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Municipal Council Holds Second Special Session

SAIPAN-The Saipan Municipal Council convened in a Second Special Session Wednesday, July 9, to reconsider all bills and resolutions that were passed during its First Special Session held earlier this year.

It was learned that the Mayor of Saipan had authorized the convening of the First Special Session and, by law, the District Administrator must issue a proclamation before the Council can

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"LIBELOUS ATTACK" DISTURBS DEBRUM

Saipan-A dispatch "requesting my attorneys to take appropriate action to clear my name in view of this libelous attack

on my integrity in carrying out the laws of the Trust Territory as the Marshalls District Administrator" was forwarded to

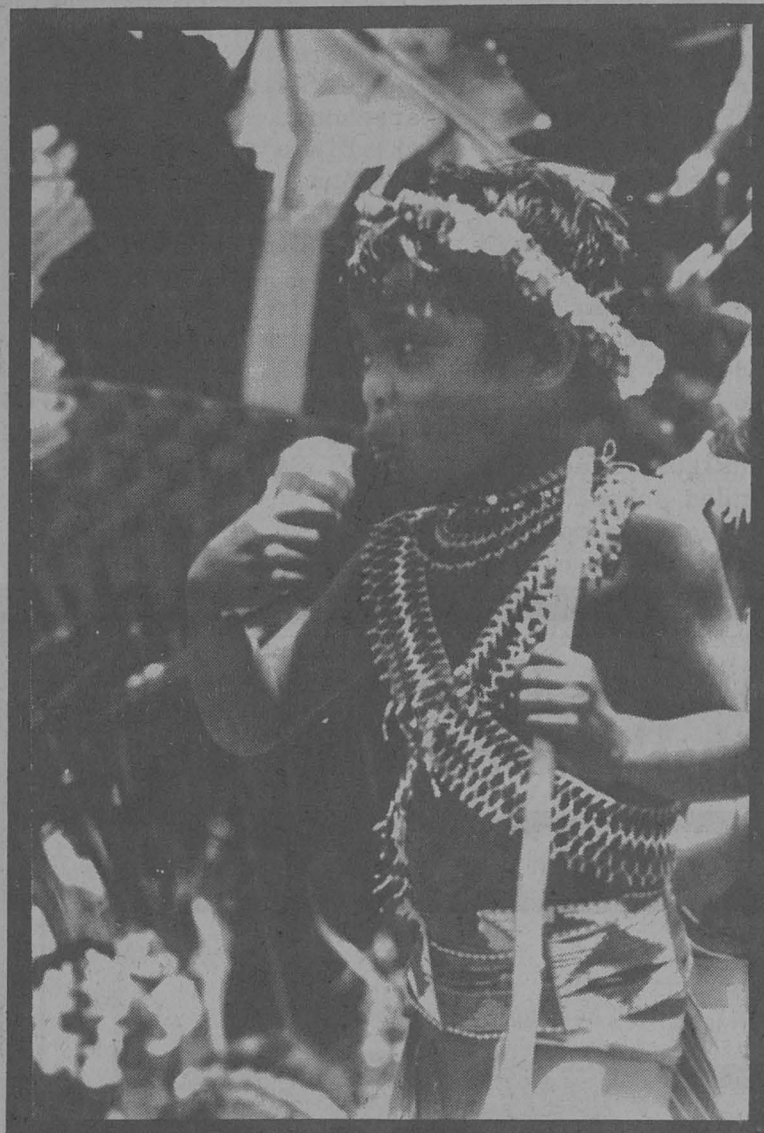
the Trust Territory Liaison Officer on Guam by Marshalls District Administrator Oscar DeBrum July 8.

DeBrum asked that an "official protest" be lodged on his behalf to Joseph Murphy of the Pacific Daily News for a July 8 front page story entitled "Micronesia Vote Boycott is Urged". The article, written by Saipan Daily News Staff Reporter Joan King, alleged that

Marianas District Legislature President Vicente Santos explained that DeBrum had advised the Marshalls people that "it was not necessary to vote" in the referendum that was held July 8.

When questioned about the dispatch, a spokesman from the Office of the Attorney General stated that the office had not received a copy of the

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Taking an ice cream break during Liberation Day Celebration, see page 4 for story and more pictures.

MDL Special Session Adjourns

SAIPAN-During the Second Special Session held last week on Saipan, the Marianas District Legislature (MDL) passed 16 bills and 10 resolutions.

At the end of the Special Session, six legislators will depart Saipan to attend the hearings by the U.S. Congress on the Covenant of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas which will begin July 14 in Washington, D.C.

Act 10,11-1975 to appro-

priate \$27,291 for travel expenses and per diem of the six legislators was passed and forwarded to District Administrator Francisco C. Ada for his approval, the sum of \$14,244 is allocated for MDL delegation. The delegation included: MDL President Vicente N. Santos, Congressmen Juan Cabrera, Frank Diaz, Sandy Magofna, Danny Muna, and Larry Guerrero.

The sum of \$13,047 was

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Isley Airport Opening Postponed

Saipan-The transfer of operations from Kobler Air Field to Isley Airport is now scheduled to take place sometime in late September or early October, said James Mellus who arrived on Saipan early this month to assume his duties as the new Airport Manager. The new terminal was originally scheduled to open sometime this month.

Mellus stated that he is now in the process of organizing himself and his staff and they are now in a "transitional period"

awaiting the transfer of operations from the Marianas District to the Airport Authority.

According to Public Law 6-58, passed by the Congress of Micronesia during its January session and subsequently signed into law by the High Commissioner, the Marianas District Administrator must appoint a seven member Board of Directors who will be subject to the advise and consent of the Marianas District Legislature. Although several names have been recommended to the DistAd for considera-

tion, according to Mellus, the DistAd has not appointed any members to the Board to date. One member must be appointed from each of the major island groups, Rota, Tinian and Saipan; one will represent the business community, one must be a member of the Marianas District Legislature; and two will be appointed at large from the residents of the Marianas.

According to Mellus, the future political status of the Northern Marianas will have no effect on the author-

ity or on the overall management of the airport. They are entirely "separate", stated Mellus. Speculation by other leaders is that the final

decision on the future political status and complete separation of the Marianas from the other five districts

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Construction continues on Isley Terminal Building.

TV STATION MOVES TO NAVY HILL

SAIPAN-WSZE television station has moved to its new location on Navy Hill. The move brings along with it new and more modern equipment in order to provide the best possible television reception to the residents of the Northern Marianas, General Manager Ollie Olson stated on Saipan this week.

Olson indicated that the station is using a temporary antenna now but that he expects the new antenna to arrive soon. Many residents on Saipan are getting TV reception who were unable to get reception before the move and some residents who received good reception prior to the move are now getting poor reception. All this will be straightened out when the new antenna arrives and the entire island should be able to receive a clear signal, Olson explained.

The new antenna will reach an elevation of approximately 800 feet above sea level and should provide full island coverage without the necessity of boosters or translators. According to Olson, the new antenna will have a circular transmission while the present one has

ture built by the Navy approximately 25 years ago, stated Olson. Used by the Navy as a crypto vault, the building was renovated and now contains the transmitters and an automatic voltage regulator to prevent power fluctuations that occur frequently on Saipan.

Olson also stated that residents who have color TV sets should be able to get a good color signal under ideal conditions, but they are unable to control the signal at this time.

The Assistant Manager Ocompo has had several years of RCA technician training and has worked in Germany, Philippines, Greece, and in Vietnam. Other staff members include Frank Rogopes, Programming and Newscaster; Pauline Guerrero, Newscaster, and Mariano Roppel Operator.

According to Olson, FM radio is also available on an experimental basis during the afternoons and evenings on Saipan. He also indicated that when the TV sta-

Ollie Olson discusses TV plans with Angel Ocompo.

KOROR, (MNS)-The Micronesian Occupational Center (MOC) in Koror, Palau has been declared eligible to participate in Federal Aid Programs under the Higher Education Act of 1975, according to word received from the U.S. Office of Education, Washington D.C.

Under this certification, MOC can apply for funds under the provisions of the National Direct Student Loan Program, Basic Educational Opportunity Grant, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants Program, Special Programs, Construction Grants and others.

MOC has been declared eligible for federal funds as a Post Secondary Area Vocational School, according to Virgil Savage, MOC Dean of Students.

In other MOC developments, the spring quarter graduation was "unique" in the school's history because it included students from both the old and new programs, Savage said.

Eight agriculture students who had attended school for eighteen consecutive months joined with seven clerk

typists and five waitresses who had entered in September 1974 as the first students under the new MOC school calendar.

