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## Brief Saipan Visit Satisfying To Lujan, U.S. Delegation

by Dan Phillips

Newly appointed U.S. Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan and a U.S. delegation accompanying him were given only a whirlwind glimpse of the island in their three and a half hour stay Sunday afternoon, but they liked what they saw.

"What I see is an island that is busy, knows where it's going, and only asks of the U.S. to keep its agreements and be fair," said Rep. Morris Udall of Arizona. Udall, who is battling Parkinson's disease, made the trip de-

spite not feeling well, and he said he's glad he did.

Sec. Lujan and Rep. Udall were accompanied by 11 members of the U.S. House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Saipan is only one stop on the group's long fact-finding trip that will include stops in Guam, Palau, New Zealand, and American Samoa.

Public Affairs Director Ken Burton called this "the most significant delegation to come to this part of the U.S. for the better

part of this decade."

"Just the fact they made this long trip and are talking speaks well of their The delegation, traveling in a police-escorted motorcade of about 20 cars, toured the island and made a special stop at Banzai Cliff, where Lujan and most of the U.S. Representatives got out of their cars to check out the view and take pictures of each other.

From there, the stream of cars headed to the Nikko Hotel, where there was a brief reception, followed by a closed-door meeting with Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and other CNMI officials.

Rep. Udall made his first appearance when he joined the meeting about 30 minutes before it ended. Prior to that, he had been resting in a room at the hotel.

A very brief press conference was held after the meeting by Sec. Lujan and Rep. Udall, then most of the group headed to the Governor's house for a dinner reception.

The trip, which lasted about three and a half hours, started in Washington, D.C. Friday, continued to Hawaii, and stopped in Saipan, earlier than expected.

The delegation spent Sunday

night and all day Monday in Guam and leaves for Palau this morning where, after a one-day stay, they will depart to New Zealand for three days and nights.

The twelve members of the House committee that accompanied Sec. Lujan were as follows: Morris K. Udall, D-Arizona; Ron de Lugo, D-Virginia; Bruce

Vento, D-Minnesota; Robert J. Lagomarsino, R-California; Jaime Fuster, D-Puerto Rico; James McClure Clarke, D-North Carolina; Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, D-American Samoa; Barbara F. Vucanovich, R-Nevada; Ben Blaz, R-Guam; John J. Rhodes, R-Arizona; Elton Gallegly, R-California; and Jim Lightfoot, R-Iowa.



Lt. Gov. Pedro A. Tenorio left, took a moment at the Nikko Hotel Sunday to pose with U. S. Sec. of Interior Manuel Lujan.

## Three Attorneys Leaving A.G. Office

Attorneys Ray Buso, Edward Hayden, and Ronald Hammett are all planning to leave the Attorney General's Office, according to sources from the A.G.'s office.

Buso says his replacement has already arrived, in order to facilitate a smooth transition, but that he is not going to leave for a few weeks.

Hayden and Hammett could not be reached for their comments, but sources say Hammett will be staying on Saipan to work

for the Public Defender's Office.

Buso just completed one year as the Director of the Drug Task Force.

He says he is planning to introduce his replacement Monday.

Hayden and Hammett were working in the Criminal Division.

All three attorneys were under two-year contracts with the A.G.'s office.

Attorney General Alex Castro could not be reached for comment.

## Lt. Gov. Gives U. S. Visitors 902 Update

Lt. Governor Pedro A. Tenorio presented several written remarks to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan and a U.S. delegation during a closed-door meeting at the Nikko Hotel Sunday.

Tenorio thanked Lujan for his attendance.

"Mr. Secretary, we are pleased and honored that you have chosen to come within ten days of your confirmation. We hope you know that for us it was welcome news indeed to hear that the U.S. would have as Secretary of the Interior an individual personally

familiar with the Northern Mariana Islands, a cosponsor of the congressional resolution approving the Covenant, and a friend to the Commonwealth throughout his distinguished career on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs."

Tenorio went on to address what he felt are the most pressing issues in U.S. - CNMI relations, namely the terms of the Covenant and the Section 902 Consultations.

"We are struggling to preserve the freedom to govern our lives. . . we believed we had realized by the Covenant," he said.

"The basic concept that our Commonwealth is not a territory or possession of the U.S., but something different, a self-governing commonwealth -- has not always been understood or accepted by officials in the Federal Government," said Tenorio.

He said that, "Fortunately, the framers of the Covenant anticipated that problems would arise in implementing our Covenant with the U.S. and established a mechanism to address these problems -- that mechanism is the Section 902 Consultations."

However, Tenorio pointed out, the Section 902 Consultations

have also had their problems. "The early consultations were unproductive and sometimes antagonistic," he said.

