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## Shade of Watergate on Tinian

SAIPAN-Some recent publicity was given to a letter from the Tinian Municipal Council to the Civil Aeronautics Board supporting PanAmerican airlines for the Saipan-Tokyo route, now under advisement by the CAB in Washington.

In the letter of November 2, 1973, stating the resolution, the comment was made that "This is our official position and final".

The letter was signed by Harry L. Cruz, Speaker, Leonardo F. Diaz, Eddie Cruz, Frank A. Hocog, Silvestre T. Cruz, and

Frank T. Cabrera, all members of the council.

Four of the council members wrote the same day to the CAB to clarify an earlier position by the Council sent on November 1, 1973. In this clarification, the members stated that there were no promises from any employee or official of Pan American. "The record should show that Joe Smith of Air Micronesia/Continental on Saipan is just trying to confuse us and we request the Board to disregard the letter dated November 1, 1973" stated the letter.

Speaker Harry Cruz, more recently, on November 8, added more information in another letter to the CAB clarifying a statement made by Leonardo Diaz in

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## Court Hearing Continue On St. Pierre Case

SAIPAN - Last week Wednesday was the first day of the court hearing on whether it was legal or not for a public defender to accept a payment of \$7,500 from a Marshallese woman for assisting her on her estate case. And to justify that St. Pierre was suspended from his duties as a public defender.

As a result of the hearing, it was noted that there are some major topics which need clarification.

No one has denied that Mr. St. Pierre and his

assistant Mr. Anibar Timothy have accepted \$7,500 from a Marshallese woman, Mrs. Totha Samuel, for assisting her on settling an estate which brought a large amount of money to her. And Mr. St. Pierre was suspended from his duties as a public defender earlier this year for accepting the money.

Now there are several questions to be dealt with:

Is it St. Pierre who is being examined or the office of the TT Public Defender?

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## Tourism Statistics For TT

SAIPAN, (MNS) --- More than 90% of all travellers to Micronesia visit only one district, according to research just completed by the government's tourism branch of the economic development division. This surprising statistic was revealed as the result of an examination of all immigration entry forms completed by business and pleasure visitors to the Trust Territory during the first six months of 1973.

Nearly six percent of

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Taga House - The huge ancient Taga Stones is one of the visitors attraction on Tinian.

## Salii Statement

WASHINGTON, D.C., NOV. 16 (MNS) --- Here is the statement of Senator Lazarus Salii, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Future Status, released in Washington, D.C. Nov. 14.

"Thank you Mr. Ambassador. I have found from past experience that these formal sessions never result in any actual drafting language and, therefore, I will not dwell at length on my remarks this morning. We are truly pleased that this Seventh Round is finally underway. It has been more than a year since we began putting together the actual language of a Draft Compact of Free Association between Micronesia and the United States.

"The reason for this delay is a matter of record. Our delegation preconditioned the resumption

## 7<sup>th</sup> Round of Status Talks Begins

of these talks upon the return of so-called public lands in Micronesia to their rightful owners. On the eve of our departure from Micronesia to Washington, we received from you a response to our request. It came as the people of Micronesia had long asked in the form of an official United States government policy. In its essence, this policy is an agreement--a commitment--on the part of the United States that it will return the so-called public lands to the districts in Micronesia immediately.

"The actual implementation of this policy will, out of necessity, have to be held in abeyance for a few months pending certain actions on the part of the Congress of Micronesia and the District Legislatures.

Yesterday our two delegations met to discuss this new American policy. I now place the minutes of yesterday's discussions

into the official record of this Seventh Round.

I will only state here that your delegation and ours are able to open the talks this morning because our delegation finds the American policy acceptable with the clarifications and modifications agreed upon yesterday.

"And now that the land question is out of the way, the task before us is to complete drafting the Compact of Free Association. There is no reason that this task cannot be completed in a short period of time. Both sides have had more than one year to formulate their positions on the remaining issues of finance and termination. Our drafting Committee is prepared to meet with yours immediately after this morning's session to begin that task.