The graduates were as follows: In Agriculture; Albert Johnny, Sared Sleeper, Truk; Junairi Lobwe, Thomas Pillowen, Marshalls; John Mailus, Robert Petalmai, Yap; Murdanie Tolena, Ponape; and Stanley Sadang, Palau.

Clerk Typists: Madensa Robert, Kainer Eliam, Ponape; John Fethal, Joseph Paiyar, Vera Riflag, Yap; Myorang Besebes, Nina Ngirangol, Palau; and Pinorita Samor, Truk.

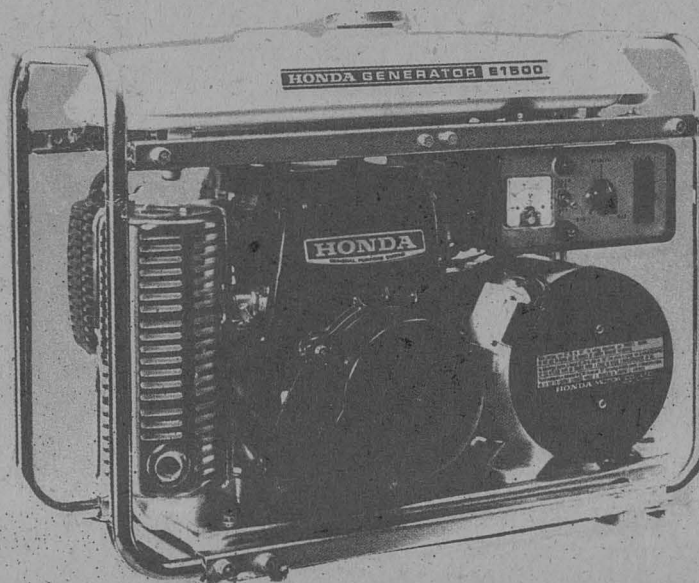
Waiter/Waitress: Antonia Mwarechong, Anisia Ysicar, Truk; Pikne James, Ponape, Esmi Anni, Marshalls and Marcelina Barell, Palau.

Outstanding student awards went to Robert Petalmai, (Agriculture), and Kainer Eliam (Clerk Typist).

Outstanding Citizenship awards went to Sared Sleeper, (Agriculture) and Stanley Sadang, (Agriculture).

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several smaller areas of transmission that do not reach all parts of the island.

Angel Ocompo, the Assistant General Manager, stated that the new 500 watt RCA transmitter replaces the old 100 watt transmitter. The transmitter has the capability of producing 2000 watts, but the station only makes use of 500 watts at this time. Two new TV cameras and a new and modern lighting system including 10 spotlights rather than the one small light used as the old location at the Royal Taga Hotel are also new pieces of equipment that will be used at the Navy Hill location.

The building that houses the transmitters is an eight inch thick concrete struc-

ture is in full operation, he will emcee a one hour live talk show which will include interviews with local politicians, businessmen, and residents of Saipan.

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LOW TURN OUT IN REFERENDUM VOTING

Saipan-Different from other voting days in the Marianas was the day the polls were opened for the people to vote in the Micronesian General Referendum July 8, 1975. The total number of ballots cast that day were 290 from a total of 6,130 registered voters in the Marianas.

Of special note in the results is the fact that 70 voters in the Marianas indicated that they supported the unity of Micronesia while only 22 voted no to the unity question. Also, 130 voters cast their vote "Yes" for the question whether or not the Congress of Micronesia

should continue to negotiate the termination of the Trusteeship while only 15 cast their votes "no" to this question.

The General Referendum, as mandated by Public Law 5-60, which the Congress of Micronesia (COM) passed during its last regular session, was set to allow the Micronesian people to vote for the political status they desire and to guide the Constitutional Convention in its work.

The people of the Marianas voted by an overwhelming majority of 78.9% for the Commonwealth status in July 17th Plebiscite and were to be exemp-

ted from voting in the Referendum and participation in the Micronesian Constitutional Convention to be convened July 12 if a Secretarial Order was issued by the Interior to separate the Marianas from the other five districts as was planned earlier for July 1. A delay in issuing the Secretarial Order has occurred until the U.S. Congress holds hearing on the Covenant of the Commonwealth of the Marianas.

Meanwhile, the Marianas District Administration announced that the Referendum would be held and the people would be able

to cast their votes as called for by the law. On the other hand, Marianas political leaders appeared on television and on the radio urging the people of the Marianas not to vote in the Referendum. In this situation, confusion was created among many

of Marianas residents. Some of them claimed "What shall we do and to whom shall we listen? No explanation or political education on the Referendum has been conducted. We do not understand what we are voting for," stated one resident.

Results of the voting are as follows:

	YES	NO
Independence	7	18
Commonwealth	31	17
Free Association	26	16
Statehood	10	16
The present status	27	17
Do you support unity of Micronesia?	70	22
Shall the COM continue to negotiate for the termination of the Trusteeship?	130	15

DRINKING CHAMPION DOWNS 14 BEERS

SAIPAN-The champion beer drinker on Saipan managed to down 14 beers in the allotted one hour time period during the first Olympia Beer Drinking Contest held on Saipan last week.

Over 200 persons watched the 10 contestants attempt to down as many Olympia beers as possible during the time limit. Two contestants dropped out within the first 30 minutes. Two more dropped out shortly thereafter.

Roman Lirope was declared the winner after he downed 14 beers, Chuck Jordan downed 13 and won second place, while third place honors went to Ricardo Mendiola who downed 11 Olympia beers.

A \$2.50 entry fee

was collected from each individual who tried his luck at becoming the first champion beer drinker on Saipan. A check for \$25.00 was then presented to the Marianas District Education to be used in the handicapped children's classrooms in the Marianas.

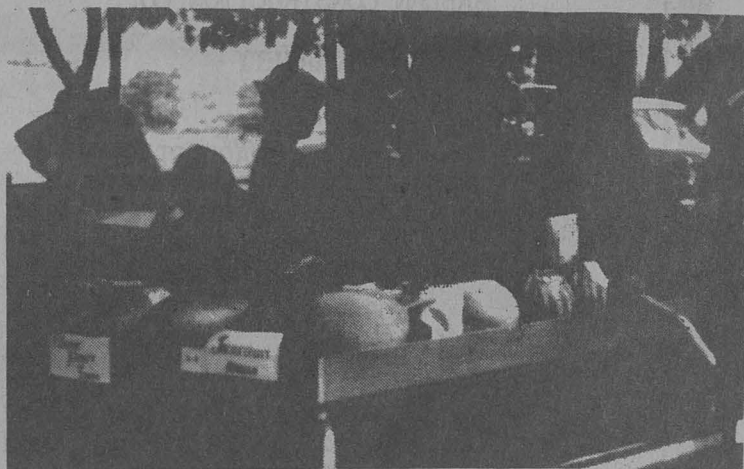
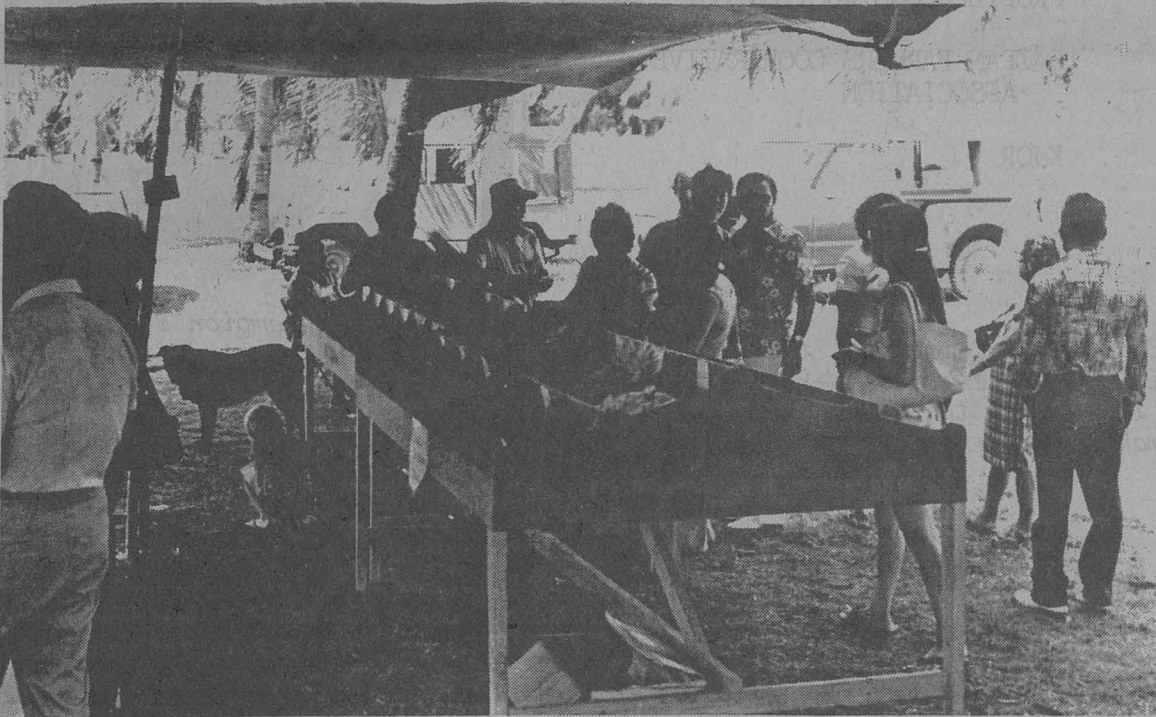
Joe Koenig, Manager of Micronesian Distributing Co. which has Olympia Beer franchise on Saipan indicated that another beer drinking contest will be held during the United Nations Day festivities in October.

