and, less frequently, dances and rock concerts put on by the sometimes-active Island Youth Council (IYC). The school dances are entirely dependent on funds raised by the kids. Again, the Education Department has no funds to assist.

Actively working with the IYC and youth groups is the Mariana Islands Community Action Agency (MIDCAA). MIDCAA's new youth coordinator, Pedro Sablan, with a budget of $23,000 and three youth workers under him, is about to launch a many-faceted program to organize youth clubs and provide recreational programs and vocational training. Sablan envisions each village having a youth club through which will be organized sports and recreation programs and classes in home gardening. The results of Sablan's efforts remain to be seen.

*ISLAND-WIDE FACILITIES POOR*

If recreational programs are limited, recreational facilities are minimal, the survey found.

Most villages have over the years managed to build a basketball court, and funds to light several of these were appropriated in 1976 and finally paid this week by the Marianas Legislature.

Students gather round to see band instruments donated to Mt. Carmel by the Duty Free Shops ($5,000) and the Saipan Rotary Club ($800). Adults, (l to r) are Mr. Pagapular, music instructor; Leonard Sine, Rotary president; Sister Bernadita, Mt. Carmel principal; and Jack Moncieur, Duty Free Manager. (Phoo

# SPORTS

## Ocean Swim Set For Saipan

SAIPAN -- The Saipan Swim Club is sponsoring its first Saipan Ocean Swim, for competition with teams from Guam, on Saturday, April 2 at the Inter-Continental Hotel beachfront, according to Swim Team coach Jean Sakovich.

Up to 400 visitors are expected, including swimmers, from Manukai, Naval Station, Naval Communications Station, and Anderson Air Force Base swim clubs.

Featured in the unique event will be a half-mile swim for 8-year-olds and under; 3/4 mile for 10 and under; one mile for 11 and 12-year-olds, and 1 1/2 miles for 13-18 year olds.

An ocean meet was planned, according to Sakovich, because Saipan does not have a swim pool suitable for competitive swimming. The Saipan Swim Team has participated in many meets in Guam and wanted to reciprocate with a meet on Saipan.

The festive weekend will feature the meet beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, an awards barbecue Saturday evening, and sightseeing for the visitors on Sunday, Sakovich said.

Sakovich said Guam's swimmers have received the invitation for the swim weekend with great enthusiasm.

Mrs. Sakovich will welcome volunteer help from the Saipan community in conducting the meet.

She also encourages everyone to attend and hopes the public will get enthusiastic about competitive swimming.

## MHS Seniors Basketball Champs

SAIPAN -- The Marianas High School (MHS) senior boys won the 1977 interscholastic basketball championship Friday night in a close game with Mt. Carmel.

The seniors won 52-41 in a game Saipan Athletic League coordinator Kurt Barnes called "exciting and excellently played."

Nic Ada led the seniors by scoring 20 points during the game.

SAIPAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE
BOYS BASKETBALL
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| | W | L |
|---|---|---|
| MHS Seniors | 7 | 1 |
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| Mt. Carmel | 4 | 4 |
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| Hopwood | 1 | 7 |

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| Seabees | 6 | 5 | 3 |
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| Tanapag vs | 8 | 7 | 0 |
| Aces (outcome pending decision of board on protest by Aces) | 7 | 8 | 0 |
| Bombers | 18 | 16 | 3 |
| Air Mike | 16 | 17 | 4 |
| Admirals, over Dynamites, forfeit | | | |
| D-9ers | 10 | 16 | 0 |
| Garapan | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| El Toro | 17 | 6 | 4 |
| Bombers | 6 | 9 | 2 |
| Tanapag | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Seabees | 4 | 7 | 3 |

Next Week's Schedule:

Mon: Aces vs. D-9ers
Bombers vs. Admirals

Wed: Garapan vs. Aces
Air Mike vs. Admirals

Fri: San Vicente vs. Dynamites
Seabees vs. Aces

## Youth Recreation...

As for island-wide public facilities, there is no swimming pool, no indoor center for crafts and other classes, no theater for dance or dramatic presentations, no gym or ballfield with bleachers for spectators. There is one well-located tennis court, which however has no net, and is not maintained. Another court, on Capitol Hill, is also in poor condition since the private tennis buffs who used to maintain it themselves, moved to the Inter-Continental's tennis club.