I do not find this great capital city objectionable in any great respect, but your weather is a bit too cold for our warm blood. You can therefore be assured that our delegation is prepared to wind up these sessions in the shortest amount of time possible for several reasons."

## Status Talks Update

WASHINGTON, D.C., NOV. 20 (MNS)---Working through a good share of the weekend, members of the United States and Micronesian drafting sub-committees have managed to reduce considerably the differences that exist between them on the financial title on the Draft Compact of Free Association. Members of both delegations expressed the feeling Monday that considerable progress has been made here in Washington over the weekend.

"We're closer now," said

Representative Ekpap Silk, Chairman of the Micronesian Drafting Sub-Committee and Co-Chairman of the Joint Committee on Future Status, "the facts that the talks are continuing means that we are making progress. If we weren't, we wouldn't be talking to each other." The Congressman added however, that the progress has been mostly in the area of language to be used in the financial portion in the Draft Compact. The two sides apparently remained quite far apart on the amount of annual United States aid to be pledged to the future Micronesian government.

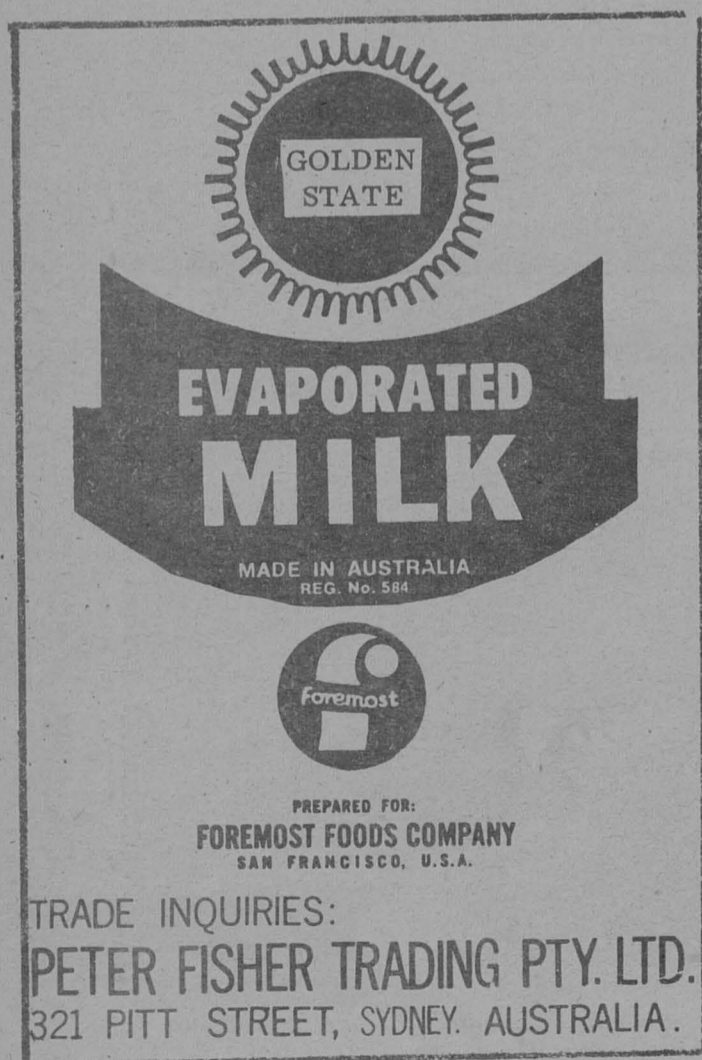
"We're coming close in words but not in figures," was the way Congressman Silk put it. A U.S. delegation member confirmed that considerable progress has been made since Friday of last week on the money question, while declining to name specific figures. He indicated both sides have given a little from their original proposals but were still quite far apart on figures.

As this second week of the Seventh Round of talks begin however, there is no feeling of passiveness among either side. Both seem willing, indeed anxious to keep working even though the coming holiday weekend if necessary to complete the Draft Compact.