Judging the contest were: Ed Hammond, Carmen Safeway, Clarence Tenorio, Joeten Center Felix Cepeda, Villagomez Store, and Haule Smith, Saipan Continental.



Over 200 people watched the 10 contestants guzzle beer.

AGRICULTURE MINI FAIR



The Mini-Agriculture Fair, sponsored by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, was one of the many events that took place during the Liberation Day festivities. People were invited to choose their favorite produce and place a vote for that product. Over \$450.00 was collected and divided among the farmers who participated in the fair.

SAIPAN LIBERATION DAY ACTIVITIES SUCCESSFUL

Saipan-A colorful parade, the arrival of the U.S. Navy destroyer-escort, the USS Ramsey, crowning of the Liberation Day Queen, athletic events, a Navy Band concert, Las Vegas night, and a formal Queen's Ball were all packed into a fun-filled celebration in observation of the 28th anniversary of Liberation Day, July 4, 1947. The Saipan Rotary Club sponsored the 3-day celebration.

Arriving on Thursday, July 3, the USS Ramsey made a rare port visit, and remained on Saipan for two days. On Friday at 12:00 noon, the Ramsey fired a 21-gun salute honoring the residents of Saipan on the occasion of their celebration of Liberation Day. Over 3,100 people toured the Ramsey during the open house held on Friday and inspected this modern Navy vessel. A

40-man marching unit from the ship took part in Saturday's parade.

A reception was held for the officers of the USS Ramsey in the Oceana House of the Continental Hotel on Thursday during which the 1975 Liberation Day Queen, Miss Julie Tudela was crowned by Commander Peter Abbott. Members of her court included Miss Emilina Peter and Miss Millan Cabrera.

During Las Vegas night, over \$10,000 was collected by the Rotary Club from the roulette wheel, crap, and blackjack tables, including a special high stakes room for blackjack and 5-card stud poker. A recording-breaking 400 persons paid admission into the casino that remained open from 7:00 P.M. Friday night until 4:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

Over two dozen floats and

marching units were featured in the Saturday parade that was observed by over 4,000 persons who lined Beach Road from Hopwood Junior High School to the Civic Center. A \$300 prize was awarded to District 7, Oleai's, float depicting "Old Chamorro Ways". Second prize of \$200 was awarded to District 1, Chalan Knaoa's float featuring "Chamorro Farmers". The United Carolinian Association's float, "Preserve Cultural Identity" won the \$100 third prize.

Speakers at the brief ceremony following the parade included outgoing Rotary President Elias Okamura, Trust Territory High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, Marianas District Administrator Francisco C. Ada, President of the Marianas District Legislature Vicente Santos, and the newly appointed Director of

Territorial Affairs, Fred Zeder.

As the keynote speaker, Zeder commented that the June 17th Plebiscite reaffirmed your desire to further strengthen the bonds of friendship with the United States, "to be truly-all of us--all Americans". He continued, "how wonderful it is all we Americans can work together to create a truly meaningful and lasting union...Your founding fathers--working with your fellow Americans will be able to build a constitutional rock on which these islands will long survive and prosper."

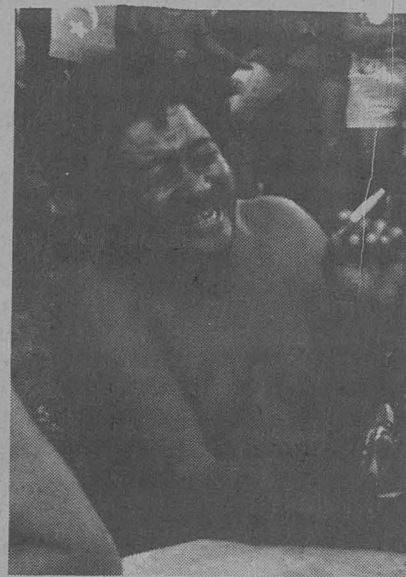
The formal Queen's Ball held Saturday night at the Continental Hotel attracted an over-flow crowd.

Also featured Saturday afternoon was a modern music concert at Mt. Carmel Auditorium featuring of a detachment from the CINCPAC, Fleet Band.

Boxing matches, softball, volleyball and basketball exhibition games were held along with track and field events that drew large crowds throughout the week-end events. (See winners of athletic events.)

Observers agreed that the 3-day celebration was a "highly successful", the best ever and was enjoyed by all.

Twenty-five percent of all proceeds from the Liberation Day Celebration will go to the Saipan Municipal Scholarship fund and the Red Cross. The balance will be used by the Saipan Rotary Club in its community services and youth activities.



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with special thanks to the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the Microl Sports Council for the South Pacific Games Events, John Pangelinan and Joe Ada for Boxing training, the men of the U.S. Coast Guard Station and all others who helped make Liberation Day the greatest -ever for Saipan.

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District Seeks Telephone Consultant

Saipan-A letter is being sent this week to Architectural and Engineering firms in Japan, Guam, and Hawaii seeking a consultant in communications to prepare a bid package for the leasing of the telephone system on Saipan to a private company.

According to Marianas District Director of Public Works Tony Tenorio, most of the necessary information and data have been gathered and an expert from one of the A & E firms will be contracted to compile all the available information and prepare the bid package.

Four private companies--Western Union, RCA, Witco Limited of Japan, and Micronesian TeleCommunication Corporation--have indicated an interest in leasing the telephone system.

Tenorio stated that the firms contacted will have approximately two weeks to reply to the letter as to whether or not they are interested in providing the requested consultant service. A selection Board will

then recommend one of the firms to the Marianas District Administrator who will in turn appoint the consultant.

It is hoped that the communications expert will be able to prepare the bid package within 30 days after his appointment so that bids can be solicited as soon as possible from companies interested in leasing the telephone system, Tenorio stated.

At a meeting held in May and attended by the four companies interested in leasing the phone system and district and TT officials, Micronesian TeleCommunication Corporation was the only company willing to meet the minimum initial investment of \$750,000 that was suggested. Several obstacles have been discussed that would prevent a private company from assuming the business immediately. Presently, the TT Government has condemnation rights but the private company would not have the same rights and would

therefore face exorbitant rental fees to string telephone wire or set poles on private property. Also to be considered is whether or not the public will be willing to pay higher prices that would accompany the take over of the system by a private company.

In commenting on whether or not the possible separation of the administration of the Marianas from the rest of the Trust Territory will necessitate any changes in these plans, Tenorio stated that the intent of leasing the system to a private company is to provide the "best service possible irrespective of what government is in control. We foresee no major obstacles and the system could be easily transferred to a new government," he concluded.

Municipal Council Session ...

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convene. This was not done prior to the First Special Session and therefore it was declared illegal. The Municipal Council will meet for five days during its Second Special Session.

During the first day's session, a bill was passed appropriating \$4,000 for two members of the Council to travel to Washington, D.C. to appear before the U.S. Congress during its hearing of the Covenant to Establish the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. Marianas Legislative Liaison Officer Joaquin Torres and Speaker of the Municipal Council Vicente Camacho will attend the hearings.

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Project: Mariana Islands Housing Authority Sewerage System.

Location: Puntan Muchot, Garapan, Saipan Island.

Authorization: Title I of the "Housing and Community Development Act of 1974".

Applicant: Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The Government of the TTPI has found that the aforementioned project, when implemented, will have no significant effect on the environment. This conclusion was reached upon careful evaluation of the proposed project, of the environmental assessment prepared by the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, and of the Environmental Review Record of the project. Such record may be examined and copied by the interested public at the Garapan Office of the Mariana Islands Housing Authority.

