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House to remain open

The House of Representatives has averted a closure of operations planned to start yesterday after "sensitive negotiations" were held between its Democrats leadership and Governor Pedro P. Tenorio, according to reliable sources.

The sources said Tenorio, in several meetings with the House Democrats during the week, agreed not only to provide temporary funding relief to avoid the closure of the House operations and staff layoffs but also to a request for a new appropriation to increase the Legislature's budget for 1984.

Under the 1984 budget, the House Democratic Majority has only \$350,000 for the rest of the 1984 fiscal year (January-September) while the Republican Minority is budgeted for \$480,000. According to a January 26 Department of Finance report, the Republican majority

in the Third Legislature spent \$450,455 during the last three months in office, about \$150,000 over legal limits.

According to Democratic sources, the House Democrats have told Governor Tenorio that it needs \$1,250,000 for the House operations and that the expenditures of the last three months of the Third Legislature should be budgeted separately. The same sources said Tenorio is prepared to agree to the Democratic budgetary requirements provided the Democrats will not cut the \$480,000 already appropriated to the Republican minority under PL 3-94 enacted by the Legislature three days before it went out of existence.

In the same meetings with the House Democrats, Governor Tenorio is said to have indicated that he would be willing to consider an increase in the Senate budget, now

at \$1,400,000 under PL 3-97 also enacted one day before the Fourth Legislature was inaugurated, but not by an additional \$600,000 as proposed by the new Senate Republican/Democratic leadership.

The sources said Tenorio is prepared to also agree to an increase of up to \$200,000 for the Senate operations provided each senator still get \$100,000 from the \$900,000 as provided under PL 3-97.

The tentative agreement on a new legislative budget brought smiles to the faces of some 76 employees of the House who were to receive notices of layoff on Thursday.

A final agreement, which House sources said may come early next week after further negotiations between the governor and the Legislature and between the two Houses of the Legislature.

A closure of the House

operations, observers point out, would lead to the closure of the entire Legislature which would result in a paralyzing political crisis. Observers fear that such a crisis would have serious adverse impact not only on the operations of the government but also on NMI/US relations at a time when the Commonwealth needs a united political front in the upcoming negotiations with the Federal Govern-

ment to renew Covenant funding, which could end in 1985.

"We inherited the budget crisis," said one Democrat. "We did not create it, the Governor and the Republicans know it. If we do not get a new budget, we will be forced to close the House and it is going to be our fault. The Republicans created the mess and it is them who are going to get burn."

Sablan wants NMI out of PBDC

Congressman Gregorio C. Sablan (Kilili) wants to take the Northern Marianas out of the Pacific Basin Development Council.

The council, created by the US Congress, is composed of the governors of the Northern Marianas,

Guam, American Samoa and the State of Hawaii.

Sablan said the Northern Marianas, which this year contributed \$43,000 to the upkeep of the Council, is being shortchanged by its membership in the Council.

He said the Council "has done very little or nothing to benefit the people and government of the Northern Marianas" and that instead of being a conduit for federal assistance to the American Pacific territories, "the Council has become a means by which the State of Hawaii channels federal funds and assistance to the State of Hawaii and, utilizing federal funds and contributions by territorial governments, provides lucrative jobs and businesses to the residents of Hawaii."

Sablan also said in his resolution, endorsed by Speaker Ben Sablan and Vice Speaker John Tudela, that the House of Representatives should urge the Legislatures of Guam and American Samoa to review the memberships of their governors in the Council and "to take appropriate actions they deem necessary."



Three Saipanese World War II veterans received special awards last Saturday from the U.S. Marine Commandant P.X. Kelly. The awards were given to Benedicto Taisacan (center), Cristino Dela Cruz (right of Taisacan), and Miguel Tenorio (front right). Governor Pedro Tenorio (left), General Ben Blas (second from left), and Colonel R.K. Miller (far right) were present during the ceremonies.

Borja praises court ruling

Senate Republican Coalition Chairman, Senator Olympio T. Borja, this week hailed the Chief Judge Robert A. Hefner's decision which upheld that Public Law 3-97 was legal and that the intent of the law was within the purview of the CNMI Constitution.

Last week, Joaquin Villanueva and the Senate failed in their attempt to secure a temporary restraining order from the Commonwealth Trial Court to block expenditure of funds appropriated for each member of the Senate.

Villanueva's contention, among other things, was that the law did not provide for fiscal accountability of funds earmarked for each senator.

Borja said that, "Villanueva should know by now that it was the court's interpretation that provisions in the Planning and Budget Act, Constitution, criminal laws, and other laws in the Commonwealth do apply to restrict the spending authority of the Senate."

The former Senate President also pointed out that had his colleagues attended the closing days of the Senate, Third CNMI Legislature rather than attend to junket trips

to Guam and Manila, they could have aired their concerns before the facts.

"Perhaps what they have not been able to accept," Borja said, "is the fact that they were outwitted on an issue that is strictly political and can be resolved through the art of persuasion and not confrontation."



Senator Borja

The chairman of the Senate Republican Coalition declared that any attempt to try to create a Kangaroo Court to determine the work-product of the Senate, Third CNMI Legislature will get no where in that it will be analagous to crying over spilled milk. "The court's decision of last week speaks for itself," he declared.

Borja said the court's ruling puts to rest the wild

allegations made by the new Senate Majority as to the unconstitutionality and poor fiscal condition of the Senate.

"The Senate should have ample guidance from the court and ample funding from the law to conduct its legislative role and functions. They must cease from saying 'there's no money' and begin working within what sufficient for their

operations," the Chairman said.

Borja said that now that the court has issued its decision regarding funds for the Senate, "we are ready to work and will in no way falter in our

obligations to represent the interest of our people through the implementation of programs and policies for the betterment of the Commonwealth."

He said the Senate Republican Coalition and the House Republican Minority's Office should be completed shortly. "When that is settled and everything's in place, we will work very hard in providing public service and quality legislation, including policies and other benefits for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

CNMI House's budget crises continues

As of January 4 this year, the Majority at the House of Representatives had precisely \$257,324.15 to last for the remainder of the fiscal year 1984.

In short, the budget crisis continues. However, Congressman Juan T. Guerrero, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, feels that some light is finally visible at the end of the tunnel.

This week, the House rejected the Senate's version of the budget and by next week the two political bodies should have established a conference committee to discuss a budget plan

which can be acceptable to the House, the Senate, and the Governor.

"We are hopeful of cooperation from the Senate," said Guerrero. "We are ready to go into conference right now to resolve this matter once and for all."

The Director of Finance, according to Guerrero, has refused to release any detailed documents relating to the majority's expenses in the last few months of the Third Legislature. However, Guerrero had a statement of figures which revealed that the majority's obligations in that time amounted to \$467,875 of which \$455,544.42 had been paid out of the majority's budget.

"We hope the Department of Finance will have time to source obligations that were credited to the house majority and transfer them to the minority," he said.

As of January 4, the majority budget minus official representations and salaries (\$152,000) for the eight congressmen totals only \$105,352.

"I believe the House staff have been advised they are going to be furloughed. I believe they will be paid tomorrow and the Governor has agreed to honor our

present commitments. After that, if we don't get the budget sorted out, the House may still have to close."

Guerrero is not keen on the House having as many employees as it currently has. "I don't agree with the Legislature being an unemployment agency. But even though we have more employees than the Third Legislature, our budget is still less than theirs."

Guerrero said that many of the employees were working part time and others had been out of work for two or three years because of their party affiliations.

"The Third Legislature had a budget of \$1.5 million. We are requesting \$1.1 million for the next nine months. 53 employees at \$1.5 million averages about \$28,000 per person. We are planning to employ 75 staff with a budget of \$1.1 million, giving an average of about 14,000 per person. We are spreading the budget."

Guerrero said a closure is still being contemplated, but he is optimistic that the new plan he will take to conference committee will be acceptable to the Senate, the House and the Governor. He was unable to reveal details of the plan.

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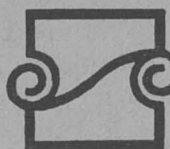
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Saipan Chamber of Commerce
meeting

Monday, February 6, 1984 — The Saipan Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting, 12:00 noon at Chamorro Village. Please call the Chamber Office at 6132 for luncheon reservations.

Kilili calls for open government agencies

Rep. Gregorio C. Sablan has introduced legislation requiring an "open government" in most agencies of the Northern Marianas Government, including the Economic Development Loan Fund (EDLF).

In a letter to EDLF, which has come under strong public criticisms for allegedly practising political and ethnic discrimination in its loan program, Sablan disagreed with EDLF Executive Director John Sablan who wants to keep EDLF meetings secret.

"I strongly feel that any party, who seeks to receive public monies for private and profit purposes, should stand ready to a public disclosure of his capability to repay such obligations," Sablan said.

Sablan added that he also feels that public criticism of the EDLF

and its staff could be attributed to the fact that public access to board meetings is denied.

The San Antonio/Chalan Kanoa democrat noted that there are now plan for a "public initiative" to legislate policies and procedures on how EDLF should conduct its affairs.

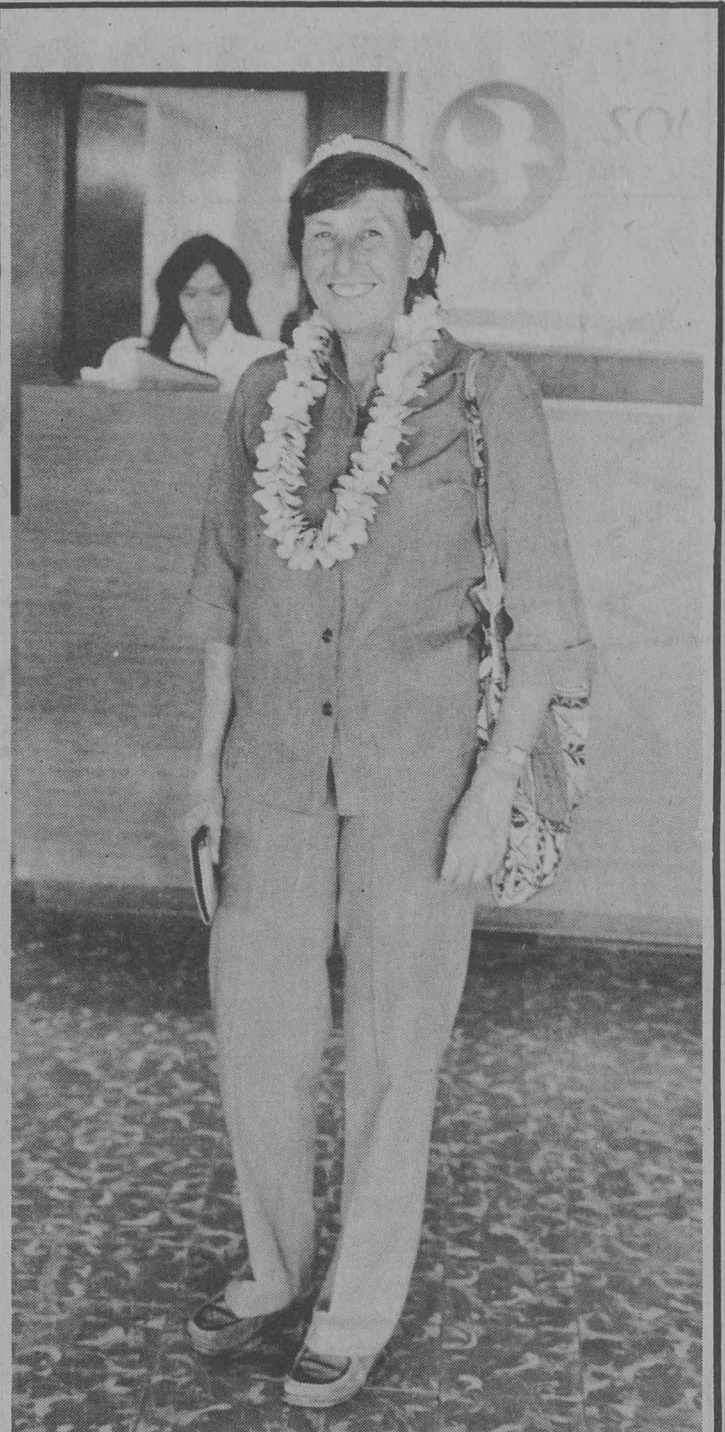
"This initiative will be launched if EDLF or the Legislature fails to establish policies and procedures that grant public access to its operations, insure against political and ethnic discrimination and require the EDLF Board and Staff to carry out their duties in a professional manner," he said. "Such public action will be most unfortunate and could be embarrassing. However, it could be avoided and should be avoided."