Meanwhile, the Micronesian contingent in Washington continues to wait along with everyone in the Trust Territory for some final word on the Micronesian Legal Services grant vetoed. There was no word Monday from the Office of Economic Opportunity on that. Director Alvin Arnett is still contemplating the action he will take.

And final preparations were being made Monday afternoon Washington time for the second appearance in as many weeks before a U.S. Congress Committee for the Trust Territory

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# Samoans open fire on appointed governor

PAPA PAGO -Just as there was said to be a snake in Eden, there seems to be a ripple from Watergate in the Pacific island paradise of Pago Pago,

It was reported in early September that John M. Haydon, Nixon-appointed governor of the remote dot of U.S. territory, American Samoa, was under investigation on charges related to election-fixing and violation of civil rights.

News filters out reluctantly from these isolated islands but, as it shaped up, Haydon-governor of the territory since 1969-was not only investigated but charged and tried for six violations of the Hatch Act (which prohibits the use of political influence in a popular election).

In this U.S. balliwick (only 27,000 people at least 10,000 miles away from Washington D.C.) the pattern of Watergate appears to have been repeated-with, of course, Samoan variations.

Gov. Haydon, it was charged, used the U.S.-owned and operated TV channel to make an election-eve speech opposing a local candidate and a local ballot proposition which would have provided an elected governor for American Samoa next year. He testified that he had not "ordered" the TV station to broadcast his speech but admitted under cross examination that he made "a very strong request."

The case, heard before Judge John J. McCarthy from Washington, took up six days and now awaits the Judge's decision and a recommended verdict which he must deliver shortly before Christmas.

According to reports, the evidence weighs heavily against the governor. In his TV and radio broadcast, repeated several times on the day before

the election in Pago Pago, Haydon urged voters not to elect "a Caucasian" to the American Samoan legislature. Wilbur Reine-a Caucasian candidate-was instrumental in bringing charges against Haydon.

Haydon was also accused of broadcasting inaccuracies concerning his own salary and the number of federal grants he had obtained for the territory since his governorship began. At the hearing, the governor was variously characterized (by his defense attorney) as "an imperfect man doing a difficult job in American Samoa" and by the prosecution as a man who "put himself above the law and used the power of the government to achieve his own ends."

Whatever the outcome, John M. Haydon's political future seems rather dim. It is obvious that somewhere along the line the governorship of this small, forgotten scrap of U.S. territory got badly off course. The governor's plight might well underscore the dilemma of presidential appointees holding down "vacation posts" such as American Samoa.

John Haydon (53) is a Seattle publisher. His political experience before Samoa seems to have been confined to a term as head of the Seattle Port Commission. He was, it would appear, a strong supporter of Richard Nixon for president in 1968 and his support was, presumably, rewarded by appointment as territorial governor in Samoa.

Haydon comes on as a strong-willed, unsmiling man.

His demeanor-as a businesslike, no-nonsense, U.S. mainlander - must have shocked the easy-going Samoans from the beginning. His efforts, in their behalf, however well-meaning, were mis-

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Correspondent, The Oregonian