Furthermore, no further environmental review of the MIHA Sewerage System Project is proposed by the Government of the TTPI. The Government now intends to request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for release of funds for the project.

The public is cordially invited to visit the Mariana Islands Housing Authority on or before July 26, 1975, to examine the Environmental Review Record of the project and to offer to MIHA any written comments that it may have regarding its implementation.

SIGNED:

Edward E. Johnston
High Commissioner
Government of the Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands

July 11, 1975

J.F. KENNEDY, JR. DIVES IN TRUK

MOEN, (MNS)---John Kennedy Jr., son of the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy, left Truk Saturday (July 5) after spending two weeks scuba diving in the Truk Lagoon, according to Truk Public Information Officer Noha Ruben.

Kennedy, 15, and his cousin Timothy Shriver, also 15, were in Truk with Al Giddings, author of a skin diving magazine and a close friend of the Kennedy family, along with Dr. Stanley Berman and Dr. S. Earle of the National Geographic Magazine filming sunken ships in the Truk Lagoon.

Both Kennedy and Shriver stayed at the Continental Hotel. According to Ruben, they dove in the Truk Lagoon practically every day while in Truk.

The two attended a

party on Dublon hosted by Kimiue Aisek, owner of the Truk Blue Lagoon Dive Shop where they were also to observe the simple way of life that is characteristic of the island people.

Continental Hotel Manager Tony Bruggerman noted that because the two were totally without security agents, the people of Truk respected their privacy by leaving them alone. The two teenagers "did have a super time," Bruggerman said.

"In fact, they were sorry that their two week vacation ended so suddenly and that they had to return to New York," Bruggerman added.

Al Giddings is not new in the Truk Lagoon. In 1972, he led an expedition in the lagoon to film the sunken Japanese submarine I-169.

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FROM WASHINGTON

By: JON A. ANDERSON

WASHINGTON-The vote in the Marianas received wide coverage in the media here. I was able to monitor several major newspapers, at least two broadcasting networks, and the wire services, and I thought the coverage was excellent--better, in fact, than I had expected.

The first word of the outcome came from the British Reuter News Agency, under a story byline from Ian McKenzie. The Reuter story led by an hour or more the UPI and AP coverage, but both U.S. services also reported the story, and I can only assume from this that it was widely reported across the country, since these wires go into virtually every newsroom in America.

I heard the story reported on the CBS and NBC radio networks, and by CBS television. I couldn't monitor all newscasts, so can only assume from what I did hear that the story received nationwide attention from the electronic media.

Newspaper coverage was also good. The Christian Science Monitor, the Boston newspaper that had perhaps the best "connection" to the plebiscite--or at any rate, the best reason to take a special interest in it--had a thinkpiece the day before the election, and an editorial on the day of the vote, as well as followup coverage of the outcome. Editorial reaction was also noted in the Washington Post, the Baltimore Sun, the Chicago Daily News, and the New York Daily News, with news coverage in all of those plus the New York Times. And, of course, the two Hawaii newspapers covered the story extensively. These were just the papers I read, or whose coverage was brought to my attention. I'm sure I missed many other editorials and stories on the election.

Generally, the editorial reaction expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the vote. But there were also expressions of caution, most notably in the Washington Post, which said: "We think...that Congress should look with a beady eye at the strategic rationale for absorbing the Marianas. This will force it at the same time to ask why the Marianas should be separated from the five other districts of the Micronesian Trust Territory....This," said the Post, "is not so much a reason to back off from the Marianas Commonwealth as to hold off a final decision on it until the choices for the other districts are clarified."

On the other hand, the country's largest circulation daily, the New York Daily News, said: We hope the Congress will ratify it without delay. Aside from the national security advantages of such an arrangement--which are considerable--Americans should find it gratifying that the islanders chose this attachment of their own free will after long experience with American rule."

The Honolulu Star Bulletin called attention to the possibility of eventual union with Guam for the new commonwealth, saying it "...could make sense politically and geographically." The Honolulu Advertiser pointed out the difficult road that still lies ahead to settle the far more complex problem of the future status of the Trust Territory's five other districts. Both are important questions, not as well perceived by the Mainland media.

Internationally, I contributed my bit to the coverage of the story, with a background report on the Marianas prior to the election, and a correspondent's report from Washington on the day of the vote. I've discovered that, until I came on board here, the Voice of America had seldom aired any material about Micronesia, so I've tried to alter that by contributing occasional pieces on the Pacific, even though my job now involves me with an entirely different area of the world.

From time to time, as the process of approving the commonwealth covenant continues, and as the effort to settle the status of the other districts moves forward, if it does, I'll try to give you further reports on how the American media are covering the story.

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What THEY Say

By: B.B.

Delegates from the length and breadth of Micronesia are here on Saipan to write a constitution for these islands. One of the major provisions of a constitution is an article providing for freedom of the press. My friend Surena, an island novelist who has not as yet found an agreeable agent, has drafted a paragraph dealing with freedom of the press which I think should be included in the Micronesian Constitution. Last night I swiped his draft while he was mixing drinks for us and, at the risk of being prosecuted for robbery, I am leaking his thoughts to the members of the Constitutional Convention.

Surena's draft is as follows:

ARTICLE _____. Freedom of the Press. Members of the Micronesian press corps shall be immune from arrest at all times, except during political campaigns for public offices and during the sessions of the national legislature.

Section 1. News reporters are free to report all news worthy events except those dealing with sons and daughters of traditional chiefs.

Section 2. No member of the press may be allowed in the premises of bars and restaurants where government officials congregate for the purpose of selling public contracts.

Section 3. wives of high government officials may, at any time, pass messages to newspaper editors, provided such messages are relayed through respectable hairdressers.

Section 4. There shall be one punishment for newspaper editors: death by hanging.

Section 5. Where there is doubt as to the veracity of statements made in a court of law by a news reporter and a politician, the latter's statement shall prevail.

Section 6. Joe Murphy of Guam, Joe Murphy of Majuro, and Abed Younis of Saipan are hereby awarded permanent abodes in the national hotel for undersireables and any constable below the rank of corporal is authorized to escort these gentlemen to their rooms at all times of the day except lunch time.

Section 7. Radio broadcasters must know how to whistle the tune of that favorite song "Aye, Aye, My Job is on the balance."

Section 8. Television stations shall be locked during broadcasting hours to prevent the national leader from climbing over the fence, entering the studio, and ordering the man on duty to immediately change a program that is not agreeable to the leader's wife.

Section 9. Subject to Article VII, Section 3 (Culture), no member of the press may, at any time, indulge in that contemptable passtime of exposing traditions and customs that are no longer applicable to the several districts of the republic.

Section 10. All these privileges may be suspended during a wedding ceremony.

I must apologize to my readers for not copying Surena's entire draft -- I have been called to the phone by Surena's lawyer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

As the Commanding Officer of the USS RAMSEY (FFG 2), I would like to express my sincere thanks to the people of Saipan for the warm and friendly greetings received by the officers and men of my ship during our recent Liberation Day visit. The generous courtesies extended to us are a common virtue of the people here and they were sincerely appreciated by all the crew. It is an almost universal feeling onboard that our visit was by far too short to fully appreciate and enjoy your beautiful island. Those men who were able to see some of the island have infused everyone with a desire to return soon for another visit.

As we sail onward we will carry home to our families and friends the memories of our pleasant stop in your South Pacific paradise.

Sincerely,

P. D. ABBOTT
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

EDITORIAL VARIETY

A second glance at the acts that were passed by the Marianas District Legislature (MDL) during its Second Special Session held last week would give the impression that the whole idea behind holding the Special Session was to appropriate funds for the MDL itself to cover its own plans and activities.

A total of \$131,560.06 was appropriated for the purpose of travel, per diem, office and staff, salaries and others. For other public projects and grants-in-aid, ONLY \$32,000 was appropriated.

Seven members of the Marianas District Legislature are now in Washington to attend the U.S. Congress hearings on the Covenant, together with six members of the MPSC. Additionally, the rest of the MDL Congressmen except one also will travel to Guam to attend the Pacific Legislators Conference. Who do you think is paying for all these travel expenses, especially when such a large number of delegates travel?

Of course, there is no objection to the purpose of attending a hearing or conference, instead, a question is raised--Is it really necessary for 22 officials to travel when half of them or less are capable of making the same presentation on behalf of the Marianas?

In regard to other appropriations for the MDL, maybe it is justified to appropriate the money at this time, but also we are in the opinion that many other priority public projects and improvements to develop the Marianas are urgently needed.