Of the millions of dollars which have been awarded since Covenant funding became available in 1978, most of the loans have gone to Chamorros. But Carolinians and other ethnic minorities have received less \$100,000 in total loans, according to government documents.

During the campaign for the November elections, Democrats charged that under the Republicans, loans have gone only to friends, relatives, members and supporters of the Republican Party.

Last month, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, a Carolinian and former Democratic legislator, and her Palauan husband, Francisco T. Uludong, withdrew their loan application for \$120,000 to organize a business to trade in Pacific arts and crafts after complaining that they had been giving a "run around" by EDLF.

They formally asked the EDLF Board to formulate formal policies to prohibit discrimination on the basis of ethnicity and political affiliation and to set a timetable by which loan applications are reviewed by staff and acted upon by the Board itself.



Local personality Sue Canham left Saipan earlier this week after more than seven years on the island. She came to Saipan with her husband, the late Commissioner Irwin Canham, and later became principal of Saipan Community School. Of British origin, Sue has gone to settle in Hawaii where she has bought a house and where she hopes she will continue to see friends from the CNMI as they pass through Honolulu.

Chinese to celebrate the year of the mouse

According to Koreans and Chinese 1984 is the year of the Mouse and the beginning year of the twelve celestial stems.

Since ancient times the Chinese believe that a mouse had a particularly keen sense to perceive fire and flood disasters. The mouse therefore would always move to a safe place before such disaster occurs.

The Chinese believe that by observing how a mouse acts and behaves they too can learn how to avoid disasters.

The mouse also according to the Chinese always possesses a good supply of

food because of his strong desire to save.

The twelve celestial stems of the Chinese calendar are as follows:

- 1st Mouse
- 2nd Cow
- 3rd Tiger
- 4th Rabbit
- 5th Dragon
- 6th Snake
- 7th Horse
- 8th Sheep
- 9th Monkey
- 10th Hen
- 11th Dog
- 12th Pig

According to Young Oh of the Korean Weekly News, every Korean born has a zodiac sign that corresponds to his birth year.

Bank of Guam to open branch in Palau

The Bank of Guam recently announced it has purchased the assets of the Koror Branch of the American Savings and Loan Association and will soon begin banking operation here in Palau.

The commercial branch will serve the free market competitively with the existing Bank of Hawaii which has served the

Republic exclusively over the past 20 years.

A House Joint Resolution adopted by both houses extends a warm welcome and congratulation to the Bank of Guam and acknowledges the economic and social roles the two commercial banks would play in the development of the Republic.



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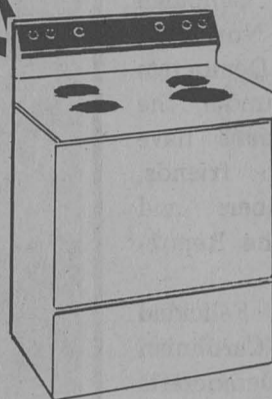
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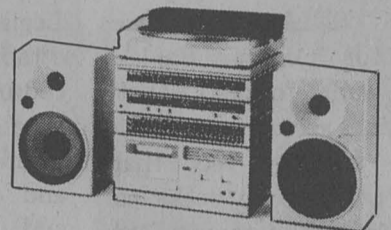
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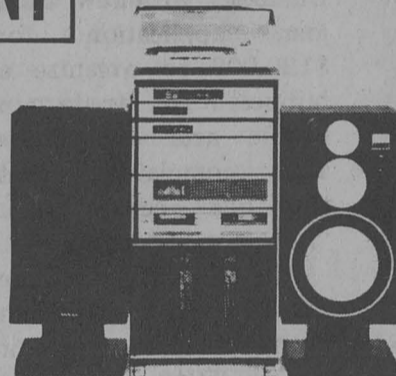
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Traffic Division moves to Garapan

The new police and fire substation at Garapan is now being manned but is not quite ready.

More manpower and equipment are needed to put the substation in full preparedness for the types of emergencies that it must handle.

Commander of the Department of Public Safety's traffic division, Captain Frank Picklesimer, told the Variety that DPS will soon be receiving eight police squad cars to replace the three — sometimes only two — nearly delapidated patrol vehicles now being used by the department. The substation is now the headquarters for the traffic division. However, because of the lack of manpower and equipment, regular traffic enforcement is still handled by the DPS headquarters at Susupe.

Picklesimer said that the traffic division now has only two four-year-old vehicles and four traffic officers to respond to all accidents involving serious or fatal injuries. All DUI (drunk driving) cases are also handled by the traffic division.

Picklesimer said that he would like to see the "motorcycle selective enforcement" implemented and the traffic radars back out on the streets. He said that the department has trained personnel to operate both the motorcycles and the radars.

Governor approves homestead bill

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio recently signed into law House Bill No. 369, entitled, To establish a homestead program for the purpose of compensating those persons who have been inadequately compensated for transfers of interests in and encroachments upon land caused by prior governmental action.

The Governor was pleased to be able to assist landowners who have suffered economic loss as a result of prior land exchanges.

"If implemented, the motorcycle selective enforcement team's primary function is to control problem traffic areas, therefore allowing the patrol vehicles to concentrate on more serious crimes," Picklesimer said.

The traffic chief added that a patrol car on Saipan now averages about 85 miles per eight hour shift or about 250 miles a day. He said that at any given time there are only two patrol cars out on the street covering the entire island. He noted that police officers are often overworked because of the lack of manpower. He added, however, that the hiring by the department of 15 new recruits is welcomed by every police officer.

House of Taga goes disco

The House of Taga is to undergo a major facelift in the next few months as the restaurant complex redirects itself at a new market.

"We will be closing the bar/lounge area on February 15 for major renovations. The whole area will be changed into a new club with a disco," said Frances Borja.

She said the restaurant was originally aimed at tourist traffic, but there has been little business from the tourist market and a change of market direction was the only real alternative.

The restaurant will remain open as usual during the renovations. The complex will continue to offer conference room

facilities and three office spaces will be rented out in the next couple of weeks.

"We will be aiming largely at the local market from now on," said Borja. "Let's hope we get it right second time around." The new club/discotheque is scheduled to open some time in early April.



House of Taga establishment

Froilan takes over Eddie still around

Northern Marianas Commonwealth Washington Representative Edward DLG. Pangelinan said goodbye to his official duties on January 9 and turned his affairs over to the man who defeated him last November, Froilan Tenorio. But that does not mean that Pangelinan, a native of Saipan, will be returning to his home island. The affable Democrat turned Republican will be working — at least

temporarily — out of his home and appears likely to be interested in representing Pacific clients and firms doing business in the Pacific here in Washington. Rumors also persist that Pangelinan may be appointed soon to represent fellow Republican, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio, in future negotiations to extend the financial terms of the CNMI compact with the U.S.

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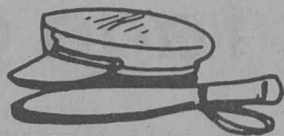
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10:59 a.m. — Jose T. Attao appeared at the police station and reported that someone had removed furniture and appliances from his house without authorization.

11:55 a.m. — Juan Cabrera reported that his chicken was stolen from his residence at Capitol Hill. 12:05 p.m. — Thomas You reported an accident in front of the Playboy at Garapan.

1:32 p.m. — Robert Sn Babauta telephoned the police station and reported that some money had been stolen from a safe.

2:30 p.m. — Jackson Jack called the police station and reported that he was beaten up at Garapan Village.

3:40 p.m. — A person called the police and reported a traffic accident on Beach Road at Susupe.

3:54 p.m. — John Torres of the Department of Education radioed the police station and reported a traffic accident near the Honda Car dealership at Puerto Rico. 5:00 p.m. — Diana C. Crisostimo telephoned the police station and requested police assistance at the MIHA housing area.

6:18 p.m. — Alfonso M. Merano of Garapan called and requested police assistance.

JANUARY 24

12:00 a.m. — Chief Jose Babauta called the station and reported that four pigs belonging to Ignacio Omar had been stolen from Omar's residence in Tanapag.

8:06 a.m. — A woman called the police station and reported that a car had run off the road in front of the Hong Kong Restaurant.

10:31 a.m. — Magdalena S. Kaipat appeared at the police station and reported that her house had been burglarized.

10:45 a.m. — Eleanor Hogog ap-

peared at the police station and reported that she was beaten up at the Food Basket.

12:03 p.m. — Robert Babauta called the police station and reported that some cash and items had been stolen from the Grand Hotel main office.

4:50 p.m. — Adelina Luis Camacho appeared at the police station and reported that a Trukese woman was bothering her and accusing her of telling MIHA officials that the woman was not staying at the house provided for her and her children.

10:24 p.m. — Hyatt Chief Security Mariano Camacho telephoned the police station and reported a theft case at the hotel.

JANUARY 25

7:47 a.m. — Juan Tagabuel appeared at the police station and reported that two goats belonging to Vicente Teregeyo had been stolen. 8:24 a.m. — Jerry Britt telephoned the police station and reported that someone had entered his house and he needed police assistance immediately.

12:10 p.m. — Officer Joey Tudela called the police station and reported a traffic accident on Beach Road at Chalan Kanoa.

3:30 p.m. — Joseph W. Torres appeared at the police station and reported that a rooster and hen belonging to him had been stolen. 11:48 p.m. — Pete Torres reported to the police that a spare tire on his jeep had been stolen while parked at his residence.

JANUARY 26

3:02 a.m. — Isaac Taiwurapai told police that A.T. Cabrera's house had been burglarized.

7:26 a.m. — Herman Dela Cruz telephoned the police station and reported that four of his chickens had been stolen.

1:10 p.m. — Jesus Babauta telephoned the police station and reported that one pig and one chicken belonging to him had been stolen from his farm.

1:57 p.m. — A woman telephoned the police station and reported a

traffic accident on Beach Road in front of the Ferreira Building.