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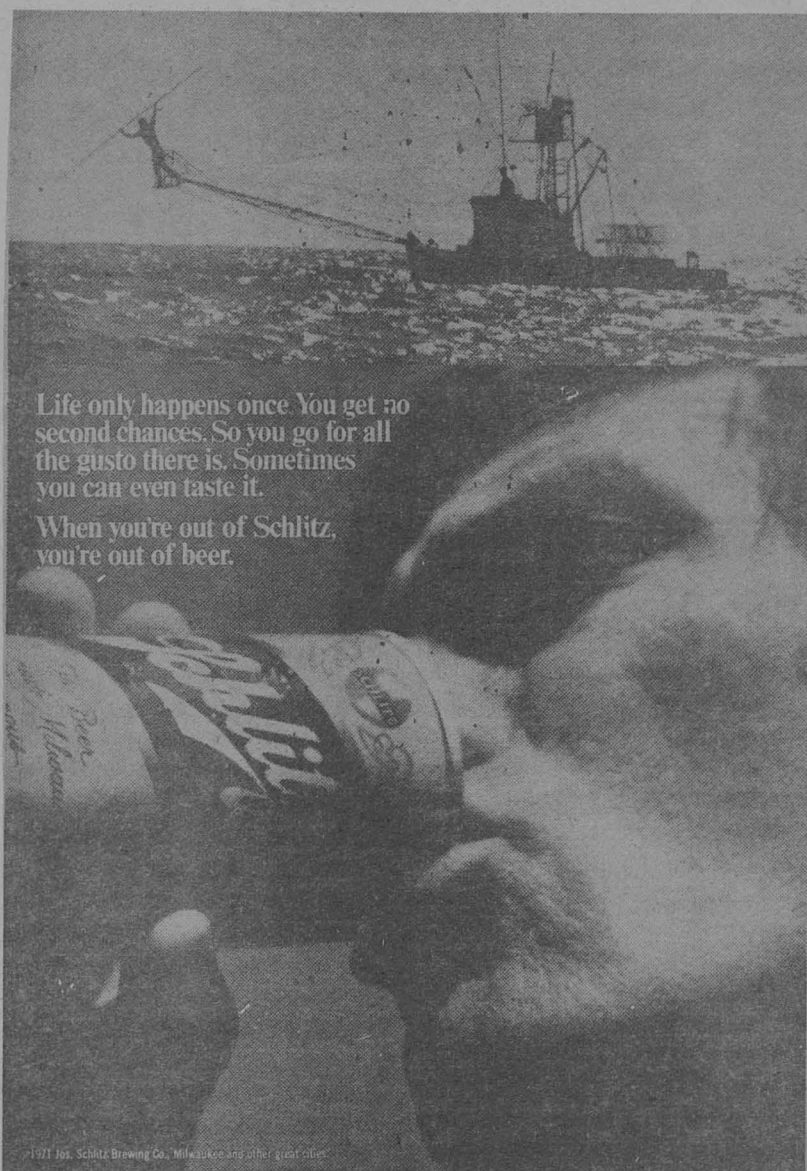
placed. He is quoted as saying that the charges which led to his hearing in Pago Pago, "were invented by people I've forced to obey the law."

During his four years as governor, Haydon has repeatedly been criticized for what have been termed "dictatorial" policies. Last year, he lost a running battle to deport Samoa's newspaper editor, Jake King, and since then has been under constant editorial attack from the Samoa News. Commenting on the September hearing Editor King wrote, "American Samoa has, believe it or not... John Dean, John Erlichman and E.R. Halderman. It's not inconceiva-

ble that Liddy and Hunt may also be tucked away among the woodworks."

In microcosm, the Samoan scandal appears shockingly parallel to Watergate. There are implications of the same sort of "arrogance of power" which has felled many of the mighty in the White House. While Gov. Haydon preaches both democracy and free-enterprise, his actions in office seem to have consistently belied his words.

The governor's top echelon staff is largely appointed by him. Thus, the islands' opinion makers and law-enforcers are obliged, by and large, to toe the gubernatorial mark. Haydon's defense counsel at the hearing was his appointee, Atty. Gen. Donald Williams. In cases of Samoan business development on page 4



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## Samoans...

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lopment, the governor's office holds the final say. When American Samoa's governor makes a rule, there is little or no chance to appeal against it.

Near the close of the September hearing, Gov. Haydon is reported to have aimed his Big Stick in the direction of freedom of the press by allegedly blocking an interview between a TV newsman and a witness at the trial. Criminal charges of interference with civil rights were lodged but withdrawn almost immediately by order of Atty. Gen. Williams - Haydon's defense attorney.

While the verdict on Gov. Haydon still hangs in abeyance, Pago Pago's mini-Watergate has at least been instrumental in letting-in some light to a murky corner of U.S. bureaucracy. Presumably, the scandal will serve to bring some official scrutiny of government policy in the islands.