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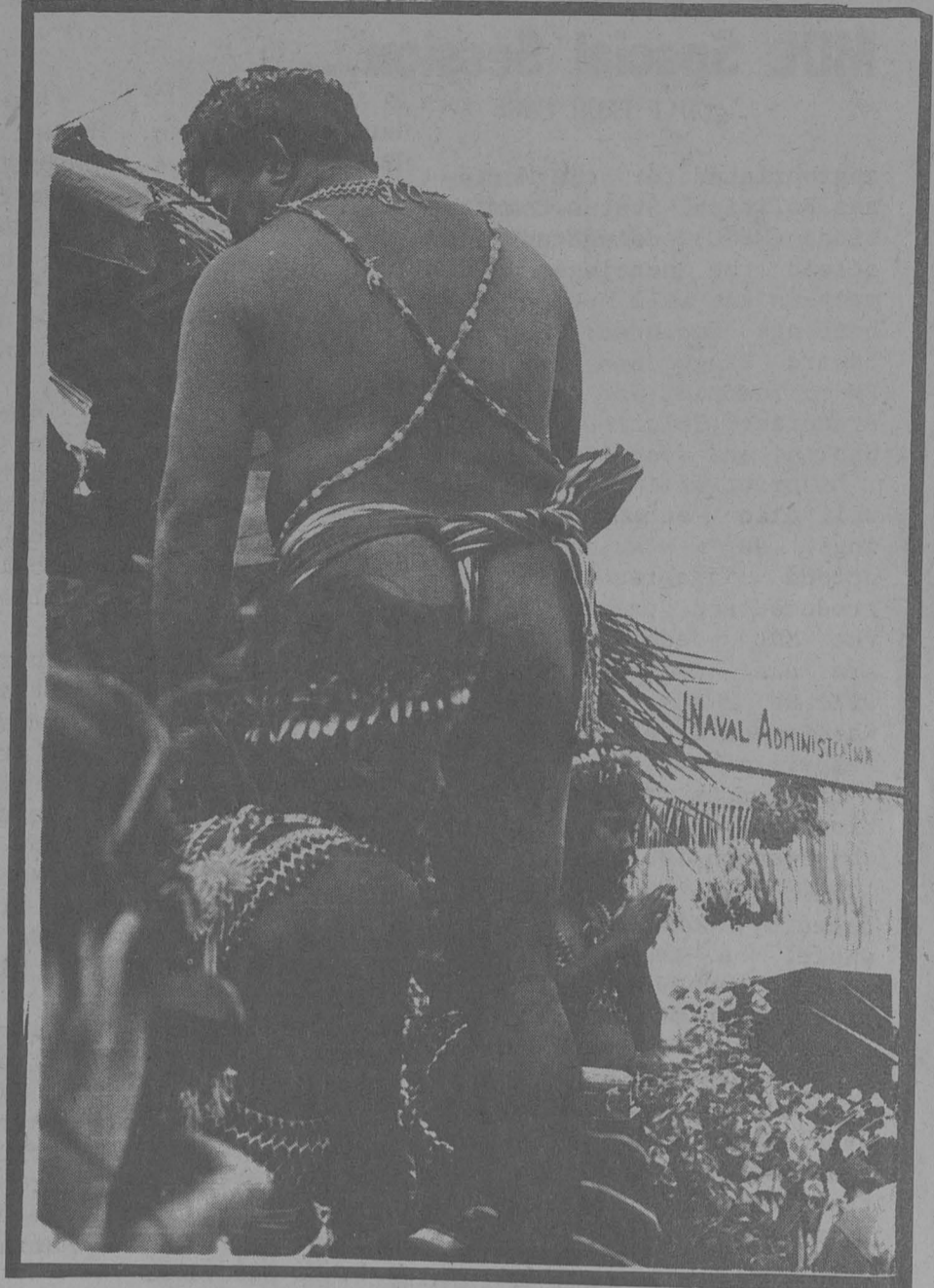
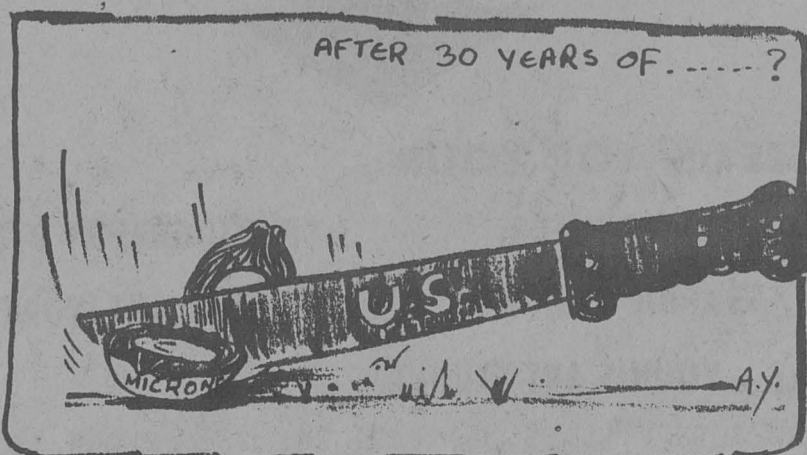
At the point of presenting the wishes of the Marianas people objectively, it was noticed that among the fifteen delegates attending the hearings by the U.S. Congress on the Covenant to establish the Commonwealth of the Marianas, there were no members of other groups included as delegates to travel to the hearings and present the wishes of that group.

The matter was brought to the attention of the MDL in a letter addressed to MDL President Vicente N. Santos, dated July 9, 1975.

The letter from the United Carolinian Association (UCA) signed by UCA Acting President Abel Olopai, states: "We realized that Mr. (Felix) Rabauliman's travel will be funded by the legislature's recent appropriation since he is also one of the MPSC members. Accordingly, we would like to request that one additional representative from the UCA be authorized on the legislature expenses in order that the Carolinian people, who make up one third of the population of the Northern Marianas be fully represented.

The letter also requested that representatives from other groups the Saipan Women's Association and the Unity Youth Movement be funded by the MDL appropriation to travel to the hearings and present their views. The letter concluded: "As a group of tax paying people, we strongly urge that the public fund be used for these people. After all, they are also entitled to use the public fund for the trip."

However, the delegation to Washington left Saipan one day after the letter was issued and no one from the groups mentioned in the letter was authorized to travel with that delegation. At this moment we do not know if a response was made to the letter, but it is known that the \$30,000 appropriated for the Pro Covenant fifteen delegates is tax payers money.



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MDL Special Session...

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appropriated for the Marianas Political Status Commission (MPSC) delegates to attend the hearings. MPSC members who will attend the hearings included: Chairman Edward Fangelinan, Senator Pedro Tenorio, Joe Cruz, Dr. Francisco Palacios, Manuel Sablan, and Joannes Taimano.

District Administrator Ada will also attend the hearings. He was invited to attend in a resolution introduced and passed during the MDL session. DistAd Ada has confirmed that he will be leaving for Washington with the other members of the delegations.

Other acts that were introduced and passed during the Session included:

Res. No. 2-1975: Introduced by: Committee of the whole. A resolution relative to requesting the district administrator, or his designated representative, to accompany representatives of the legislature to Washington, D.C. to attend congressional hearings on the Covenant to establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

Res. No. 3-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. A resolution relative to expressing condolences and sympathy to the family of the late Honorable Judge Ignacio V. Benavente of Saipan.

Res. No. 4-1975: Introduced by: Herman M. Manglona, Tinian. A resolution relative to requesting the district administrator to take immediate steps to stop the dumping of floatable object into the ocean at Agigan Point on Saipan.

Res. No. 7-1975: Introduced by: Hon. Lorenzo I. Guerrero, Saipan. A resolution relative to requesting the district Department of Public Safety to establish crosswalks on major roadways at appropriate location in all villages on Saipan for pedestrian crossing and to erect appropriate signs that give warning to motorists.

Res. No. 8-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. A resolution relative to expressing the desire of the Mariana Islands District Legislature to authorize a per diem rate for use by the legislature while on official travel status.

Res. No. 9-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. A resolution relative to repealing section 2.16.310 of the standing rules of procedure of the Mariana Islands District Code relating to travel and per diem.

Res. No. 10-1975: Intro-

duced by: Hon. Manuel D. Muna, Saipan. A resolution relative to designating the political committee to conduct an investigation into reports that barbed wire from the U.S. Military surplus was sold to MDC ranch on Tinian.