According to Tenorio, the first issue addressed in the consultations was whether purchasers of bonds issued by MIHA (Marianas Islands Housing Authority) should be taxed on the interest paid on those bonds. "In our view, the covenant bars federal taxation of these bonds," he said.

Tenorio said "we are very pleased" to, after much discussion, "reach an agreement with the U.S. that no effort be made to collect federal income taxes from

the bondholders."

He also said that most of the issues raised in the 902 Consultations remain unresolved.

"On some vital issues such as ocean and marine resource jurisdiction, the U.S. has yet to respond to recommendations advanced by the Commonwealth during the early rounds of these negotiations," said Tenorio.

He also said some of the provisions basic to the Covenant are at issue in the discussions.

"First and foremost is the

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mutually binding nature of the Covenant . . . Section 103 reserves all local self-government to the Commonwealth."

Another part of the Covenant Tenorio feels requires addressing is the "full faith and credit guarantee of the U.S." He feels this faith "was diminished by intrusive conditions on the Commonwealth's right of self-government."

One of those intrusions, he says, is the "promulgation of Executive Order 12572, which puts a Dept. of the Interior office here. The Covenant provides no role for the Department of the Interior in the affairs of our Commonwealth."

Tenorio urged the U.S. representatives to consider the urgency of his concerns. "Our own people have emphasized their concern for the issues of self-government and sovereignty. During our last

general election, more than 75% of the voters approved an initiative provided for reconsideration of the Covenant by the people of the Northern Mariana Islands in the event that the Covenant Section 902 consultations produce no understanding with the U.S. on issues of self-government and financial assistance by July 1 of this year."

Wrapping up his speech, Tenorio thanked the U.S. delegation for its attention and pledged his full cooperation.



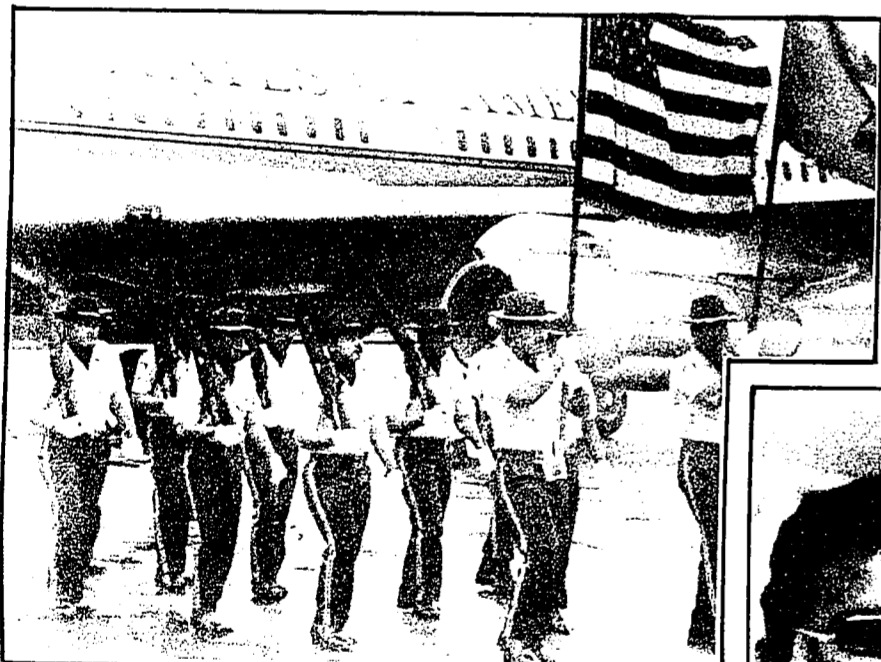
Rep. Morris Udall held a brief press conference at the Nikko Hotel Sunday.



U.S. Secretary of Interior Manuel Lujan joins Lt. Gov. Pedro A. Tenorio U.S. Rep. Ron De Lugo and Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio at Banzai cliff.



Rep. Ben Blaz of Guam & Sec. of Interior Manuel Lujan.



Members of the Dept. of Public Safety, dressed in their finest, greeted the U.S. delegation as they stepped off the plane.

## Secretary of U.S. Department of the Interior and members of U.S. Congress tour Saipan.

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Sen. Juan Babauta & Sec. of Interior Manuel Lujan. In the center is Mrs. Lujan

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# Coast Guard Installs New Range Lights

By Tom Anderson  
 Staff Reporter  
 Range lights which guide ships into Saipan Harbor are now operated from solar power, said Coast Guard Commander James Parker Friday. The new lights were installed because of the unreliability of commercial power supplied by the Commonwealth Utility Corporation.

