

(a) An anti-beer demonstration by the women of Chalan Kanoa took place on 20 February 1948. Subsequently a special meeting of the High Council of Saipan was held on Sunday, 22 March, in which the beer problem was discussed. A general meeting was held the following day at 1700 at which the Deputy Civil Administrator presided. He offered several suggestions which would aid in settling this difficulty. It was finally decided that any person found drunk and/or disorderly as a result of beer drinking would be confined, and assigned undesirable work details. This solution has been found to be very satisfactory.

(b) In accordance with DeoHiComTerrPacIs Interim Directive No. 1-48, the following courts were established on dates indicated:

- (1) Community Court; established 20 February 1948.
- (2) Justice Court; established 15 March 1948.

Upon establishment of the Community Court, the Magistrates Court ceased its functions. Mr. Elias P. Sabian was appointed judge of the community Court. There were no cases tried to date. LCDR Daniel F. Harrington, Jr., U. S. Navy, was appointed judge of the Justice Court. No cases were tried to date and ten are pending. Copies are attached as Exhibit (2).

13 April 1948

Saipan District

CAU, Saipan, Marianas Islands,
20 February 1948.

Subject: Establishment of Community Court, Saipan Island, Saipan District, Northern Marianas Islands.

1. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Interim Regulation No. 1-48 of February 9, 1948) and effective this date a Community Court is hereby ordered to convene at the Municipal Court Room in the Village of Chalan Kanoa, Saipan Island for the trial of such cases as may be legally brought before it.

2. Mr. Elias P. Sablan is hereby appointed Judge of the Community Court established by this order.

3. The Court shall be competent to try cases involving only native inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands resident or sojourning on the island of Saipan as follows:

- (a) All civil cases where the amount at issue does not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and
- (b) All criminal offenses against Civil Administration or generally respected native customs, the lawful punishment for which does not exceed a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), six (6) months imprisonment, or both.

4. All cases brought before this court which the court shall deem deserving of a greater punishment than that above prescribed shall be certified to the Justice Court for the Saipan District, Northern Marianas Islands and the offenders shall be ordered kept in confinement awaiting the action of such court.

5. Records of trial by the Community Court shall be transmitted to the Civil Administrator, Saipan District, for review and filing.

6. Any person convicted by this court may, within thirty (30) days after the imposition of sentence, file with the trial court or Civil Administration a petition addressed to the reviewing authorities, submitting reasons why the conviction should be set aside or why the sentence should be modified.

(signed) Ralph A. Wilhelm,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
Civil Administrator,
Saipan District.


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Saipan District

CAU, Saipan, Marianas Islands,
March 15, 1948.

Subject: Establishment of Justice Court, Saipan Island, Saipan District, Northern Marianas Islands.

1. Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Interim Regulation No. 1-48 of February 9, 1948) and effective this date a Justice Court is hereby ordered to convene in the Justice Court Room in the Administration area of the Civil Administration Unit, Saipan District, for the trial of such cases as may be legally brought before it.
2. Lieutenant Commander Daniel F. Harrington, Jr., U. S. Navy, Deputy Civil Administrator is hereby appointed Judge of the Justice Court established by this order.
3. The court shall be competent to try:



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