2:32 p.m. — Manny Villagomez of Garapan told police that his house had been burglarized.

5:13 p.m. — Moises San Nicolas called the police station and reported a traffic accident at the Lower Base area.

10:12 p.m. — F.M. Camacho telephoned the police station and requested assistance because her son did not want to follow her instructions.

JANUARY 27

6:58 a.m. — Herman Guerrero reported that one of his roosters had been stolen from his San Vicente residence.

1:05 p.m. — Bernard Sablan reported to the police that a woman under the influence of alcohol was attempting to drive a car.

2:29 p.m. — Security Guard Pedro San Nicolas at the Intercon told police that someone snatched a purse at the hotel.

4:00 p.m. — Lt. Antonio Reyes called the police and reported that a disturbance was in progress at the Housing Authority Office in Garapan.

4:42 p.m. — Officer Benigno Sablan radioed the police station and reported a traffic accident in front of the Small Banana Store in Garapan.

JANUARY 28

12:00 a.m. — Vicente Dela Cruz reported a criminal mischief case at the New Century.

4:17 a.m. — Lt. F.M. Manglona reported that a person was injured at the Hyatt parking lot and was being transported to Dr. Torres Hospital.

9:30 a.m. — Evelyn Yamagata called the police and reported that her house had been burglarized.

9:55 a.m. — Rosario Laniyo told police that her house had been burglarized.

6:43 p.m. — A woman told the police that the garment company's dormitory in Chalan Kanoa District 2 had been burglarized.

7:31 p.m. — Ramon Chong reported a traffic accident near the Navy Hill Intersection.

7:53 p.m. — Officer Ngeskebel radioed the police station and reported a traffic accident near the Aldan's Service Station.

New Fire Trucks on order

Fire Chief Frank Aldan will soon have two spanking new fire trucks as well as two brand new ambulances for the island of Saipan.

Aldan said that a Snorkel firetruck with elevating ladder, costing about \$300,000, will arrive on Saipan about 90 days after the official order is placed. A regular firetruck with a 1,000 gallon capacity, which costs \$100,000, will arrive about the same time.

Chief Aldan said that the Snorkel firetruck is needed because of the increasing number of multi-storey buildings being erected on Saipan.

Since the Snorkel is primarily designed for fighting fires in high rise buildings it will not have a water tank. Instead it will be equipped with a pump that can spew out about 750 gallons of water per minute. The Snorkel can be used anywhere a fire hydrant is available, or it can pump water from another firetruck or a watertruck if a fire hy-

drant is not available. The Snorkel will come equipped with the latest rescue equipment for high rise structures, Chief Aldan said.

Two ambulances equipped with emergency medical equipment and each costing approximately \$45,000 will also be placed on order, Aldan said.

The fire chief said that he is also requesting an additional 10 to 12 firemen to meet the needs of the community.

Presently there are 16 firemen for the entire island of Saipan. Since they take turns standing 24-hour shifts, only half of the firefighters are on duty at any given time.

Chief Aldan pointed out that the misconception that fire engines usually arrive at the scene of the fire with barely any water in the tank is understandable since the fire engine's powerful pump takes only one minute to spew out ¾ of the tank's content.

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(Congress Release) —
"Air Mike has provided excellent service but we have reached the point that as a nation we must make a decision on air transportation," said Senator Pedro Harris, chairman of the Joint Task Force on Air Transportation.

Harris made this comment following a trip to Honolulu where two members of the task force along with members of the Congress Resources and Development Committee met with airlines which may be interested in providing air services to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Present at the Nov. 26 to Dec. 8 meetings were Senators Sasao Goulard, Truk, chairman of the R&D Committee, Tony Otto, Truk, also a member of the task force, Raymond Setik, Truk, and Elias Thomas, Ponape, along with Staff Counsel Maketo Robert.

The members met with representatives of Aloha Airlines, South Pacific Island Airways, Hawaiian Airlines, and Mid Pacific Air, along with Chuck Wolf who proposed to form a feeder line to serve the outer islands. Although the group did not meet with their representatives, Japan Airlines also has expressed interest in providing air service to the FSM.

During its First Regular Session the Third Congress called for such an investigation when it adopted Congressional Resolution No. 3-13. Not only the complaints in high air fares and the inadequate service which Congress has continuously levied against Continental Air Micronesia, but also the deregulation of the airline industry in the United States has caused the investigation. With this deregulation any airline, not only Continental Air Micronesia, can fly in the FSM.

According to Harris, "Air Mike has not been very responsive to our needs. They have refused to furnish us certain important documents to indicate to us how the airline is operating."

"Nobody seems to want to talk about it (the financial situation)," supported Thomas.

Harris said the time has

come when the FSM must make a long-term commitment to air transportation.

"We need to develop a complete system of air transportation which will include (service) to the outer islands," he said.

Before any commitment to an airline can be made, Harris said, the task force first would have to discover which outer islands are interested in air services and how the air system would be financed, and then decide the time schedule for the placement of the air strips.

Once these decisions are made, Harris said, the FSM would be able to approach an airline and begin discussing equipment, joint venture ar-

rangements and development of an outer-island-feeder system into the main trunk lines which could in turn connect the FSM with the Far East, North America, the South Pacific, and Australia.

"Developing an air transport system for the vast areas of the FSM will require a large investment and a long-term commitment on our part, but it looks very promising as types of aircraft needed are now available, willingness of outside expertise to participate is there, and the necessary financial backing can be acquired," Harris said.

The Joint Task Force on Air Transportation was

established by Congressional Resolution No. 2-123, C.D. 1, which was adopted by the Second

Congress during its Fourth Regular Session in November, 1982. Besides Harris and Otto, other


members of the task force include Senator Isaac

Figir of Yap, FSM Transportation Chief

Robert Weilbacher, and former National Planner, Dan Perin.




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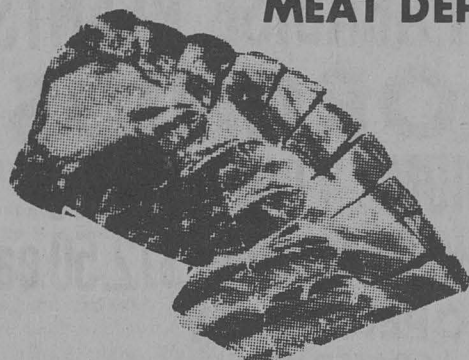
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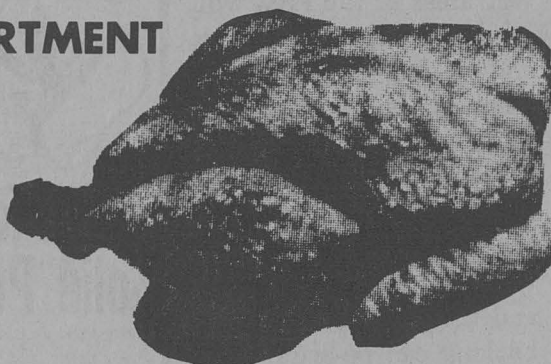
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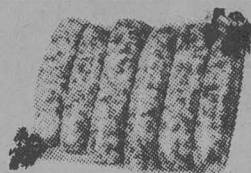
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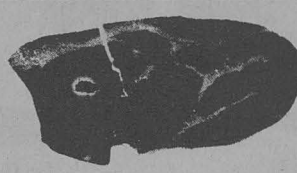
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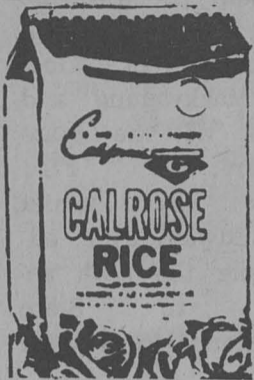
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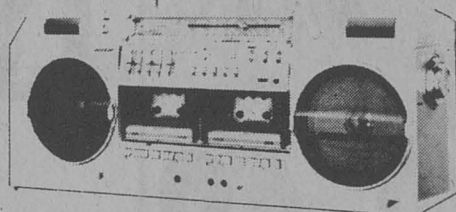
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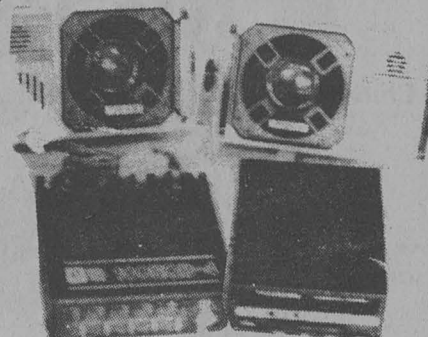
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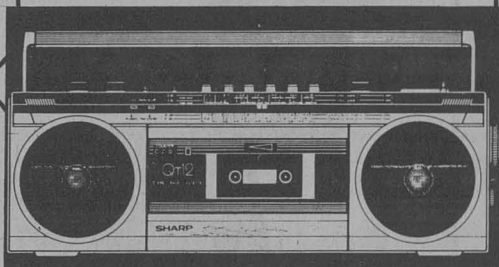
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Kosrae constitution takes effect

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The Kosrae State Constitution went into effect Jan. 11, with the swearing in of Gov. Yosiw George; Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung and members of the State Legislature. FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King, administering the oath according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

The brief ceremony took place at the Kosrae State Legislature Building with Constitution Transition Coordinator Hiroshi Ismael presiding as master of ceremonies.

Ismael was president of the Jan. 11 - April 1, 1983, Kosrae State Constitutional Convention and coordinator of the public information program which resulted in a 74 percent vote to approve the Constitution in the October Referendum.

Swearing in ceremonies for municipal officials were held last month.

Kosrae is the second FSM state to implement its own constitution, following Yap which its constitution went into effect Jan. 1, 1983. Truk State drafted its constitution in 1982 and has not scheduled a referendum. The Ponape State Constitutional Convention is scheduled to be reconvened on Jan. 24 for completion of its draft.

The Kosrae Constitution establishes a state's court which will replace the Trust Territory District Court. The governor is to submit nominations of judges to the legislature.

The Kosrae Constitution also requires that its legislators become full-time members and give up positions in other branches of the government.

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Dear Editor:

This is in response to an article entitled "Keeping Wild Animals in Captivity" which appeared in your paper dated 27 January 1984, by Mr. Thane K. Pratt, Wildlife Biologist II, Division of Fish & Wildlife, DNR.

For the benefit of your readers, I wish to inform them that sick or injured birds do ought to be referred to a veterinarian and not the "Division" if professional (veterinary) help is indeed required.

Contrary to Mr. Pratt's statement, a veterinarian need not be a specialist in avian medicine or diseases to provide medical and other professional help to sick or injured birds. He is taught and trained as a veterinary student to handle, examine, diagnose and treat livestock, poultry and birds as well as pet animals. He may, of course, refer more complicated or unusual cases to another clinic or teaching hospital for Laboratory and other assistance not available in his practice. On the other hand, there are many veterinarians, unlike general practitioners such as the undersigned, who do specialize only in certain specific practices such as equine medicine, large animal medicine, small animal medicine, canine practice, feline practice and zoo or wildlife medicine. Avian or poultry medicine as a veterinarian's sole practice is very rare if indeed it does occur.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to address your readers on this important subject.