"The new range is 100 percent better, and more reliable than what we had before," said Parker. "Commercial power has not been adequate."

Not only is there a change in the power source for the range lights, but also the configuration has also changed.

"Before there was two green lights which stay on continuously," said Parker, "but now there will be two lights which will flash on and off. The one light at a one second interval and the second light will flash for three seconds then go off for three seconds."

Also the sizes of the lamps has been reduced but they still provide for a 6 mile range, he said.

"I think we will have a much better range, and certainly a more reliable range," Parker said of changes.

Currently the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers are on island to begin the work on make the

channel wider and deeper, Parker added. Once the Corp has completed its work, a survey of needed changes in the marker system for the channel will be made by the Coast Guard. One proposed change is

to replace the current light on Managaha Island so that it can be visible on a 360 degree arc. Currently the growth of trees on the island has limited the visibility of the light, said Parker.

# Jury Trial Ends In Conviction

A man charged with rape and two counts of kidnapping was found guilty to lesser charges on all three counts Thursday, ending a jury trial in Rota involving an incident that occurred last October.

The defendant, William C. Kani, 21, of Rota, was found guilty by the jury of attempted rape, of false arrest, and of two counts of assault and battery. Judge Jose S. Dela Cruz set the sentencing for February 28.

According to the court report, the victim was 16 and Kani, who worked as a laborer for the Rota delegation, was married.

The crime was committed on or around October 12, 1988, at a small island at the West Harbor and Liyo Housing area.

Prosecuting attorney Edward Hayden represented the CNMI in the case and Oldiais Ngrairikelau was the public defender.

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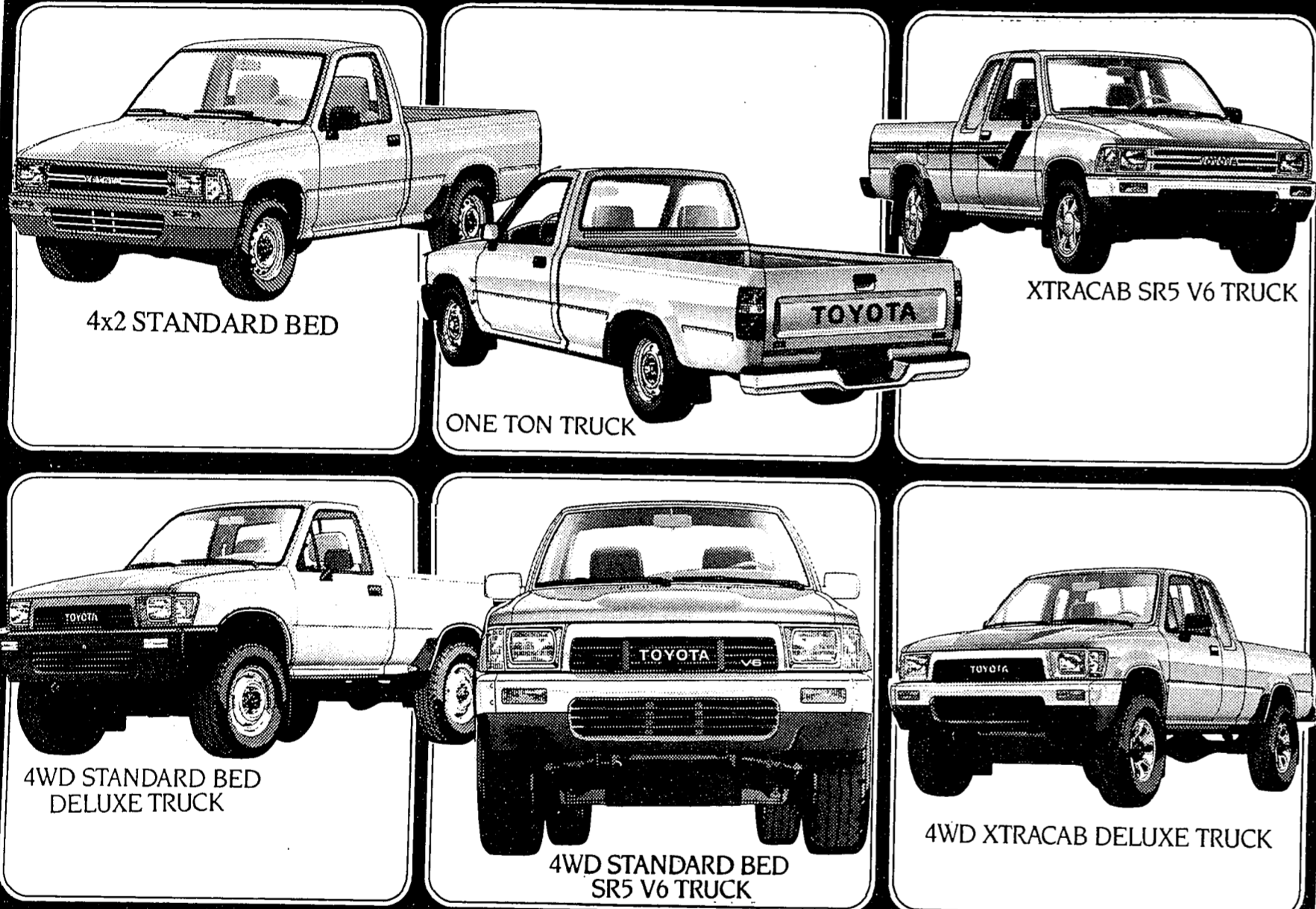
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# Regulation Prohibits Ocean Dumping