For more than 70 years, the Samoan group has been an orphan in the American scheme. Although money (\$36 million this year) is delivered regularly from the coffers of the Department of the Interior to support schools, public works, medical care and such essentials, little if any attention is paid to the sociological needs on the 27,000 Samoan people themselves.

Now, it seems, the small voice of Samoa is rising in protest of U.S. absentee ownership. The upshot may well be at least a measure of home rule for the Samoans who often seem quite perplexed as to their national status.

Since World II, the Samoan islands have served no apparent strategic or economic purpose to the United States and the Samoan people, understandably, keep asking the question, who are we and where

are we headed?

With a little luck, they might start getting some answers before long.

The Samoans are a proud people who have endured many generations of typhoons and tidal waves, colonialism and exploitation. It would indeed be the crowning irony if American bureaucracy is the force which finally destroys their culture entirely.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The act of the High Commissioner in vetoing the Micronesian Legal Services budget proposal is outrageous. It is abusive of his executory power. Here is a very clear example of an American government representative—a guardian-suppressing and condemning the true and wholesome interests of his wards, the Micronesian people and their true native leaders.

As between the American representative in Micronesia, Edward E. Johnston, and the people of Micronesia, there exists a revolting struggle as a result of two conflicting interests between them.

It appears very clearly from the apparent set of circumstances that the interest of the American government in Micronesia, represented by Edward E. Johnston, is to preclude and eliminate any means by which the Micronesian people may challenge or object to a corrupt and suppressive American Administration in Micronesia.

It is the wholesome interest of the Micronesian people on the other hand, to obtain and keep any means by which they can justifiably and judicially challenge any corruption, suppression, or deficiency in the American Administration in their own home in Micronesia.

We, the "underdeveloped" Micronesians or wards did not learn about our fundamental rights to challenge the administration from the Spanish or the Germans or the Japanese. We learned it from the Americans and the American Constitution.

Edward E. Johnston must have pledged to uphold the Constitution of the United States when he was sworn into his present office. I doubt that he pledged to deny the Micronesian people the same fundamental rights that are given the American people not only by their great Constitution, but also their Declaration of Independence.

It is my proposition that the act of the High Commissioner in vetoing the MLSC budget is contrary to his oath; it is contrary to the constitution of the United States which he has the duty to uphold; it is contrary to the purposes for which his office was created; and it is contrary or a denial of a fundamental right of the Micronesian people.

I therefore think it necessary, that in the interest of settling this conflict; in the interest of protec-

ting the rights of the Micronesian people, and in the interest of implementing the true purposes and responsibilities of the United States Government in Micronesia, Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Micronesia, ought to be "impeached."

Sincerely,

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## CHRISTMAS CLUBS 1974

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## STATUS TALKS

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budget people. Senator Alan Bible's Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies is due to take up the Trust Territory's supplemental budget request sometime Tuesday afternoon.

## Palau Leaders Accept Land Policy

WASHINGTON, D.C., NOV. 16 (MNS) --- An important key to the Micronesian response on U.S. land policy, which was discussed this week in Washington, was the reaction to the policy of a high-level delegation of leaders from Palau District who traveled to Washington to consult with the Joint Committee on Future Status concerning the return of Micronesian public lands.

Headed by the two High Chiefs of Palau, Ibedul Gibbons and Reklai Lomisang, and the Speaker of the Palau District Legislature, Itelbank Luii, the delegation also included two members of the District Legislature, George Ngirarsaol and Joshua Koshiba.

After examining the U.S. policy which agreed to the return of public land, and after talking with the members of the Joint Committee the delegation issued a formal statement to Ambassador F. Haydn Williams indicating their approval and acceptance of the United States proposals and recommendations contained in the U.S. policy statement. The delegation said, however, that its acceptance was subject to four specific terms, or conditions. The first of these concerns the role of the Congress of Micronesia. "The Palau District delegation does not deem it necessary nor proper for the Congress of Micro-

nesia to become involved and entangled in the procedural process of returning title of public lands from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Administration to the Districts," the statement said, indicating that the delegation has neither political nor historical involvement with the matter. The lands should be returned directly to the Districts by the executive branch bypassing the Congress, the delegation statement says.