Sincerely,

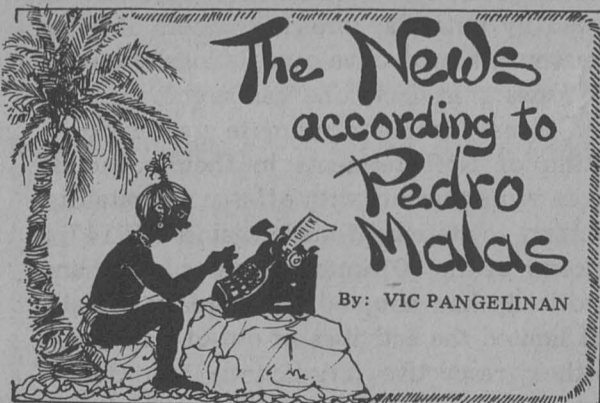
/s/Dr. Ignacio T. Dela Cruz, DVM
Chief of Animal Health & Animal Industry

Dear Mr. Governor:

I understand from reports circulating on the island that you are under tremendous pressures from the off-shore banking industry and their on-island representatives to veto the recently passed banking industry legislation.

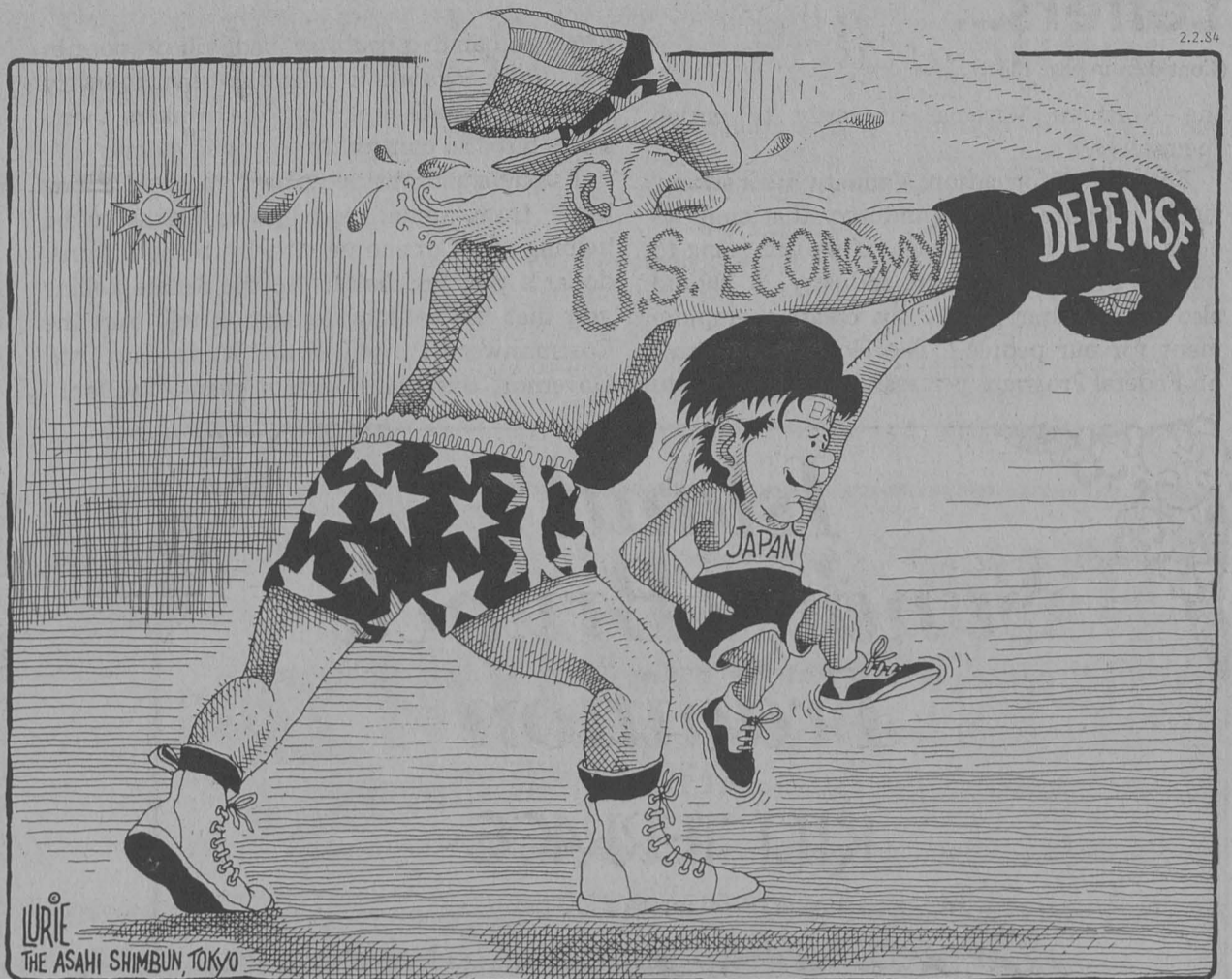
Mr. Governor, your veto of House Bill No. 147, HDI, SDI, CDI will have adverse impact on our relations with the US federal government, particularly at the time the Northern Marianas will soon enter into renegotiations of Covenant funding. As you know, the US federal banking officials, the FBI and the US Senate have expressed serious concerns about the absence of the local banking code which have led to the spawning of the off-shore banking. While I am not opposed to off-shore banking as such, it is the responsibility and duty of our government to put and protect interests of our people over those who come to

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LINKING UP

Senator Herman R. Guerrero and Department of Public Works Director John Pangelinan will soon begin a new business venture called "The Guerrero-Pangelinan Water Catchment Company." According to company insiders Senator Guerrero will furnish the water catchments and Pangelinan will furnish the RUSTY PIPES.



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Opinion

It took Uncle Sam about forty years to bring about a simple act of recognition and presentation of awards to the three citizens of Saipan. Ben Taisacan, Miguel Tenorio and Cristino Dela Cruz for their participation and action during the U.S. invasion of Saipan.

If it is not the bureaucratic way of bringing the act finally, then the lack of concern and appreciation during the past years' or when the act of these three gentlemen was done with perfection, however, we understand their patience and anticipation during those years which passed. The pride they have surely will pass to their children and many generation.

Eight senators at the CNMI senate are considered to be Republicans and seven and half of them are at the House of Representatives, that leaves the whole Legislature with fifteen and half Republicans vs. eight and half Democrats.

In this case the figures does not accomplish much as they sounds, and as long there are fragmentation among either one of the groups which caused we believe by the dollar figures.

Some seems to forget why they are at that capacity in that office, we hope that they were not elected to be there to count how to spend dollars only.

CUTTING DOWN ON TRAVEL EXPENSES

In order to cut down on travel expenses the Fourth Commonwealth Legislature has opted to purchase the antique Martin MD-40 aircraft permanently parked at Saipan International Airport. The aircraft, however, will never leave the ground since all its engines have been disassembled.

"The idea," according to one legislator, "is that whenever any congressman gets the urge to fly anywhere, he can just get inside the plane, sit down and buckle up and pretend that he's airborne."

Occasionally, however, the aircraft will be rented out to the Ports Authority to be set ablaze for airport fire training. None of the congressmen, however, wants to volunteer as passenger during fire drills.

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Senator Julian S. Calvo and Congressman

As of January 9, all what we heard from both houses is splits, hiring staff, buying cars and fight for who should get hold of the dollars.

Republicans and Democratic should remember that they are responsible for their acts, whether they are minority or majority. Their acts serves several purposes among them is the educational effects on the young generation who watch and learn. A.Y.

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Victor B. Hocog have graciously extended an invitation to Senator Benjamin Manglona to join them in celebrating the recent court decision on Public Law 3-97. The main course of the feast will be Manglona. Who will be served as refreshment is yet to be decided by Calvo and Hocog.

BORJA WILL SUPPLY MILK

The Chairman of the Republican Coalition, Senator Oly Borja, said that he stands ready to supply the Senate house with milk in case they spill theirs again. Borja, however, asked the senators not to make a habit of spilling their milk.

SATELLITE KILLERS AND SPACE INVADERS

With the development of the anti-satellite system, the United States and the Soviet Union are now ready to move into space to fight out the ultimate war. Ordinary wars, however, will be fought on earth by developing nations.

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the Northern Marianas primarily to enrich themselves.

For your information, Vanuatu has a strong, viable offshore banking industry that employs close to 300 local people. If we are going to have an off-shore banking industry, it should also benefit our people by creating employment for our people. The House Committee on Federal Programs is researching the Vanuatu

offshore banking industry and will propose in the future legislation to promote an industry that will benefit not only the bankers themselves but also contribute to our economy.

I understand that you have received a long letter from an individual, who claims to be helping the Commonwealth by being a "one-dollar a year" consultant to the Senate, telling you that the banking legislation will hurt the Commonwealth if you signed it into law. Mr. Governor, this "one-dollar a year consultant"

is not a do-gooder he portrays himself to be. He is, in fact, a lobbyist for the off-shore banking industry and our government and people should not be fooled by the statements he is making about the merits and demerits of House Bill No. 147, HDL, SDI, CDI.

As chairman of the House Committee that overlooks our relations with the Federal Government, I join the last legislature and our local banking community in urging you to approve House Bill No. 147.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
s/Gregorio C. Sablan
(Kilili)

Dear Governor Tenorio:

On behalf of the Local Banks Association and directors and management of Bank of Saipan and Commonwealth Bank of the Northern Marianas, we take this opportunity to submit this letter in support of the Banking Bill — House Bill 147, as amended, which had passed the Third NMI Legislature and was referred to you for your consideration.

First of all, our Association wishes to commend that makers of HB 147 for having responded to your repeated solicitations for a legislative enactment of a comprehensive banking code, one that would be responsive to problems that have beset the local banking community and have tarnished the image and reputation of this industry in recent years. We believe HB 147 is a suitable replacement of the NMI Department of Commerce's banking rules and regulations which has been serving as interim measure initiated by your Administration to provide some oversight on the local and off-shore banking activities. HB 147, in many respect, gives broader powers to the Director of Commerce in dealing with "on-shore" and "off-shore" banks and provides ample flexibility in regulating these banking institutions. And while our Association will be the first to acknowledge that HB 147 is short of being a perfect banking bill, the bill indeed is a viable and workable piece of legislation. It articulates our Government's policy and objective of promoting locally owned financial institutions, and it gives our Government the authority to regulate more effectively these institutions. More importantly, it reflects upon the Government its commitment to arrest the stigma that has clouded the image, reputations, integrity and viability of our local banking industry.