By Tom Anderson  
Staff Reporter

More than one million birds and over a 100,000 marine animals and sea turtles die each year because of the dumping of plastic debris in the world's ocean but a new international regulation covering dumping at sea aims to stop the needless slaughter of sea life.

Friday morning Lt. Commander Rich Viera of the U.S. Coast Guard outlined the provisions of Annex V which will prohibit the discharge of plastic garbage anywhere in the ocean. Annex V will be enforced in the waters of the Commonwealth.

"For years the ocean has been a dumping ground for the world's trash," said Viera. "And more trash is being generated now than in any other period of the world's history. A large percentage of that trash is non-biodegradable plastics. Annex V represents the first effort on an international basis to clean up our oceans."

Annex V is a part of the maritime regulations agreed upon at the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships. The United States was the 29th nation to ratify Annex V and it is now recognized by 31 nations around the world, said Viera.

In addition to prohibiting the discharge of plastic refuse, the rule also restricts the dumping of ship-generated garbage and requires adequate facilities for receiving garbage be available at all U.S. ports, terminals and recreational marinas.

The regulations covers commercial, fishing and

recreational vessels of all sizes and types. Violation of the regulations could result in a fine of \$25,000 for each violation and a criminal penalty of up to \$50,000 and five years in jail for repeated violations or for willful non-compliance.

Although the regulation went into effect Dec. 31, 1988, Viera said, currently the Coast Guard is going through the stage of educating the public on the new regulation. Once the educational phase is completed, then will come the issuances of warnings to violators and later the penalty phase will begin.

Suggestion were made to operators of vessels by the Coast Guard as to how to facilitate compliance with the regulations. It was suggested all plastics be separated from other shipboard garbage; to separate all garbage exposed to food stuffs to avoid more stringent disposal requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and for the reduction in the amount of plastics used on board in favor of non-plastic materials.

Currently, said Coast Guard Lt. Peyton Coleman, ocean dumping in the waters of the Commonwealth is just as much a major problem as it is worldwide.

"Everybody is dumping now into the oceans here," said Coleman. "They go out a few miles, put the trash in plastic bags and throw it overboard."

Coleman said he and other Coast Guard personnel had heard of marine animals and fishes as well as bird becoming

entangled in such plastic devices as the holders for six packs of beer.

While the Coast Guard said inspections of vessel for compliance with Annex V will be a part of their regular boarding procedure and they

will enforce the regulation actively, it was acknowledge that the rule will be hard to enforce due to the vast size of the oceans and the possibility of not being detected should one break the rule.

However, Lt. Commander

Viera said, "I hope when people realize the tremendous damage being done to the environment through the dumping of plastics in the ocean that people will voluntarily comply with the regulation."

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## Another Bill Restricting Foreign Workers' Relatives

By Tom Anderson  
Staff Reporter

Another piece of legislation, this one by Rep. Gabriel Babauta, has been introduced to bar relatives of non-resident workers from the Commonwealth.

Rep. Babauta's bill echoes a similar sentiment expressed by Senate Bill 6-129 by Senator Juan Pan Guerrero which also aims at restricting families of non-resident workers from the Commonwealth.

Sen. Guerrero's bill was introduced last September, while Rep. Babauta's bill was introduced into the House early this month.

Other legislation now being considered by either the House or Senate involving non-resident workers include a bill to allow non-resident workers to work at the NM College and a bill to allow non-resident workers to be employed as janitors and security guards in the Commonwealth.