Mt. Carmel provides its gym and ballfield for many sports events.

On the positive side, the first planning geared exclusively to recreational needs is under way now through a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

*RECREATION:*
*A (TOO) LOW PRIORITY*

Why is there so little available in recreation?

Several reasons emerge from the series of Variety interviews with individuals in the Government and private sector.

Resident Commissioner Erwin D. Canham, who admits that his administration does "little" for youth's recreational needs, said the Government cannot do more because its manpower and money have to be used put out "bigger fires."

The Director of Education says his office can provide no money for recreational programs because it "doesn't have enough money for education programs."

Gil Ada, Director of Community Development, said he doesn't even bother requesting funds for recreation anymore since they are always cut from his budget.

Recreation is everybody's lowest priority, everyone agrees.

But, said Sen. Joaquin Villanueva, "If the needs of youth [including but not limited to recreation] are not soon addressed, the youth problem will soon become the number one priority," a bigger fire, so to speak.

Many involved with recreation point out that parents do not consider recreation important. In fact, many parents say they want their children home after school, and believe trouble begins when kids congregate.

"Parents here do not feel the American parent's obligation to entertain their children," another said.

And, admits the Trust Territory's Heyl, if parents are not involved, recreation is hard to promote because recreational programs do require a lot of volunteer support.

Others point out that there is no island-wide recreation commission or authority to provide citizen input and over-all review of needs. And there is no department specifically charged with carrying out such programs.

Most respondents are critical of the performance over the years by the Marianas Community Development Office, which has recreation among its catch-all bag of responsibilities.

Efforts to start a private Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), also under the chairmanship of CDO's Gil Ada, have moved slowly.

Some respondents indicated that a professional recreation person was desperately needed to get programs going. Ted Oxborrow, who himself has initiated several recreational events such as kite-flying contests and bicycle tours, told of an Oregon town which hired a professional, paid him "a bundle," and said, "Organize recreational programs." Within a year, Oxborrow said, the town was bustling with programs for all ages. People will respond to the efforts of a qualified professional, he said.

Sen. Villanueva, whose proposed youth bureau would encompass much more than recreation, seems to agree with Oxborrow. We can get along with our present facilities but we need a professional to plan the programs, he said.

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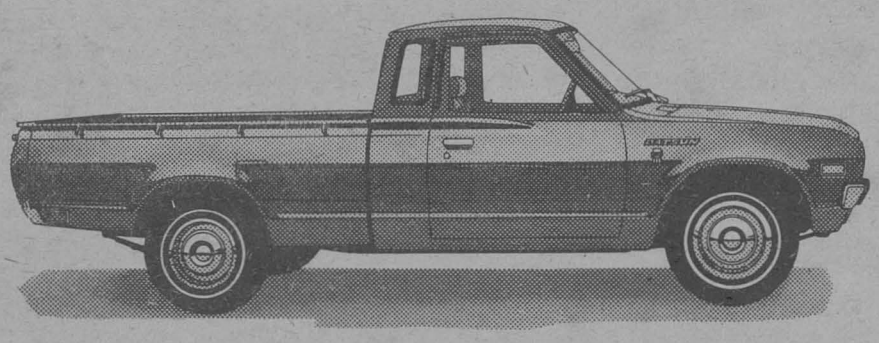

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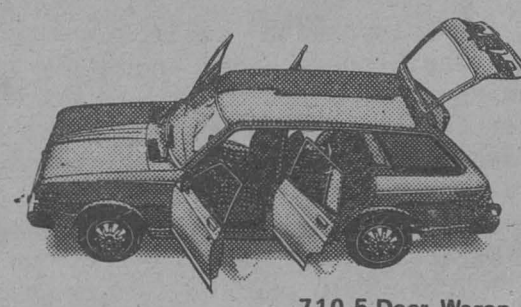

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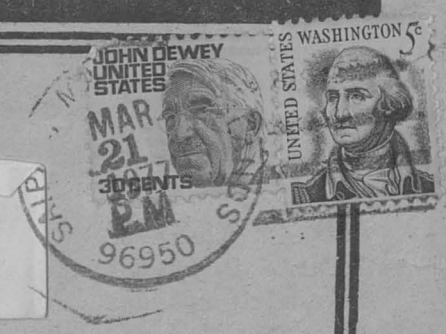
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