"However," it continues, "noting the procedural nature of the role of the Congress of Micronesia in effecting the return of public lands to the Districts, and as a gesture of great respect and support for the Congress of Micronesia and the political unity of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, this delegation has decided to accept said role of the Congress of Micronesia provided that it makes provision for the enabling legislation in its forthcoming regular session." Should the Congress fail to do so, the delegation recommends direct action, perhaps by an executive order, to return public land to the Districts.

The second concern of the Palau delegation relates to the standing of the traditional leaders of Palau to receive and accept title to public lands in trust for the people. The delegation reaffirms its position that "the public lands in Palau District be returned to its traditional leaders in trust for the people of Palau". The statement then points out that the traditional leaders of Palau constitute "the most stable and most permanent body politic in the Palau District, which is intrinsically responsive to the needs and desires of the majority and which enjoys wide public support." The statement expresses the belief that the traditional leaders are in all res-

pects legally qualified to receive and accept title to land, and that this standing should be specifically mentioned in the enabling legislation of the Congress of Micronesia.

Concerning the limitations and safeguards contained in the U.S. policy, the Palau delegation recommends an amendment to clarify the portion of the policy relating to the power of Eminent Domain. To insure that such power will be exercised only by the District Legislature in which the land in question is located, in the event such power is shared

between the central government and the Districts.

Finally, the delegation from Palau commented on the section of the U.S. policy which commits the title holders of public land needed for defense purposes by the United States to agree to "accommodate" those needs. The delegation, says the statement, does not dispute the thrust of this limitation, but because of its broad implications emphasizes the position that

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"the Palau District Legislature shall represent all title holders whose land shall be needed by the United States for defense purposes, and the United States shall have to negotiate with such title holders through the Palau Legislature. "Furthermore," the statement continues, "it should be pointed out in this connection that this delegation cannot and will not accept the suggestion that title will be passed to the new titleholders when they have formally committed themselves to accommodate the land requirements of the United States for defense purposes: This delegation believes that the subject of the return of public lands should be separated from and not be conditioned upon the making of such formal commitments.

However, this delegation, on behalf of the Legislature and the people of Palau, does hereby make a formal commitment to negotiate in good faith with the United States in order to accommodate the United States' defense requirements in the Palau District."

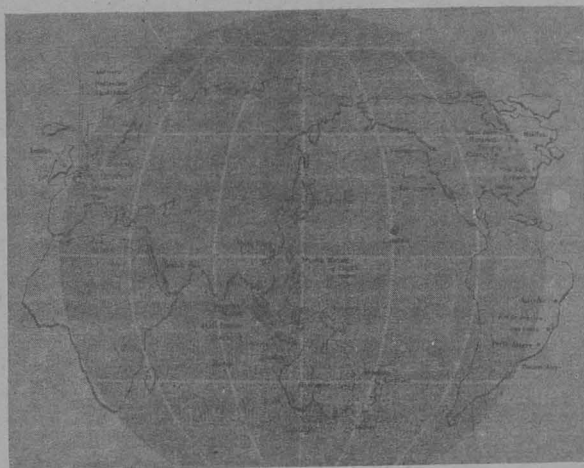
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## Court Hearing...

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To what degree is local custom, in this case the Marshallese custom of "Chipan", rewarding someone for services rendered to be respected in the Western concept of professional integrity in the performance of duties? The refusal of "Chipan" is considered an insult in the Marshallese culture.

Is there a distinction, valid in Micronesia, between a gift of \$5.00 or 5,000 to a public official when that gift is freely given?

What did Former TT Chief Justice Judge Ferber really say a few years ago concerning the acceptance of fees or gifts to a public defender?

It should be emphasized that this hearing is not a criminal proceeding. The judge is an official of the Interior Department acting on regulations set by that department to determine if the former public defender violated the regulations, not the laws, of the Trust Territory or of the Interior Dept.