Also still in under

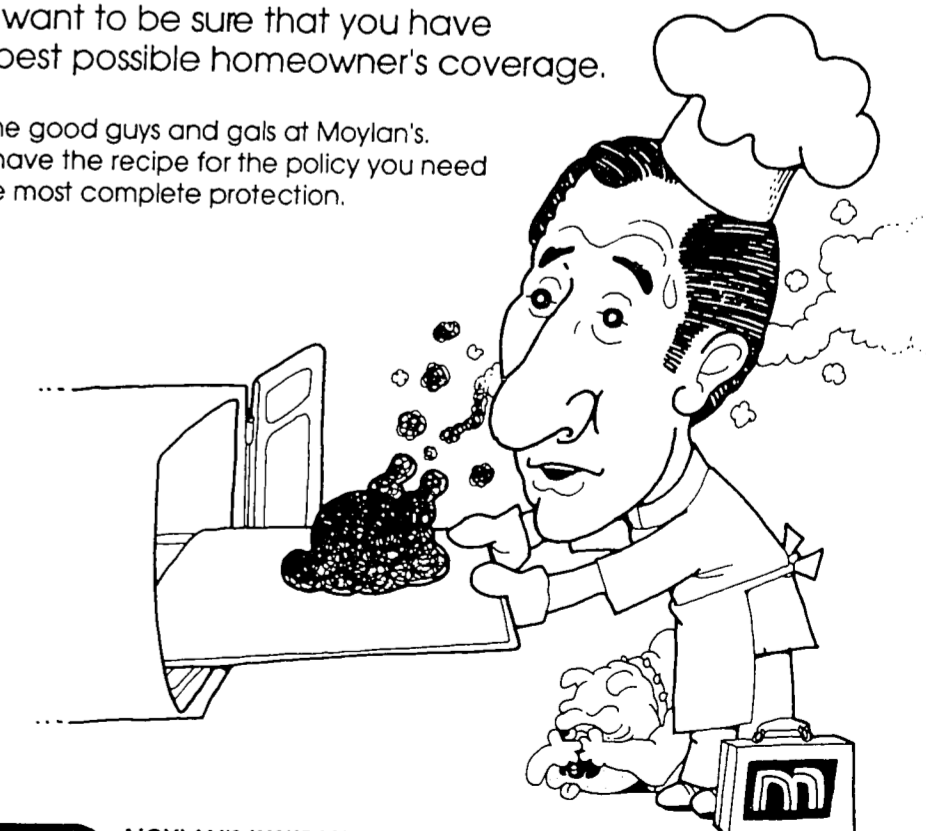
consideration are bills to prohibit immediate relatives of non-resident workers from staying in the Commonwealth regardless of the workers income, to make pregnancy of a non-resident worker a ground from termination of employment and deportation, to allow relatives of non-resident workers now in the Commonwealth to stay only until the workers contract expires, and a bill to place a six month moratorium on the issuance of any non-resident worker certificate.

While the relatives of non-resident workers have several pieces of legislation aimed at having them removed from or barred from the Commonwealth, a recent decision of the federal courts which struck down legislation requiring relatives to leave if the worker did not make at least \$20,000 annual was viewed as a victory for non-resident workers and their families.

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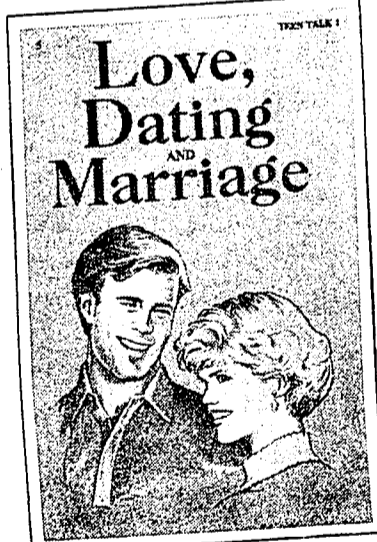
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by Dan Phillips  
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trator.

She replaces Bob Rudolph,  
who is retiring, but will re-  
main with CRM as a consult-  
ant.

Mrs. Bruce, whose husband  
Tim Bruce is legal counsel to  
the Senate, has been working  
in Micronesia since 1983.  
She was an assistant to the  
Attorney General in Truk  
from 1983-1986.

The new position gives her  
"a chance to make policies,"  
she says, compared to her role  
"as an advisor only" as an at-  
torney.

In describing what her job  
will be, she said an important  
part is to "represent the pub-  
lic's interest and to co-ordi-  
nate the interests of various  
agencies." She emphasized  
that "it's important for the

public to know how important  
their input is."

Mrs. Bruce is a member of  
the Bar Associations in Haw-  
aii, Washington State, and  
the Federated States of Mi-  
cronesia.

She is a graduate of Antioch  
Law School in Washington, D.C.  
She says the school's clinical law  
approach was a big help in pre-

paring her for her career.