Res. No. 11-1975: Introduced by: Hon. Julian S. Calvo, Rota. A resolution relative to requesting the District Director of Public Works to assign a D-8 bulldozer to Rota for at least six (6) months.

Res. No. 12-1975: Introduced by: Hon. Santiago B. Magofna, Saipan. A resolution relative to requesting the district administrator to provide the legislature with a copy of the comprehensive report covering the extent of live ammunition on the islands in the Mariana Islands District.

Res. No. 13-1975: Introduced by: Hon. Carlos A. Shoda, Saipan; Hon. Juan LG. Cabrera, Saipan. A resolution relative to urging the appointment of Edward T. Dela Cruz as district agriculturist for the Mariana Islands District.

Act No. 1-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to repeal Sections 2.08.010 and 2.08.020 of Chapter 2.08 of the Mariana Islands District Code.

Act No. 2-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to amend Section 2.24.020, Chapter 2.24 of the Mariana Islands District Code relating to per diem.

Act No. 3-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to amend Section 1 of Article II of the Chapter of the Mariana Islands District Legislature.

Act No. 4-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to repeal Section 2 of Article II of the Chapter of the Mariana Islands District Legislature.

Act No. 5-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to authorize the appropriation of the sum of fifty-five thousand nine hundred ninety dollars and seventy cents (\$55,990.70), for the construction of additional office space and meeting facilities for members and staff of the Mariana Islands District Legislature and related facilities.

Act No. 6-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to authorize the appropriation of the sum of five thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-six cents (\$5,333.36) as a supplemental appropriation for the salary of the Legislative Counsel.

Act No. 7-1975: Introduced

by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to authorize the appropriation of seventeen thousand seven hundred dollars (\$17,700.00) to hire secretarial staff for the Mariana Islands District Legislature.

Act No. 8-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to authorize the appropriation of the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to pay William L. Kohler, esquire for services rendered in connection with the enactment of Public Law No. 92-39, establishing the Micronesian Claims Commission.

Act No. 9-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to authorize the appropriation of the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) for use by the standing and select committees of the Legislature.

Act No. 10-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to authorize the appropriation of the sum of thirteen thousand seventy-four dollars (\$13,074.00) to pay travel expenses of seven representatives of the Marianas Political Status Commission to attend hearings before the United States Congress on the Covenant establishing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Act No. 11-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to authorize the appropriation of the sum of fourteen thousand two hundred forty four dollars (\$14,244.00) for travel ex-

penses for a six member delegation of the Mariana Islands District Legislature to attend hearings in the United States Congress on the Covenant establishing the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands.

Act No. 12-1975: Introduced by: Hon. Lorenzo I. Guerrero, Saipan. An Act to authorize the appropriation of the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) as a grant-in-aid to the Department of Public Safety for the removal of live ammunition on Saipan.

Act No. 13-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to authorize the appropriation of the sum of seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$7,200.00), to purchase chairs, desks and other office equipment for the Mariana Islands District Legislature.

Act No. 14-1975: Introduced by: Hold-over Committee. An Act to authorize the appropriation of the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000.00), as a grant-in-aid to the District Department of Public Safety.

Act No. 15-1975: Introduced by: Hon. Manuel D. Muna, Saipan. An Act to authorize the appropriation of the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for the operation and contingent expenses of the Marianas tax and customs office.

Act No. 16-1975: Introduced by: Appropriation Committee. General appropriation Act.

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POWER BARGE EN ROUTE TO SAIPAN

Saipan-The power barge, Impedance, which will provide Saipan with a n "interim" power plant left Subic Bay Monday, July 7, and will arrive on Saipan before the end of the month.

The present power plant has an output of 8,700 kilowatts per day and does not provide power to such businesses as the Continental Hotel and the newly constructed Hotel White Sands. The power barge has two boilers, each capable of producing 15,000 kilowatts. When the barge is operational, it will thus be able to accommodate all the customers that are provided power by the present power plant, in addition to providing power to all major hotels and any new businesses that are constructed on Saipan, Marianas District Director of Public Works Tony Tenorio stated.

The 300 foot barge will be located south of Charlie Dock at Baker Pier. Public Works personnel are continually working on the site. According to Tenorio, dredging to the required depth has been completed.

The barge is a self-sustaining unit. Initially it will manned by its own crew of 20 men and at least 20 additional men from the Public Works Department will be working and training on the barge, Tenorio explained.

An agreement was reached between the Department of Defense and the Department of the Interior for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to loan the Impedance to the Trust Territory on an annual basis for a maximum of 5 years. "Hopefully, within that 5 year period, something will materialize" whereby either several small units or a large unit will be constructed on Saipan to increase the daily power output in order to accommodate present customers and any future customers including hotels, and other new businesses, Tenorio stated.

The Director of Public Works is optimistic that the barge will be operational by late August or early September contingent on the arrival of materials necessary for the transmission extension. "The barge is meaningless unless it is connected to the island power system, Tenorio explained.

Miss Taitano Awarded AS Degree

SAIPAN-At a ceremony held at Marianas District Education Office this week, Miss Cynthia Mettao Taitano was presented the degree of Associate of Science in Elementary Education from the Community College of Micronesia.

The CCM Graduate completed her student-teaching at Garapan Elementary School under the direction of Mrs. Prepedigna Kileleman, her Cooperating Teacher, and Mr. Jose Aldan, the Community College of Micronesia Student-Teacher Supervisor.

After delivering some brief remarks the Acting District Director of Educa-

tion presented the degree to Ms. Taitano. Refreshments were served to the group of

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New PCV's Arrived On Saipan

SAIPAN, (MNS)—Seven-teen new Peace Corps Volunteers (P C V) arrived on Saipan Friday (July 4) to begin an eight-week orientation program in preparation for teaching positions with the Marianas District Department of Education.

Eleven of these volunteers will be replacing local teachers who will be free to take one year of study leave in institutions of higher learning in Guam, Hawaii or the U.S. mainland.

Four volunteers will be assisting with the development of a comprehensive physical education program for the schools on Saipan,


and two of them are to initiate music programs to enrich the curriculum of both elementary and secondary schools.

The training staff consists of teachers appointed by the District: Moses Fejeran, Ms. Connie Kaufer, Antonio Quitugua, John Babauta, Ms. Del Igitol and Max Attao. The project director, Ms. Barbara Dirks, has recently conducted similar programs in Korea and the Philippines.

The arrival of these volunteers raises to 23 the number of Peace Corps teachers in the Marianas. There are also eight other volunteers working in various capacities

with the District and Municipal governments.

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Isley Airport...

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will play an important role in the airport operations.

What part Marianas Program and Budget Officer Ed Marrow will play in the management of the airport is uncertain at this time. According to reliable sources, Marrow is presently on home leave and has not decided whether or not he will return to accept a position as Special Assistant to the Marianas District Administrator on such matters as airports, docks, and leasing of telephones. Marrow is a civil service employee.

Well over 130,000 passengers arriving

and departing are anticipated with revenues expected to be well over \$5 million after the airport is completed and functioning at its peak. The official opening of all facilities is expected to occur in September or October of 1976, approximately one year after the runway and one building are completed and operational.

Isley Terminal is expected to be the first major self-sufficient operation in the Trust Territory.

DeBrum Disappointed...

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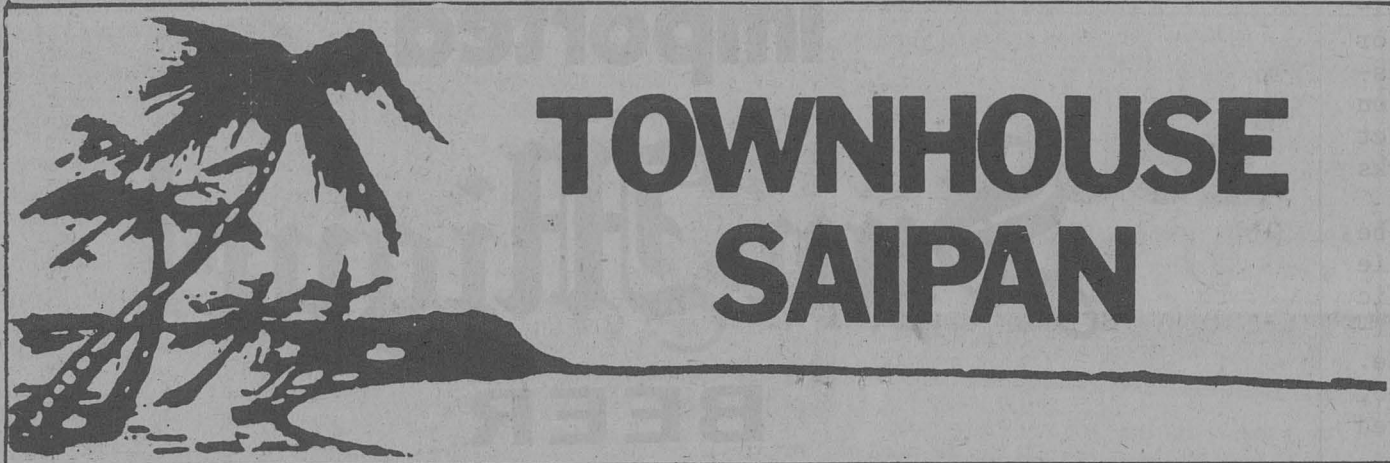
dispatch and therefore he could not comment on its contents. When asked whether the office had been in touch with either the Marshalls District Attorney's Office or with the District Administrator concerning the dispatch, a "no comment" reply was made.