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the November one letter to the CAB.

Cruz stated that there was no representative from Pan American at the meeting and no offer was made to the members of the council in return for their favorable resolution recommending PanAm for the route.

All of this clarification was the result of a letter dated November 1 from Vice Speaker Leonardo F. Diaz to the CAB which described the proceedings of the Municipal Council and stated that the only reason that he voted for

the resolution in favor of Pan Am was that: "The following offer was made to us:

"That Pan American would send five members of the Tinian Municipal Council to Singapore at Pan Am's expense and seven members of the council, including the Mayor would be sent to Japan at Pan Am's expense."

Apparently, this offer, witnessed to by Silvestre Cruz, Eddie Cruz and Frank Hocog, did not exist to judge by the statements made later by the same parties.

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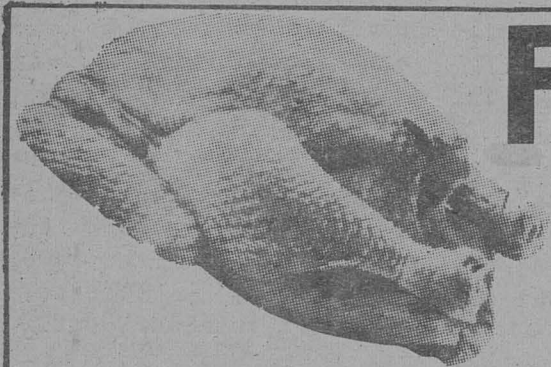
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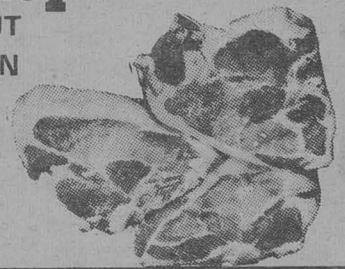


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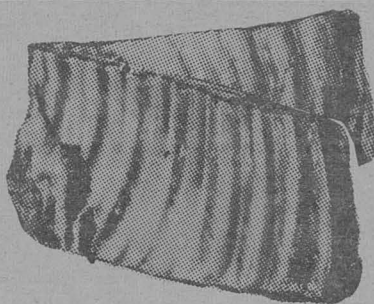
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## Comet to watch end of this year

SAIPAN - According to recent reports of astronomers from all over the world, a new comet, Kohoutek, has been discovered and promises to be the most spectacular comet of this century. The comet will be visible during late December and until mid-January as it sweeps across the morning and evening skies. Kohoutek will probably be seen by everyone in the world and may become more brilliant than any star ever observed with the naked eye. This comet was discovered by Dr. Lubos Kohoutek of Hamburg, Germany, on March

7, 1973, and may not appear again for over 75,000 years.

Scientists believe comets consist of frozen gases that travel around the sun. A comet consists of three parts--a nucleus, a head or coma, and a tail. The nucleus is the center star-like part of the comet. The head or coma surrounds the nucleus and may be from 30,000 to 100,000 miles wide. The bright streak that trails behind the comet, or its tail, may be up to 200 million miles long--twice the distance of the Earth from the Sun. The tail is

always directed away from the sun and is longest when the nucleus is nearest the sun.

People throughout the Trust Territory and throughout the world may observe this brilliant comet before sunrise or after sunset. In December Kohoutek will be visible in the eastern sky, approximately one hour before sunrise. During the latter part of December and during the first half of January, the comet will be visible in the western sky shortly after sunset. Since the comet will be very bright at this time

and far from the glare of the sun, this will be the best time to observe this object with its blazing tail that will stretch across one-quarter of the evening skies and glow brilliantly in the darkness. According to reports, this comet will be the brightest in this century and certainly brighter than Halley's comet that appeared in 1910.

Scientists throughout the world are making detailed studies of the nature of the comet from the ground, from airplanes, and from earth satellites. A group of U.S. Skylab astronauts will also observe the comet.

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all visitors stopped at two districts during the course of a trip, two percent stayed overnight in three districts, and one percent of the visitors layed over in four districts. Less than one percent stopped in five or six districts.