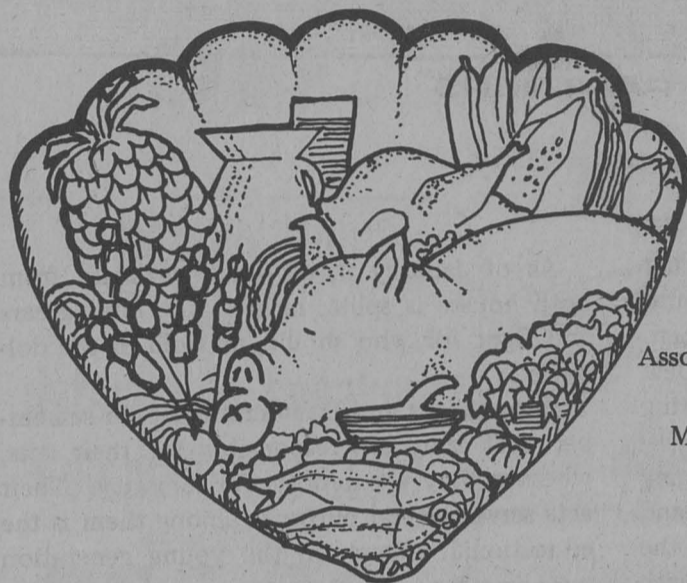
As a concerned Association representing actively operating locally chartered banks whose ownership and management are in the hands of NMI residents, we obviously were elated to see that the policy expressed in HB 147 is to ensure sound banking practices and to promote locally owned banks in the Northern Marianas. And because the bill did not preclude joint-venture ownership of Commonwealth banks, our Government would not be viewed by potential foreign investors of being unreasonable protective over its locally owned businesses. In fact, one can argue that the main thrust here is to promote greater participation of NMI residents in their economic affairs in partnership with off-island capitalists. Contrary to statement made against HB 147, a majority of the 50 American states in fact and historically had adopted banking laws initially that limited the activities of out-of-state banks in their respective jurisdictions in order to protect their fledgling state banks, and over time began to relax these limitations as their state banks became more competitive and expanded regionally and internationally. We need not look too far beyond the Pacific to find that even our neighboring Territory of Guam and State of Hawaii have strong locally owned "state" banks. They got to where they are today not by accident, but most surely by a

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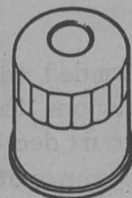
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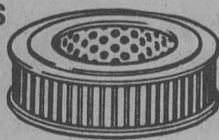
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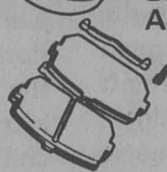
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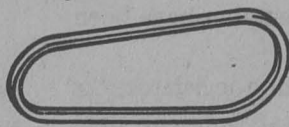
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conscious design on the part of their governments to ensure they succeed and become major local institutions.

It is appalling that some of the opponents to HB 147 have suggested that the provisions intended to assure a viable locally owned financial institutions be discarded from the bill for lack of relevancy and, further, have argued that no "need for a new bank" test be imposed on new bank license applications. For reasons stated earlier, our Association believes that these provisions in the bill should be retained. Our Association fully subscribed to your Administration's policy of greater local participation in economic development. We do believe on the promotion of locally owned economic enterprises so that our residents could become direct beneficiaries of the wealth generated by the local economy. Our people want to be real partners in progress! Further, our Association fully endorses the provision for a "need" test on all new bank license applications. This test is a necessary element of a regulated industry. We also support the provision requiring that even existing commonwealth banks should meet this test in branching out to other localities within the Northern Marianas.

We take pride in the achievements of our Association-member banks in providing banking services to our people. These are testimonials of their commitments to serve the people and the local economy. Their actions bear witness of the dynamic spirit of the people of the Northern Marianas to do something locally in addressing local needs and problems and in creating local financial institutions that react directly to their financial and banking needs. More than 400 residents stockholders combined our own Association-member banks employing more than 20 full time residents. These stockholders, employees and people they serve live here, they vote here, and they intend to remain here in the Northern Marianas.

Our Association fully supports HB 147 and for reasons stated above, respectfully urges the Governor to sign it into law.

Sincerely,

s/John Mickelson, member
Bank of Saipan

s/Karl T. Reyes, member
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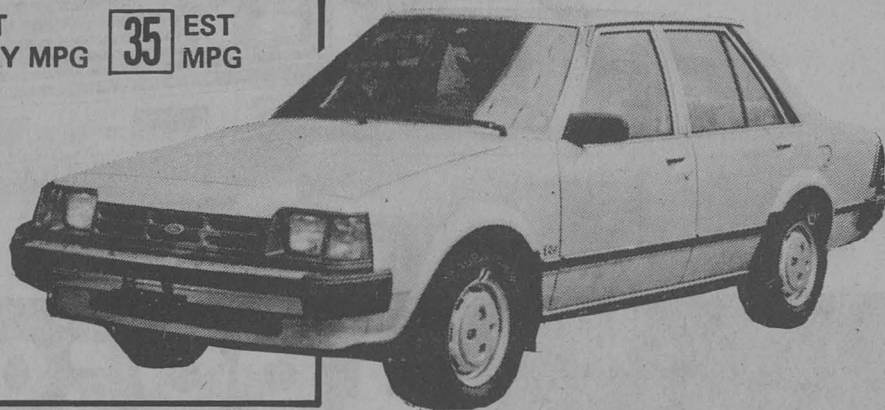
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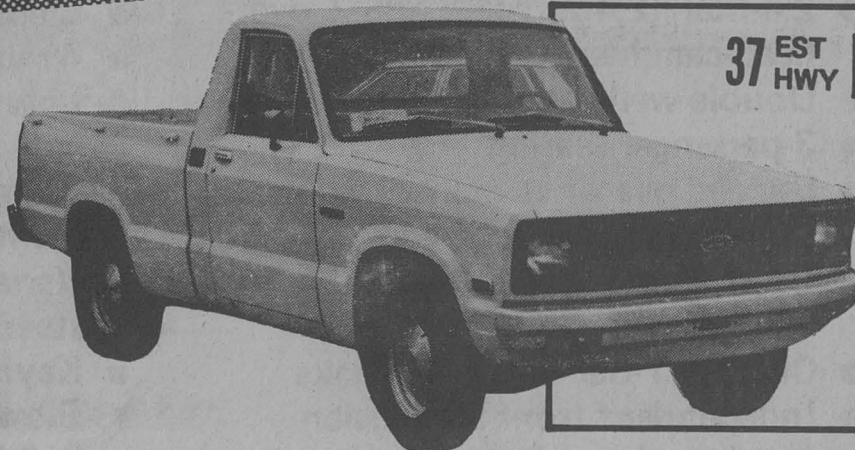
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Home cooking is all the rage these days — and no wonder judging by the edible delights it offers.

It was a hankering for the sort of wholesome munchies that Mum would bake back home that inspired the American Eatery Diner — Saipan's newest restaurant.

Located in the Domes next to Sarinem Boutique, the American Eatery was the idea of Attorney Joe Hill, Dr. John Joyner, and reflexologist Phyllis Warren. It is scheduled to have its official opening on Saturday, but already, samplers have dubbed it "great" and Phyllis is optimistic of good business ahead.

Phyllis will be managing the restaurant and, for the time being will act as cook too. "We will be hiring someone else, we don't have anybody yet, and so far the clientele doesn't want anybody else to cook," she said. "They want American food cooked by Americans," which is the main aim of the venture.

"Food and eating out should be a pleasure that broadens the ones perceptions on life. It should be an experience in the foods of many cultures and that is precisely what American food is all about."

Eventually Phyllis hopes to hand the cooking over to someone else, preferably someone from the States who can cook American style. The possibility of flying in a chef from America is also under consideration.

The main feature of the foods will be a well-balanced diet. To be precise: "We are interested in providing well balanced diets with a bit of intrigue," Phyllis laughed. "The menus will be as diversified as the people of the world."

She plans initially to build up a basic menu of standard items and then introduce special entree menus on a day to day basis.

The basic menu will include such traditionals as hot dogs, hamburgers, a wild range of sandwiches — from pineapple with cheese to good old hot roast beef — and the great American corn dog. A variety of other sausage dishes will be included, such as Polish sausage, links, and a range of other

dogs.

"Fresh fruits and vegetables will be a prime feature," said Phyllis. "And these will be sourced locally wherever possible. We will only import the necessary spices and any fresh green leafy vegetables that cannot be found on the island."

The special entree menus will be based largely on whatever is available locally, according to Phyllis. Casseroles, cheese quiches, pasta dishes, are among general ideas.

On Saturdays, a traditional, old-fashioned barbeque will be the main feature with a barbeque pit in the garden using traditional wood chips where possible. Food

items will include spare ribs, chicken, steaks, hot links, baked beans and potato salad — absolutely nothing 'plastic.'

The restaurant will be open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. "We are going to open on Sundays because everybody else is closed on Sunday and Sunday is the day you want to eat out," said Phyllis. "Eventually we also plan to do full breakfasts and business lunches."

She wants the restaurant to be a specialty for everyone, local people, tourists, and expatriates alike. "We are trying to keep the prices moderate so that everyone will find it affordable. But oc-

asionally we will serve such things as prime ribs, standing ribs, etc., which will require a little extravagance."

Even though it is a cozy restaurant with only four tables, the American Eatery also has a garden area which is shared with a nearby snack bar. Expansion plans for the future, include the development of an outside discotheque to complement the real American food. "However, we'll see how things go here first," Phyllis stressed.

The manager/chef feels there is a big market for the restaurant, but as she herself confesses, it was for purely selfish reasons that she undertook

the venture. "I love my cooking, to be honest, and I hope everyone else will too," she laughed.



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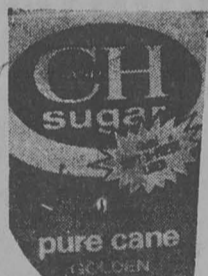
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NOTICE is hereby given by Rosario Sablan petitioner for Letters of Administration of the Estate of Enrique A. Ayuyu, deceased, to all heirs and creditors of deceased, that a hearing on the Petition will be held on February 15th, 1984 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Robert A. Hefner, in his Courtroom at the Courthouse, Commonwealth Trial Court, Civic Center, Susupe, Saipan, CM.

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Any saved man can give the following testimony which illustrates how that salvation is of the Lord:

"Before the world began, God loved me then. He chose me for His own, an heir, a throne. His rich, eternal love wrote my name above. Thank God, He included me.

"Christ paid my debt one day, the only way: He died upon the tree to set me free. In pure and sovereign grace, Jesus took my place. Thank God, He included me.

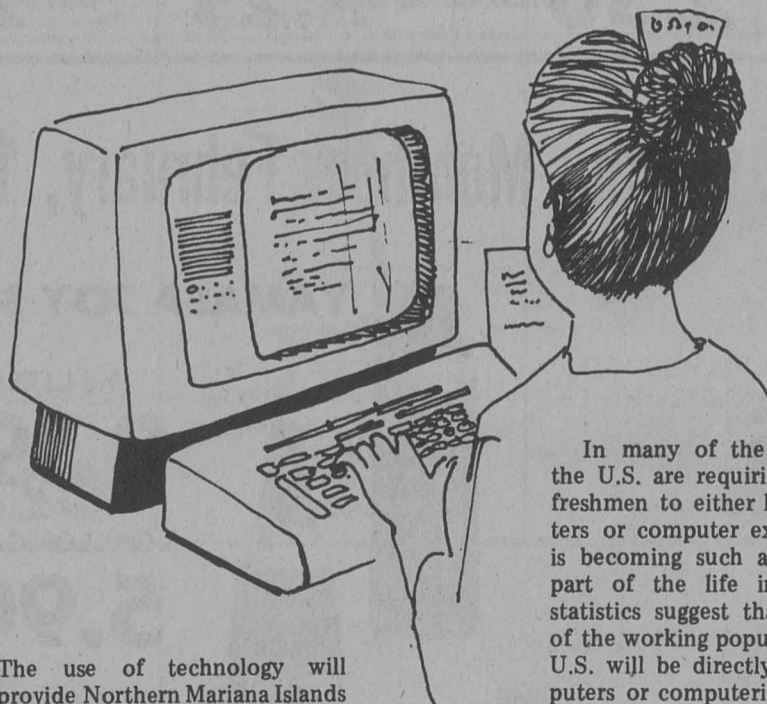
"In time the Spirit sought, and grace was wrought. He took the Word of God, the mighty Rod. He broke my stony heart, and did faith impart. Thank God, He included me.