A spokesman in the Office of Public Affairs stated that immediately after he read the story in the paper, he contacted the Public Affairs Office in the Marshalls and advised the office of the contents of the article and told them to make sure the District Administrator received a copy of the paper. He stated that he "was very surprised" when he read the story that the DistAd was asking the people not to participate in the referendum.

Trust Territory Acting Director of Public Affairs Ray Ulochong stated that "we were very surprised with the newspaper allegation because we knew that the Marshalls District was preparing for the election to take place."

Speculators indicated that a retraction would appear in the Pacific Daily News regarding the allegation. Whether or not DeBrum will take further action against the paper is unknown at this time.

Daily news reporter Joan King nor MDL President Santos could not be reached for comment.



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WEIGHT LIFTER HAS "BEST CHANCE" TO WIN MEDAL

Saipan-As the date of the South Pacific Games draws near, players and coaches continue their rigorous training preparing themselves for the top level competition they will meet next month on Guam.

Augustin Aguon of Saipan has the "best chance of winning of anyone in the athletic camp," says Kurt Barnes, Sports Coordinator of the Micronesian participants in the South Pacific Games.

Aguon has been lifting weights for the past three years. While on Guam, he will compete in two categories—the "snatch" (picking up the weights and from a kneeling position in one movement bringing the weights over his head so that his body is straight over his head) and the "jerk" (bringing the bar up to the shoulders and then pushing the weights over his head using the legs as a force). Aguon will be entered in the feather weight class of 130 pounds and will only compete against individuals in the same class, Barnes explained.

"Individually, the members of the volleyball team are really talented," says Coach Steve Remley with visible enthusiasm. Practicing twice a day at Chalan Kanoa Auditorium under the watchful eyes of Remley and assistant Coach Leikman Roberts of the Marshalls, the team gained needed experience while participating in the Saipan Liberation Day athletic events. According to Remley, the volleyball team members "will not be embarrassed during the Games, even though they will be playing against top level competition". The team will also participate in 6-men team exhibition games next weekend.

A standout on the team, says Remley, is Romeo Sham of Ponape. "He is an all around player. He can set, hit, is always alert during the games, and has a very good mental attitude," boasts Remley.

Members of the volleyball team include: Terry Saures, Ben Saures, and Ernis Taksay of Saipan; Romeo Sham of Ponape; Brandon Samson, Mahoney Leviticus, Wilson Loneijak, Jisam Kisha, Jonathan Kokikied and Paul Gideon of the Marshalls; and Patrick Chotajfil, Simeon Naiwelnal, and Mariano Buchoitul of Yap.

According to basketball coach, Al Steed, the members of the basketball team are continually improving their skills, but as a whole, the team needs "to get a lot better" before they depart for Guam to compete in the South Pacific Games. The team practices twice a day and also gained needed experience in a game played last weekend against a local all star team. The SPG team won 72-45. Steed also indicated that the team might play next weekend on Guam during the Liberation Day festivities there.

Coach Steed played college basketball and also played in a semi-pro basketball league prior to coming to Micronesia. The assistant coach is Bob McCabe.

Members of the basketball team include: J.J. Cruz, Ben Benavente, Tony Taisakan, Dave Blanco and Jesus Sanchez of Saipan; Julian Sives and Patricio Kanas of Ponape; John Kadnanged, Joe Faimau, and Martin Datmug of Yap; Isenty Katonsang, and Asvin Raymond, of Palau; and Pat Mckensie of Truk.



Picture on top. Micronesian volleyball team. (Middle) Augustin Aguon - Weight lifter and bottom, Micronesia basketball team.



LIBERATION DAY ATHLETIC EVENTS WINNERS

Boxing

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Steve Cruz
Juan Ada
Ada Ignacios
Leon Ogarto
Bernado Cruz

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Winners

Frank Sanchez
Ben Olopai
Joe Kitaiong
D. J. Jones
David Manahane
Henry Taitano
Tony Norita
Noel Taisakan
Joe Ada

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Winners received \$50 each. 2nd place received \$25 each.

Basketball

SPG Team - 72

Saipan All Stars - 45

Volleyball

Members of winning team included:

Steve Remley
Milt Franke
Jonathan Jolikibt
Paul Gideon

Softball

SPG Team - 7

Saipan - 2

Track Events

Women's 100 meters - Lenora Wilson
Women's 400 meters - Adriana Jack
Women's 800 meters - Adriana Jack
Men's 100 meters - Tommy Sakuma
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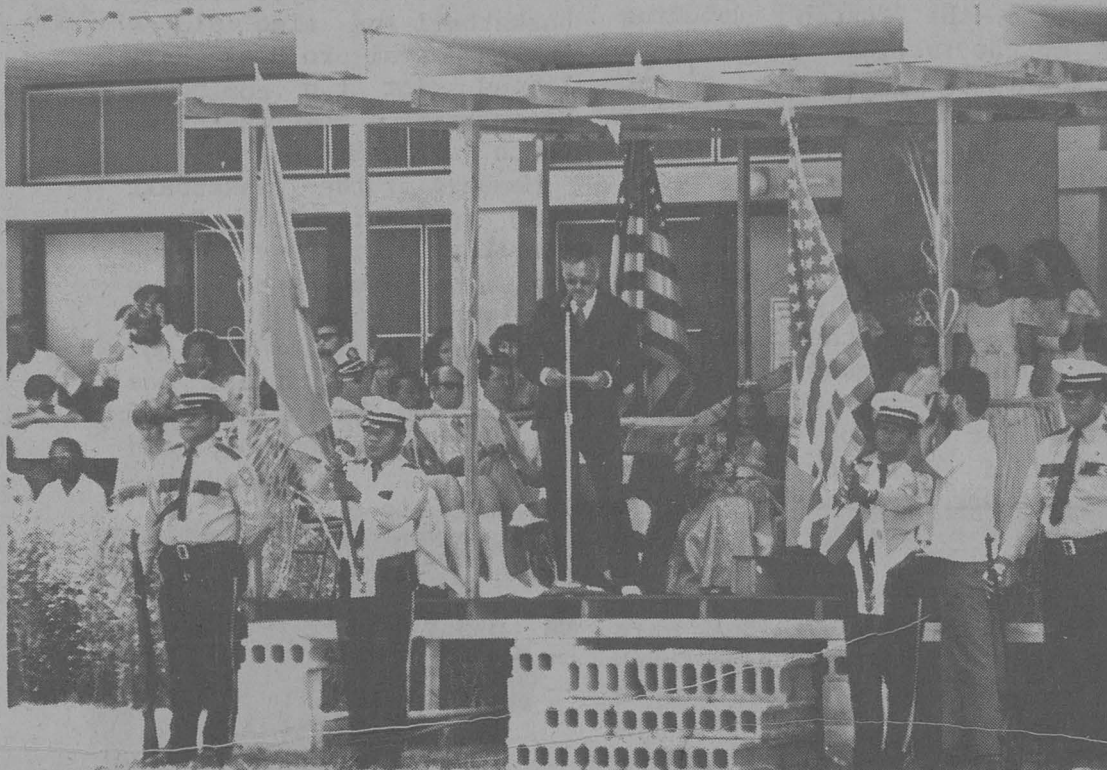
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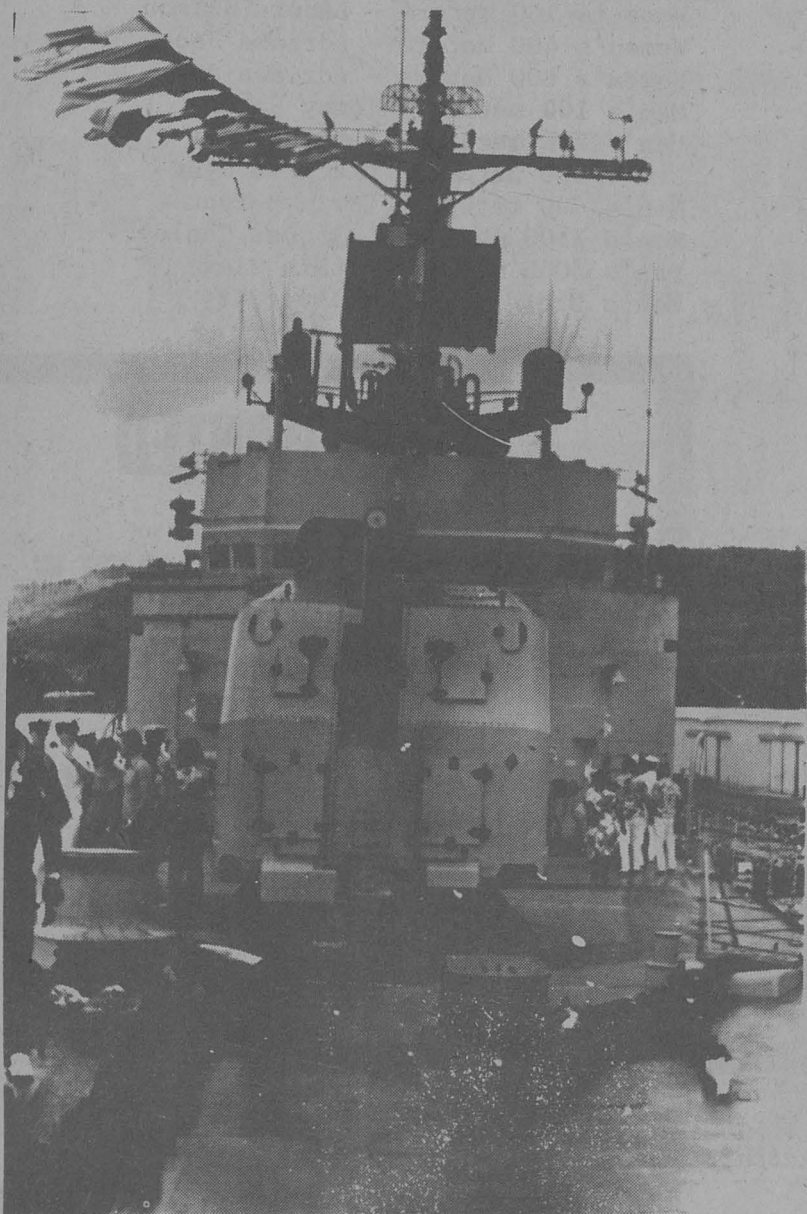