A native Hawaiian, she said  
she came to Micronesia with  
her family because it pro-  
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**Attorney General  
defends choice  
of Smith**

By Tom Anderson  
Staff Reporter

It was his nominee that was  
rejected by the House for the post  
of Chief of the Division of Inter-  
gov- mental Relations, and  
Attorney General Alex Castro  
has expressed his disappoint-  
ment over the House's actions to  
Speaker Pedro Guerrero.

Attorney General Castro, in a  
letter to the Speaker, said the  
House Committee on Judiciary  
and Governmental Operations  
made "several serious errors" in  
its committee report. The errors,  
said Castro, "may have misled  
other members of the House."

First error, pointed out by  
Castro, was the committee's  
understanding that the Attorney  
General Office does not fully  
support Article VII of the CNMI  
Constitution.

"It is now and always has been  
our position that Article VII is a  
vital part of our Constitution,"  
says Castro.

But he adds his office feels  
Article VII has to be submitted to  
correct court interpretation in  
order for it to stand.

"It is essential that Article VII  
be construed by our court in a  
legally correct way or the CNMI,  
under applicable provisions of  
the Covenant, runs the risk of  
having it ultimately struck down  
as an unnecessarily extreme vio-  
lation of other interest and rights  
secured to the people of the Com-  
monwealth under the  
Constitution and the Covenant,"  
Castro said.

A second error, which Castro  
points to, is the committee's in-  
terpretation of the AG's office's  
position related to Agulto vs.  
Villaluz and Ferreira vs. Borja.

Castro said, the AG's Office  
position is meant to protect the  
interest of persons of NMI de-  
scent, and not to jeopardize their  
interest as the committee report  
seemed to indicate.

"It is the position of this office  
that a non-NMI person may not  
acquire title to real property in the  
Commonwealth without violat-  
ing Article VII, and that any such  
violation renders the transaction  
creating the title interest void. In  
the cases where a NMI titleholder  
enters into a side agreement by  
which a non-NMI persons ac-  
quires an interest in violation of  
Article VII, it is the side agree-  
ment transaction which should be  
voided, not the transaction  
conveying the title to the NMI  
titleholder.

"This approach gives reason-  
able effect to Article VII's pro-  
hibition against non-NMI owner-  
ship of land, avoids a forfeiture of  
title held by Chamorros and  
Carolinians and their families,  
preserves the absolutely neces-  
sary reliability and security of  
record title, avoids the utilization  
of parol evidence to invalidate  
documents of title with clear and

unambiguous language, thwarts  
fraudulent attempts to regain title  
to land, and gives effect to settle  
principles of law. The Agulto and  
Ferreira decisions may have the  
opposite effect in every particu-  
lar," says Castro.

In reference to the committee's  
contention that Smith was a part  
of the Agulto appeal in which the  
appeal was heard by only two  
judges, Castro says, "...he did not  
argue the case and was not even  
in the courtroom when the deci-  
sion was made to have only two  
judges hear the appeal."

Castro's final words reflected  
his view that the House's rejec-  
tion of Smith was purely political  
in nature.

"...As a result of petty politics  
within the Legislature, the Com-  
monwealth lost a valuable and  
competent attorney to fill the  
position of Chief of Intergov-  
mental Relations. I hope and pray  
that one of these days elected  
leaders of the Commonwealth  
will make decisions based upon  
interests of the people of the  
Commonwealth as opposed to  
political interests."

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Commonwealth of the  
Northern Mariana Islands  
Commonwealth Trial Court  
Civil Action No. 89-87  
In Re The Estate of  
DOROTEO KISA,

Deceased.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that Maria Kisa Torres, of Saipan, Mariana Islands has filed a petition in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth Trial Court to be appointed as Administratrix of the Estate of Doroteo Kisa, deceased. The attorney of record is Pedro M. Atalig, Esq., P.O. Box 332 CHR, Saipan, MP 96950, Northern Mariana Islands. The hearing on the petition of Doroteo Kisa is set for 2nd day of March, 1989, at the Commonwealth Trial Court, at 1:30 p.m. All interested persons should appear at this hearing.

All persons having claims against the estate, or against the deceased should file their claims with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Trial Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice.  
Dated this 26th day of Jan. 1989.

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Trial Court

Civil Action No. 89-175

In Re The Estate of FRANCISCA M. WABOL, a/k/a Francisca Wabol Igauliman, Francisca W. Fanama, and Francisca W. Lutan,

Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING and NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The petition of Pilar Fanama Lisua seeking to be appointed as Administrator of the Estate of Francisca M. Wabol, deceased, has been set for hearing before the Commonwealth Trial Court, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, on the 2nd day of March, 1989, at 1:30 p.m.