The study did not include travel by government employees or other residents of Micronesia, but did include all business and pleasure visitors living outside of the Trust Territory.

A second interesting statistic revealed that nearly 40% of all visitors resided on the island of Guam. Most of these traveled to the Marianas District.

A breakdown of major markets showed that 37% of Micronesia's visitors came

from Japan, 38% from Guam, 18% from the 50 United States, 2% from the Philippines, and 5% from the other regions of the world.

In round numbers, the entry statistics for the first six months of 1973 were as follows: 23,500 visitors entered the Trust Territory, 22,300 entered only one district, and 2,200 traveled to two or more districts.

In the latter group of 2,200, some 1,300 entered two districts, 500 visited three districts, 200 called at four districts, 125 stopped over in five districts and about 75 called at all six districts of Micronesia during a single visit to the

Trust Territory.

As a result of the extensive study, the government's entry statistics will be adjusted to reflect the new information. It is the practice to count a visitor every time

he enters a new district. This results in multiple counts of many travelers. The study revealed that the actual number of persons is equal to 86% of the total entries reported to the government's immigration division.

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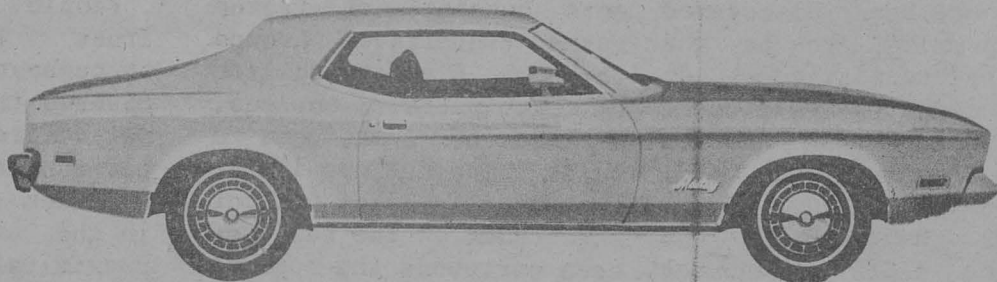
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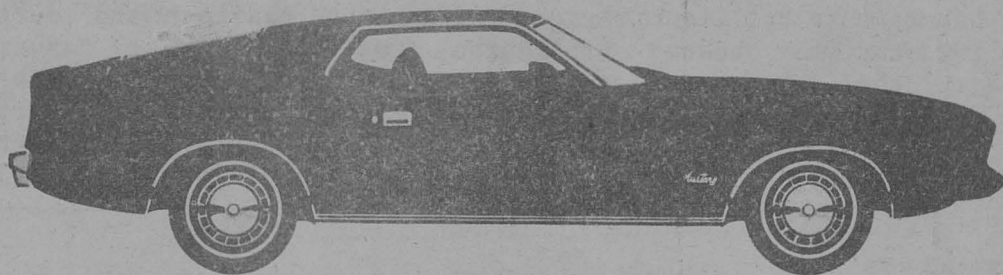
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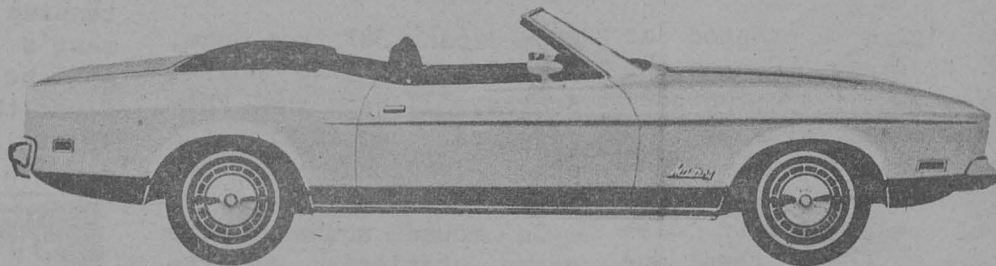
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