Queen Tudela presents door prize to her father during Queen's Ball.

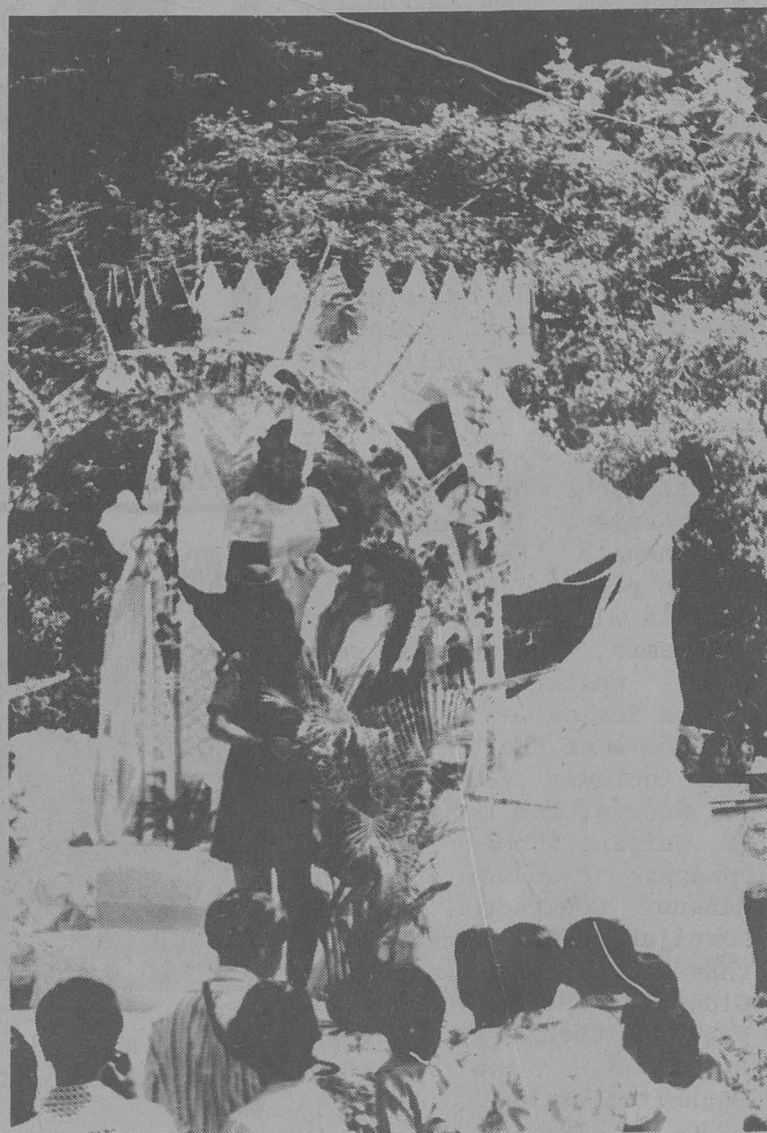


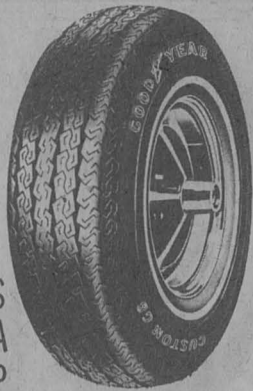
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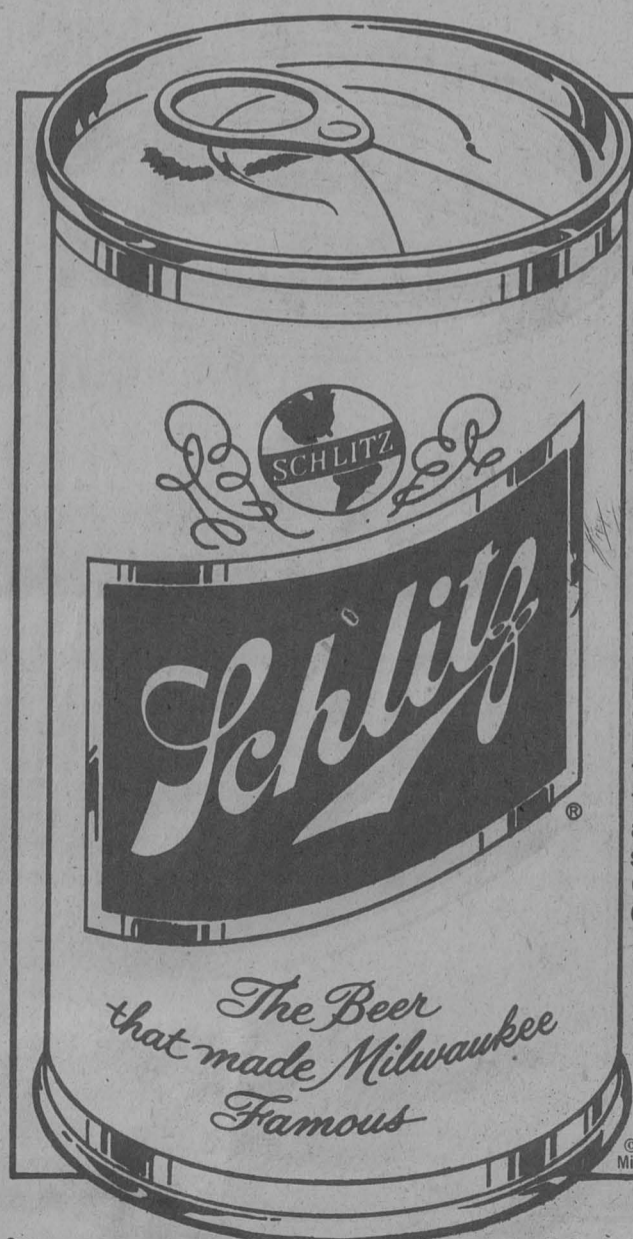
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