"Yes, He included me from eternity. No room to boast have I; the law said, 'Die.' But God, in wondrous grace, came and took my place. Thank God, He included me." (Wayne Gregory)

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As the Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands moves into the 21st century it is going to find itself more and more dependent on high technology, for communication, administrative, financial, and developmental needs.



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Already many local firms and operations are using micro-computers for business, maintenance, inventories, shipping data, customer records and financial records. Firms such as UMDA,

Joeten, Touche Ross, DOE, NMC, and the Department of Interior plans to supply each TT Government with a large mini-computer by WANG at the end of the TT. Estimates place the number of computers on island around 60 to 70. This number will triple (or more) as both people capable of using them are trained and software is acquired to meet local needs.

In many of the college's in the U.S. are requiring incoming freshmen to either have computers or computer experience. It is becoming such an important part of the life in U.S. that statistics suggest that over 25% of the working population in the U.S. will be directly using computers or computerized technology before the 1990's, with numbers increasing at a faster rate by the 21st century. While comparison between the U.S. and the CNMI is a little too harsh, the statistic might suggest that a range between 2,000 and 2,500 computer oriented workers might be needed in the CNMI.

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Murder and violence as trio goes CrossCountry

Sex, murder, and violence are absolute certs to sell movies these days. A combination of the three is likely to be a steady money-taker, but is unlikely to be acclaimed dramatically or heralded by the critics.

Such it is fair to say about Cross Country which is showing this week at the Century Cinema.

Hardly what one could call a first-rate movie, Cross Country is nevertheless an eventful little number which improves both visibly and in terms of script quality as it unwinds, which makes up for a sagging storyline which features heavily the aforementioned sex, murder, and general violence.

Actually, the sex is underplayed and treated almost with taste, but the violence and murder are quite blunt and verge on the excessive.

The story revolves around the three characters of Evan Bley, Lois, and John — an unlikely trio who end up together through very strange circumstances.

Playboy Bley is the prime suspect in a murder case after arguing with his model girlfriend and leaving town. On his way out of town, however, the advertising executive meets a budding

Movie Review

young actress who once starred in one of Bley's commercials and who comes complete with a strange and scruffy youth called John.

The journey is spiced with intrigue, murder threats, sexual games, and flared tempers as the three odd travellers make their way across country to Los Angeles.

All are somehow connected with the murder of Bley's girlfriend and it is the job of Detective Roersh to find out how and why, for which he tracks the travellers to the Grand Canyon.

The beginning of the film looks suitably tacky that the viewer might be lulled into a false sense of the obvious, but the film does improve and the solution to the murder mystery is not as blatant as it first seems.

Richard Beymer plays the broody, violent Bley who seems to walk permanently under black thunder clouds. The flighty, fluffy, dangerous Lois is played by Nina Axelrod, and Brent

Carver plays the mysterious John Forrest.

I use the word mysterious advisedly because John's relationship to Lois, to the plot, and to the film in general is still a mystery to me. He is part of Lois' travelling outfit, he fancies her, he's scared of her, he's jealous about her, and he gets sexual satisfaction from her although he doesn't sleep with her.

Bley continually asks Lois about her connection with John, but unless I missed it, she never quite explains how John came to be her companion or what sort of companion he is. And yet, the dislikable yob is one of the three main characters.

Nevertheless, he makes for some vicious, nasty, gritty interplays between the three travelling companions and one can't help but feel he gets no

less than he deserves.

The acting is mediocre, and the script is hardly wild, but this a broody thunderous movie of the classic B type. But it claims to be no more and should not be approached

as some fancy cordon bleu menu when it is little more than meat and two veg.

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Tuesday 2/7/84	Peanut Butter Sandwich Pineapple Juice Milk	2 tbsp. 1 slice bread ½ cup ½ pint	Chicken Adobo Rice Cabbage/Ginger Salad Pear Milk	2 ounces 1 cup ¼ cup ½ cup ½ pint
Wednesday 2/8/84	Egg Sandwich Pears Milk	1 ounce egg 1 slice bread ½ cup ½ pint	Spam/Mix Veg. Rice Fruit Cocktail Milk	2 ounces ½ cup 1 cup ¼ cup ½ pint
Thursday 2/9/84	Cereal Fruit Cocktail Milk	¾ cup or 1 ounce ½ cup ½ pint	Chamorro Bistek Red Rice Corn Plums Milk	2 ounces 1 cup ½ cup ¼ cup ½ pint
Friday 2/10/84	Cheese Sandwich Pineapple Milk	1 ounce cheese 1 slice bread ½ cup ½ pint	Chamorro Style Ground Beef/ Vegetable Rice Pear Cucumber stick Milk	2 ounces 1 cup ½ cup ¼ cup ½ pint

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Tax expert explains Palau's situation

In response to a Joint Resolution of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, the Department of the Interior recently sent a tax expert as called for in the Resolution to "work with Executive Officials and Olbiil Era Kelulau committees in studying,

recommending and formulating various options to decrease costs of the government; improve accounting; raise revenues based on the strength and weaknesses of the local economy; improve over-all government efficiencies and

specifically to assist in the preparation of the requisite tax bill."

The tax expert however, was here for only a few days and left behind what he called a "preliminary basis to the need expressed in the Resolution." Based on his

observations and review of the tax law, he said the burden of tax is on the lower income wage earner. The high income tax payer pays a substantially smaller share of his income in taxes than does the lower income earner."

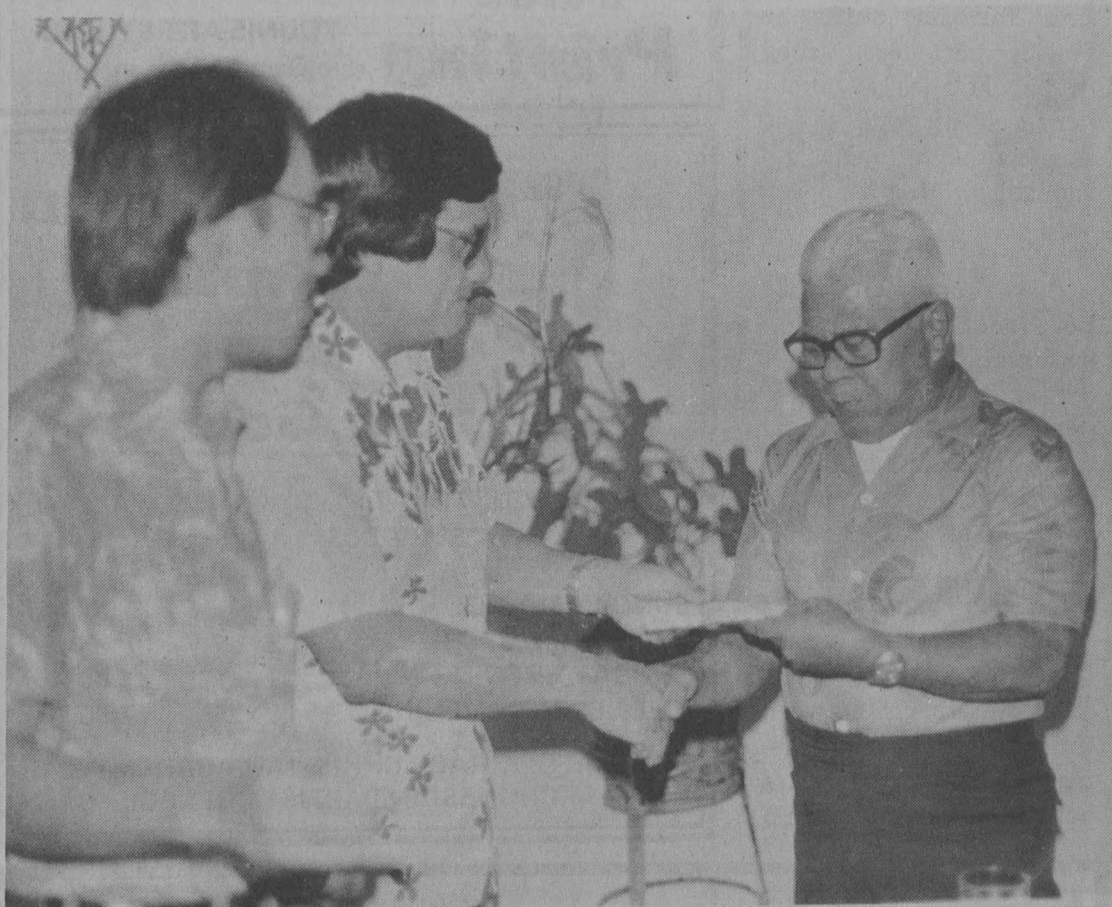
He further observed that "the business community does not carry anywhere near the tax load that it should. As a result, foreign businesses are in Palau and paying but a small fraction of what fairness dictates (not to mention world custom) that they should be paying."

Another observation contained in the short report was that "as limited as the taxes are

that the law imposes, many tax payers simply do not pay. Most of those who fail to pay their taxes, apparently, are business people. Some of the taxes not paid are, apparently, taxes withheld from employees' salaries."

As a result of these factors, he concluded "the tax system is highly unfair to the average worker as the law is drafted and that unfairness seems to be accentuated in practice."

He said a compromised modification of the tax bill should be a priority — a task that the Administration and the Olbiil Era Kelulau should work together on and with the support of the tax payers particularly the business leaders.



The Island Bottling Company this week held a Chinese-style banquet at the Hong Kong Restaurant to bid a fond farewell to its longest-serving employee, Joaquin "Jack" Sablan who retired after 18 years with the company.

IBC Vice-President Clarence T. Tenorio hosted the dinner which was attended by company employees, and later presented Sablan with a cash gift for his retirement.

Sablan joined IBC in 1965, shortly after its opening the previous year. He was most recently Production and Warehouse Supervisor.

The picture shows IBC Manager Johnnie Fong (left), with Clarence Tenorio (center) presenting the farewell gift to Sablan.

New Palau's tax bill to be considered

The First Olbiil Era Kelulau is into its 17th day of session and all indications are that the tax bill pending before the Senate may not be considered at all, at least in this 13th regular session.

The tax bill expected to generate some \$2 million in revenues has been the subject of numerous debates and controversies. The administration is strongly lobbying for its passage as they claim present anticipated revenues will not be adequate to finance the government thru the entire fourth quarter. The Olbiil Era Kelulau has alleged all along that the financial crisis was brought about by mismanagement of funds and by illegal or unauthorized expenditures.