Any person who has any objection to this petition may file his or her objection with the Commonwealth Trial Court at any time before the hearing or may appear at the time set for hearing to present such objection or interest in the above-captioned matter.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the Estate of Francisca M. Wabol or against the deceased Francisca M. Wabol, that within sixty (60) days after the publication of this notice, they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Trial Court or be forever barred.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1989.

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The selected firm shall be expected to design the pumping station renovation, prepare the plans and specifications, assist in award and subsequent construction management. Guidelines for the renovations work will be provided by the Water Planning and Construction Branch, CUC and will be available by February 13, 1989. The firms shall prepare in triplicate a proposal that addresses the following requirements:

1. The principal engineer must be a CNMI licensed Professional Civil Engineer. A copy of the CNMI license is required in the proposal.
2. The selection shall be based on competitive rates, availability of service, and experience on similar projects.
3. A fee schedule for the design work and the Construction Management must also be included.
4. The design work must be completed within three weeks (21 calendar days) after Notice-to-Proceed. The construction work will be bid in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

The proposals shall be marked CUC-RFP-89-W007 and submitted to the Office of the Executive Director, CUC, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 by 4:00 p.m. local time March 13, 1989.

CUC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason and to waive any defect in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interests.

All proposals become the property of the CUC.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Ralph B. Baumer, Asst. Director of CUC Water Division at telephone number (670) 322-9383 or fax number (670) 322-9382.

/s/PEDRO SASAMOTO  
Executive Director, CUC

**Japanese Special Ed Teachers Visiting MHS**

Four teachers from Hikari Gakuen, an institute for the severely handicapped in Inuyama, Nagoya, arrived in Saipan Saturday and are scheduled to stay here one week.

Coming here as part of an educational and cultural exchange program with Marianas High School, they are here to observe and

participate in the school's Secondary Mainstreaming / Transition Program, according to Richard Castro, the program's coordinator.

The four visitors are Sumio Kawasaki, Junji Hayashi, Atsuko Hiramatsu, and Yukie Kojima.

Castro said their trip is an exchange of the trip he made to their families in June, 1987

He said some teachers from his program will visit the institute in Japan next year.

He said that this is not the first time these four have visited Saipan. According to Castro, they were here in December, 1987, for a tour of the island, but this is the first time they will be at MHS to observe the program.

"I am looking forward to the

future expansion of our educational and cultural exchange program," said Castro.

The Japanese teachers are all relatively young, with three of them being 33 and one 26 years old.

The team, consisting of two men and two women, has a varied educational background.

Kawasaki graduated in Business from Nagoya Gakuin University in 1979, Hayashi graduated in Social Welfare from Buddhism University in 1979, Hiramatsu graduated in Social Welfare from Douhou University in 1978, and Kojima graduated in English from Nanzan University in 1984.

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Mr. Sumio Kawasaki



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**Chamber To Hold Tax Workshop**

A one-day income tax workshop, sponsored by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, will be held Thursday, February 23.

The workshop, the Chamber's first this year, will, in the morning session, feature Personal Income Tax topics, including exemptions, dependents, itemized deductions, employee business expenses, gains and losses, interest expenses, and passive rules.

In the after-lunch session, to be held from 1:30-4:00 p.m., the subject of Business Income Taxes will be discussed. This includes capitalization methods, accounting methods and periods, travel and entertainment, depreciation changes, elections compliance enforcement, penalties, partnerships, gross receipts, and self-employment tax. This schedule is according to the agenda issued by the Chamber office.

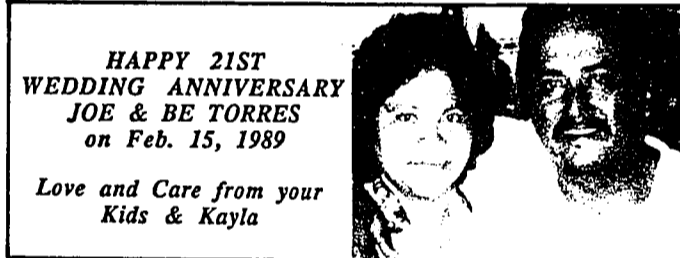
Chamber president Joe Camacho will open the workshop with some welcoming remarks. The speakers are: Joe Arnett, CPA and tax partner at Touche Ross and Co.; and Robert Steffy, CPA and tax consultant.

The workshop will held at the Saipan Beach Hotel from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber office at 234-6132 / 7058.