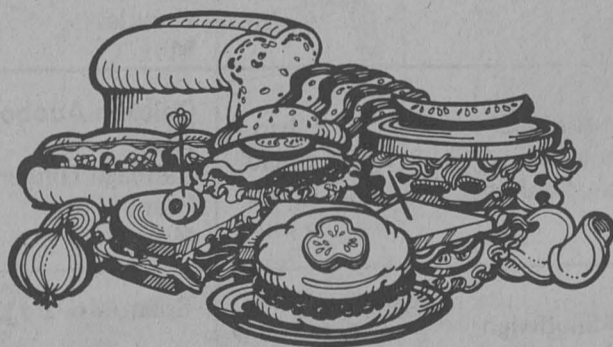
The Senate has said it will not consider the tax bill without identifying where the "holes" are.

The lack of a Public Auditor however, has complicated things further with the Olbiil Era Kelulau and the Administration unable to agree on a set of figures to accurately reflect the financial situation.

The Senate sued the President for failure to appoint a Public Auditor and the Court in a reconsidered ruling has ordered the President of the Republic to appoint a Public Auditor upon receipt of additional appropriation from the Olbiil Era Kelulau.

With this year being election time, the tax bill is not exactly a popular legislation to act upon.

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2 H.E. OPERATORS — Completion of 8th grade, 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.95 - \$2.00 per hour.

1 WELDER — Completion of 8th grade, 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.95 - \$2.00 per hour.

2 IRON WORKERS — Completion of 8th grade, 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.95 per hour.

2 PLUMBERS — Completion of 8th grade, 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.95 per hour.

3 CARPENTERS — Completion of 8th grade, 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.95 per hour.
Contact: BLACK MICRO CORPORATION, P.O. Box 545, Saipan, CM 96950 — Tel. 7181/6549/6800.

2 WELDERS — At least 8th grade, 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.95 per hour.

2 REFRIGERATION TECHNICIANS — High school graduate with 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.95 per hour.

1 BODY & FENDER — At least 8th grade with 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.95 per hour.
Contact: UNITY TRADE SERVICE CO., P.O. Box 703, Saipan, CM 96950 — Tel. 7461.

2 SEAMSTRESSES — High school - trade school graduate with 2 years experience. Salary: \$1.95 per hour.
Contact: PACIFIC TAILORING, P.O. Box 485, Saipan 96950 — Tel. 6568.

1 FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER — B.A. or equivalent in culinary arts school. Salary: \$1,200 - \$1,500 per month.
Contact: HYATT REGENCY SAIPAN, P.O. Box 87 CHRB Saipan, CM 96950.

1 LIVE-IN-MAID — A high school graduate at least 2 years experience in general housekeeping. Salary: \$150 per month.
Contact: HERNAN Q./LUCIA A. GUERRERO, P.O. Box 825, Saipan, CM 96950 — Tel. 6166.

1 LIVE-IN-MAID — High school graduate with 2 years experience. Salary: \$150 per month.
Contact: JEANNETTE S. YAMASHITA, P.O. Box 144, Saipan — Tel. 6316.

1 COOK & KIMCHI MAKER — High school graduate, 2 years experience. Knows how to cook oriental food and kimchi maker. Salary: \$1.95 per hour.
Contact: ORIENTAL ENTERPRISES, INC., P.O. Box 693 Saipan, CM 96950 — Tel. 7177, 7677.

8 TAHITIAN ENTERTAINERS — Have performed authentic Tahitian dances, must have dance group experience. Eight shows per week; must provide own equipment, costumes, and live musical accompaniment; capable of providing and adapting to various ethnic audiences. Salary: \$5,000 - \$6,500 per month.
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1 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR — At least two years in high school; two years experience. Salary: \$1.95 per hour.
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Contact: MRS. CONNIE PANGELINAN, P.O. Box 26 — Tel. 9266.

1 SCUBA TOUR GUIDE — With over 3 years experience. Instructor certification and must know Japanese language. Salary: \$500.00 per month.
Contact: CORAL REEF MARIANAS in San Jose, Saipan or call 6640.

1 MAINTENANCE POWER PLANT OPERATOR — High school graduate with 2 years experience. Must assume responsibility for the operation of power plant two back-up 600 KW generators, chiller units, boiler and heating and ventilation equipments. Salary: \$1.95 - \$2.25 per hour.

1 CHEF DE PARTIE — High school graduate, 2 years as Sous Chef or Chef de Partie; Fours in hotel kitchen or high volume restaurant kitchen. Works under Sous Chef to maintain high quality standardization of recipes, works with Sous Chef in supervising cooks and cook helpers. Salary: \$450 - \$750 per month.

2 WAITRESSES — High school graduate, 2 years in large restaurant; must be familiar with service and mise en place. To take orders, serve guests, handle mise en place duties. Salary: \$350.00 per month.

1 SENIOR ACCOUNTS CLERK — Training in cashiering, bookkeeping, NCR 4200, 5,299. 2 years in hotel, including experience in trained areas. Salary: \$400 - \$500 per month.

1 ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT — College graduate, major in accounting helpful. 4 years in hotel account, must be familiar with all phases of accounting department. Salary: \$800 - \$900 per month.
Contact: HYATT REGENCY SAIPAN, P.O. Box 87 CHRB, Saipan CM 96950 — Tel. 6811.

1 GENERAL MANAGER — College graduate with 2 years experience in Tourism related activities. Salary: \$800.00 per month.
Contact: NIPPON TRAVEL AGENCY PACIFIC, INC. (dba) NTA PACIFIC, INC., c/o SAIPAN GRAND HOTEL P.O. Box 369, Saipan, CM 96950 — Tel. 7540.

1 FARMER — High school graduate. Some years experience as general maintenance worker (plumbing, carpentry). Salary: \$200.00 per month.
Contact: GUERRERO'S FARM, P.O. Box 265, Saipan, CM 96950 — Tel. 7370.

1 ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER — Must have graduated from a University with a BA in Business Administration. At least 2 years experience in hotel operation. Salary: \$950.00 per month.
Contact: MICRO PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT, INC., P.O. Box 369, Saipan — Tel. 6601 Ext. 116/121.

1 ACCOUNTANT — College graduate with accounting as major subjects with at least 5 years in comprehensive accounting experience. Well verse in all aspect of accounting including preparation in analysis financial statement. Salary will be at least \$880.00 per month.
Contact: Tel. 6445/6446 during working hours.

1 LIVE-IN-MAID — High school graduate with at least 2 years experience. Salary: \$150.00 per month.
Contact: PATRICIA GUERRERO, P.O. Box 1664, Saipan CM 96950 — Tel. 7110.

1 MANAGER — College graduate, 2 years experience. Salary: \$1,000.00 per month.
Contact: TROPICAL COLOR, SAIPAN, P.O. Box 608, Saipan, CM 96950 — Tel. 6306/7229.

JOB OPENING

TWO NEWS WRITERS/REPORTERS
TWO ARTIST GRAPHIC DESIGNERS

College graduates, at least three years experience. Salary \$400 to \$600 monthly.

Contact: YOUNIS ART STUDIO, INC., Box 231 Saipan, CM 96950. Tel. 6341.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1 FLIGHT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR — Graduate from Technical College or equivalent, Flight Dispatcher Course, Radio Operator Course, Navigator, Meteorological, Maintenance Course. Two years experience with IATA carriers as Flight Operation Officer minimum of 2 years. To communicate with Captain enroute in providing necessary weather and aircraft information after arrival providing flight plan, required fuel, weather, facilities information, jointly responsible to conduct the safe flight operation. Salary: \$1,640.00 per month.

Contact: JAPAN AIR LINES, CO. LTD., P.O. Box 469, Saipan CM 96950 — Tel. 67331.

VACANCY

TEEN CENTER YOUTH ASSISTANT — A part-time job. To assist in the activities of the center during the evenings and some weekend hours. Salary \$3.25 an hour/20 hours a week.

Requirements: at least 18 years of age

— high school graduate

— some experience with youth activities and sports helpful

For more information, please call Thomas Camacho or Sister Mary Ann at 6981, Monday — Friday 8-12:00 and 1-5:00 p.m.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, HEADQUARTERS, SAIPAN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/OFFICE OF PROPERTY & SUPPLY

Full-time Assistant required for the Director. Applicant must have an excellent command of spoken and written English, type 60 words per minute, and be able to take shorthand or machine dictation.

Salary: \$13,083.20, depending on education and experience.

Contact: TTPI Office of Personnel, Saipan. Telephone: 9853.

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CNMI'S hunting regulations

There are rules regulating the CNMI's fish and wildlife resources! "Regulations on Fish and Game" which became effective on September 10, 1983 was established for the purposes of protecting, conserving, and developing the CNMI's fish and wildlife resources. These regulations were adopted in accordance with Public Law 1-8 (P.L. 1-8) and Public Law 2-51 (P.L. 2-51).

The following is a summary of regulations pertaining to hunting in the Commonwealth:

- The legal hunting time is from one-half (½) hour before sunrise to one-half (½) hour after sunset.



- A hunting license is required before one takes any wildlife.

- Wildlife that could be hunted during the legal shooting time without a hunting license includes feral dogs, feral cats, and rodents.

- A valid CNMI license must be in possession while taking wildlife.

- Any conservation officer or peace officer can inspect the game bag or

kill at all times.

- Only persons 21 years of age or older may hunt with firearms, bows and arrows or cross bows.

- It is illegal to hunt while under the influence of alcohol or a narcotic or another disabling drug.

- Hunting from a moving vehicle or while mounted on an animal's back is prohibited.

- The use of fire or artificial light as an aid to the taking of game is prohibited.

- Villages and roads are closed to hunting.

- The use of dogs in hunting or hunting related activities is prohibited.

- Hunting shall be conducted only on designated public lands.

- Any hunting on private lands shall be done with the permission of the landowner.

- Only sambar deer having visible antlers may be taken.

- Only wild male goats and wild male pigs may be taken.

- Shotguns no larger than .410 gauge, using rifled slugs or buckshot may be used.

- Centering rifles of .22 caliber may be used and only bullets of the expanding type.

- Bows or crossbows must have a minimum draw weight of at least forty (40) pounds.

- Bow and crossbow arrows must be fitted with arrowheads that measure no less than seven-eighths (7/8) of an inch at the widest point or that have no fewer than two sharp cutting edges.

- When using .410 gauge shotguns to hunt game birds, the shot shall be no larger than 6.

- The Director, after consultation with the Chief, may authorize special hunts.

The above summary of the hunting regulations is intended as a service to hunters and is not as complete as the "Regulations on Fish and Game." Refer to the "Regulations on Fish and Game" or visit the office of Fish and Wildlife for more details. Prepared by: Calisto M. Falig, Public Information Intern (Biologist).

Next week: Hunting regulations (con't).

Expired workers contracts worries Palauans

Members of the Olbiil Era Kelulau particularly the Senate are voicing their concerns over the increasing number of non-resident workers coming into Palau under employment permits, particularly those whose permits or contracts have expired but who are still "wandering around."

Senator Lucius Malsol for one says, there is noticeably a great number of foreigners wandering around for no reason or for reasons other than what they came in for. He has written to Immigration Officials for an update status on all non-residents.

The major concern is on the number of jobs occupied by non-resident workers that could otherwise be filled by local residents.

The other concern associated with job availability is that some non-resident workers whose contracts have expired do not leave the country but are simply rehired by other employers. Others stay longer than statutory allowed.

According to a latest report from the Division of Labor, there are some 268 official non-resident workers in the private sector.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

THE HYATT REGENCY SAIPAN IS LOOKING FOR LOCAL APPLICANTS:

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Experience helpful but not required.

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Please pick up applications at the Personnel Department 8-4:30 Mon.-Fri. For information, call 6811, ext. 118.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Marianas Public Land Corporation needs an Assistant Chief Planner to assist the Chief Planner in the overall implementation of Public Land Usage, Planning, Development, Administration, Management of Land Information System and Government Coordination.

This is a responsible professional planning work that includes but not limited to land use planning, surveying and mapping, subdivision planning and infrastructure engineering design, public land development, administration of agriculture/grazing permit program, management of land information system, government coordination, real estate and project management. The incumbent works under the general supervision of Chief Planner and will assume responsibility for the overall management of planning section in the absence of the Chief Planner.

Qualification Requirement

Graduation with a Bachelor's Degree in Technical Sciences plus seven years of progressive experiences in land use planning, housing subdivision development, infrastructure engineering design, land management, surveying and mapping, real estate land information system and general functioning of the planning office. Applicant must have a high degree of fluency in the vernacular.

Salary Subject to negotiation.

All qualified and interested individuals are asked to submit their resume no later than February 15 to Marianas Public Land Corporation, P.O. Box 380, Saipan, CM 96950.

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the construction of a Public Safety Sub-Station Rota, Mariana Islands will be accepted in the Office of the Director of Public Works in Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time February 24, 1984, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A bond of 10% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. The security may be in cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. P23141008."

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal, a copy of business permit as proof of compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Specifications and Plans of the project will be available on or after February 01, 1984 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works in Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$80.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., on February 15, 1984.

All bids documents received shall be the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of bid bonds, certified checks, or cashier's check which will be returned to bidders in accordance with specifications section, "Instruction to Bidders" Page I-2, Paragraph No. 5, Bid Guarantee.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the Government.

/s/ JOHN C. PANGELINAN
Director of Public Works

Date: January 23, 1984

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Saints high score burns Bravos

The players from San Jose (Oleai), Mt. Carmel, and San Antonio Schools finally decided a name for their team, The Saints. They held the Central Bravos scoreless for seven innings and became the first shutout game in the league.

Bravos were pinned down for four hits only against The Saints' 93 hits. Al Duenas went five for

five for The Saints.

Despite the tremendous fielding ability demonstrated by short stopper Bob Coldeen during the game, Bravos runners were never in the scoring position. Third baseman Tom Tebuteb showed a little rustiness in the field and in the box after being off-island for two long weeks. Final score was 11-0.

The DOE League play-

ers and fans respectfully extend appreciation to all the people who came and contributed during the Dedicated Games.

The games for this Sunday (2/5) will feature the rejuvenated Country

Lovers against the over-the-hill W.S. Reyes Sluggers at 10:30 a.m.

In the second game, the Battlin' Bravos will brave it out against the high-flying Mallards.

The third game will feature the powerful Dazz-

lin' Dolphins against the high-spirited Mt. Carmel/Oleai/San Antonio Saints.

All games will be played at the Mt. Carmel ballfield. The general public and sports enthusiasts are invited to come and cheer for their favorite teams.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Saipan Baseball and Softball Association calls for a general membership meeting on Tuesday February 7, 1984 at 5:00 p.m. at the Governor's Conference Room. All members urged to attend.

Society seek donors to build own house

The Northern Marianas Music Society's building fund drive began on a happy note this week: At the Tuesday night Board of Director's meeting, the Saipan Dance Group made a surprise donation of \$200.

Presenting the money for the dance group were Debbie Winkfield and Junko Miyasaka who said the dancers on the island, as well as the musicians, need a place where they can meet other performing artists.

Music Society President Bruno Dalla Pozza called the donation "bellissimo" and said he was optimistic that the entire community would respond as gen-

erously.

The Music Society began its building fund drive this week by mailing 150 letters to local businesses in the Northern Marianas. The Society's goal is to obtain a facility for performing artists in the Northern Marianas. Obtaining such a facility would enable the group to offer performances of music, dance and drama more frequently and at a lower cost.

Businesses or individuals who wish to donate to the Society's building fund should send their checks to the Northern Marianas Music Society, P.O. Box 1921, Saipan, CM 96950.

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TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS SAIPAN HARBOR

Figures supplied by the U.S. Coast Guard are for Apra Harbor, Guam. To adjust for Saipan, add two minutes to high tides and seven minutes for low tides. Heights in feet on Saipan are 80% that of figures given.

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	FEET
Saturday, February 4	3:02 a.m.	L	-0.2
	10:14 a.m.	H	2.4
	3:43 p.m.	L	1.4
	8:33 p.m.	H	2.1
Sunday, February 5	3:28 a.m.	L	0.0
	10:36 a.m.	H	2.4
	4:15 p.m.	L	1.3
	9:13 p.m.	H	2.0
Monday, February 6	3:59 a.m.	L	0.2
	10:57 a.m.	H	2.3
	4:50 p.m.	L	1.1
	9:59 p.m.	H	1.9
Tuesday, February 7	4:29 a.m.	L	0.4
	11:20 a.m.	H	2.3
	5:32 p.m.	L	1.0
	10:52 p.m.	H	1.8
Wednesday, February 8	5:01 a.m.	L	0.6
	11:40 a.m.	H	2.2
	6:14 p.m.	L	0.8
	11:57 p.m.	H	1.7
Thursday, February 9	5:35 a.m.	L	0.9
	12:06 p.m.	H	2.2
	7:03 p.m.	L	0.6
Friday, February 10	1:25 a.m.	H	1.7
	6:17 a.m.	L	1.1
	12:36 p.m.	H	2.2
	8:02 p.m.	L	0.4



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Basketball league to begin season

The 1984 edition of the Saipan Amateur Basketball Association Men's All-Island Basketball League is slated to begin Monday Feb. 13, at the Garapan Court.

Nine teams had submitted rosters to assume basketball's "King of the Hill" at the deadline, 5:00 p.m. (Saipan Time), Wednesday.

Returning with teams again this season are Kanaka (sponsored by Cong. Greg "Kilili" Sablan, the Ol' Aces from San Jose (Minority leader Cong. Benigno Fitial), the Sixers from San Antonio (Carmen Safeway), the Garapanthers (Vice Speaker Cong. Juan B. Tudela) San Vicente's Marianas Ford (Joeten Motors), and

new entries from Tanapag, District 3 and the San Antonio Cyclone 6.

Listed as favorites this season are a much improved Kanaka Squad with returners Tony Rogolofoi and Diego Aguon and newcomers Tommy Barcinas, David Camacho and Joe Chong, all 5 members of the Northern Marianas team to the 1983 South Pacific Games.

Also considered as strong contenders are the Ol' Aces with the Wabol brothers, last season's leading scorer Mark McCreary, and Tony Rangamar and Alvin Pua, members of Saipan's Team in the recent Marianas Invitational Basketball Tournament in Guam.

The Carmen Safeway Sixers have to be expected

to run to the playoffs with the Benaventes, Randy Fennel and J.J. Cruz.

And the Garapanthers will be tough to beat on their homecourt.

Schedules were handed out at SABA's referee clinic with action every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Garapan Court.

Swimmers receive time ranks

Saipan Swim Club swimmers just received notice of their United States National Time Rankings in short course swimming.

Rating National A Times were Michael Villagomez in the 100 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle and 400 Freestyle; Matthew Villagomez in 50 Freestyle; and Brent Thompson in 100 Breaststroke.

National B Times were also achieved by Michael in 200 Free, 200 Fly, 200 Breast, 200 IM, 100 Back, and 100 Fly. Matthew made B Times in 100 Free, 100 Breast, and 100 Fly. Brent has B Times in 200 Breast and 50 Free.

Others making National B Times were Jonathan Sakovich in 200 Free, 100 Free, 400 Free, 50 Free, 200 IM, and 100 Fly; Richard Villagomez in 100 Breast; Kathy Ferreira in 50 Free; Christiana Hoberman in 50 Back; Ofelia Guiao in 50 Breast; and Anneka Sakovich in 50 Free.

At the ABC meet the weekend of January 28, four new swimmers made their 'debut.' The official placings are not available yet; but the new swimmers showed their worth by posting some good times according to Guam Swim League standards. Nine-year-old Rina Ishii made B Times in all three of her events — 50 Free, 50 Back, and 50 Breast.

Thirteen-year-old Paul Noble did a B Time in 50 Free. Fourteen-year-old Eddie Johnson did a great 50 Free and gained an A Time. Seventeen-year-old John Chargualof did a B Time in 50 free and eight-year-old Mizuka Asada did a B Time in 50 Breast.

Michael Villagomez broke another Guam League record in the 200 Freestyle going 2:13.89. The old record was 2:16.00.

In the 15-18 Boys Free style an exciting race came up with Michael and Matthew Villagomez and Mark Galyan of Guam. The entire race was so close with Matthew leading and Mark watching Michael until he realized Matthew was ahead and he stepped up his pace to just ace Matthew, and Matthew for the first time in his swimming career beat brother Michael to the finish and post an AAAA GSL time of 27.62.

The Saipan Swim Club is having a Marathon swim to raise money for Guam trips for competition. Each swimmer will attempt to swim from the Royal Taga Hotel to the Inter-Continental Hotel on Saturday Feb. 11, 1984 at 9:00 a.m. The distance is 4½ miles and swimmers are asking for pledges by the ¼ mile. There are 18 quarter miles in the swim. The Club hopes to raise \$6,000.



THE HOMERUN THAT WAS WORTH \$1,000 — Left to Right: Superintendent of Education, Henry Sablan, Mr. Clarence Tenorio, Associate Superintendent for Administration, Tony Quitugua, and Ben Soram proudly display a \$1,000 check donated by Clarence Tenorio to the DOE fund-raising drive held last Sunday to help defray Tony Quitugua's medical expenses. Tony is recovering from stroke and will be going to Honolulu for rehabilitation purposes. In the first game action between the Hopwood Panthers and the Country Lovers, Mr. Tenorio challenged the DOE batters to hit a clean and solid homerun in behalf of Tony's cause and, Ben Soram came through in the clutch with a mammoth homer to deep left field.

Panthers game victorious

The dedicated games last Sunday for Tony Quitugua began with the battle between the Hopwood Panthers and the Country Lovers.

The Lovers scored 14 runs in the first four innings against Panthers' four. Panthers' wrecking crew (Greg Ada, Syl Pua, and Jess Wabol) began tearing up the score board at the bottom of the fifth inning with Ada's solo homerun followed by a double by Pua, and Wabol slugged a mammoth

homer to the leftfield driving in Pua and ending Lovers' dream for a shut-out.

Panthers scored eight runs at the bottom of the sixth inning on seven consecutive hits, including two doubles by Ada and Pua and another over-the-park hit by Terrible Wabol. The final score was 19-18; Panthers added one more victim to their list.

During the game, Clarence Tenorio contri-

buted a check of \$1,000 to the first batter to hammer a homerun to be donated to Tony Quitugua.

At the top of the fourth inning, Ben Soram from the Lovers ripped the \$1,000 homerun over the leftfield and received a standing ovation from the players and fans. John Babauta was perfect at the field and in the box and blasted five hits at five times up and scored four runs.

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