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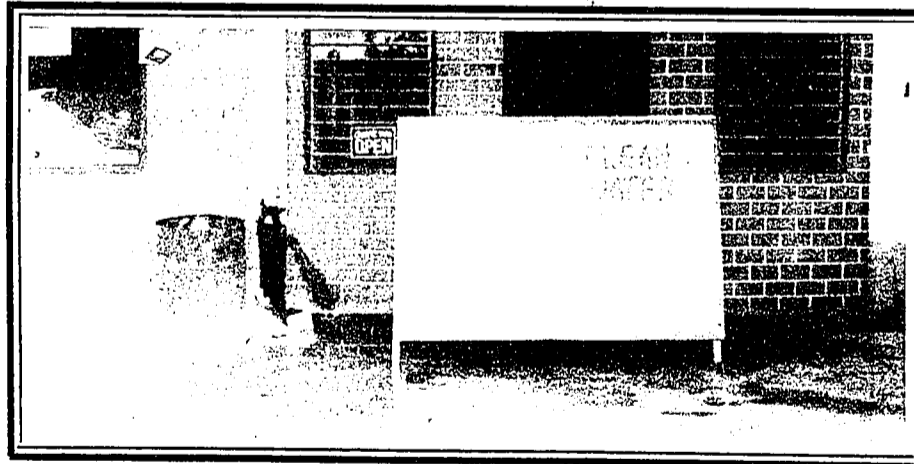


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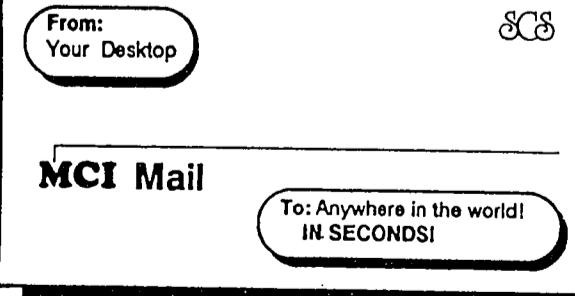
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## Interior Committee Consultant Recommended Palau Compact

HONOLULU (AP) — The House Interior Committee has kept secret for 13 months a consultant's recommendation that Congress should approve legislation that would give Palau a new political and economic pact with the United States, it was learned Friday.

Tom Dunmire of Honolulu, was hired in late 1987 by the committee and sent to the Western Pacific archipelago to probe alleged government corruption.

Dunmire, a retired Interior committee employee, on Jan. 9, 1988, in a report given to four committee staff workers, recommended that "without delay" Congress should pass legislation to implement a proposed Compact of Free Association.

A copy of Dunmire's report summary was obtained Friday by the Associated Press in Honolulu.

Dunmire could not be reached for comment.

He was in Palau at the same time as a General Accounting Office team sent by the committee to investigate allegations of corruption and bribery among high-ranking government officials, misappropriation of federal and Palau funds, heroin trafficking and violence against Palauans opposed to the compact.

Committee Chairman Morris K. Udall, D-Ariz., and Insular and International Affairs subcommittee chairman, Del. Ron de Lugo, D-Virgin Islands, ordered the probe.

Udall and de Lugo are in a 12-member committee delegation which left Washington Friday for a 10-day trip to U.S. territories in the Pacific, Palau and New Zealand.

With the group is new Secretary of Interior Manuel Lujan, Jr.

Palau, an island chain with an estimated 15,000 population, has been an United Nations strategic trusteeship since 1947. The U.S. is the administering authority and Congress, in the past, has appropriated about two-thirds of Palau's operational funds.

Under the compact, which Congress enacted into law in 1986, Palau would become self governing and would receive \$460 million in U.S. aid during the first 15 years of its 50-year term.

Palauans also must approve it by a 75 percent vote because of an anti-nuclear provision in its constitution.

A bill to implement the pact evolved in: a heated dispute between congressional members over its terms on Oct. 21, the eve of adjournment.

New legislation has been drafted by de Lugo. However, it apparently was not introduced before the delegation left on its trip.

The delegation is scheduled to discuss the legislation with Palau leaders, including new President Ngiratkel Etpison, next Tuesday.

Dunmire's report was addressed to Roy Jones, the Interior committee's associate staff director and counsel; Richard A. Agnew, chief counsel for the committee's Republican members; Jeffrey Farrow, insular and international affairs subcommittee staff director, and Manase Mansur, Republican subcommittee staff consultant.

In the report's summary, Dunmire wrote, "Although the future of Palau is bleak and the U.S. investment is large both in dollars and good intentions, America should realize its limitations in Palau as it did in Vietnam."

He also recommended development of "effective law en-

forcement and financial assistance programs" for Palau with U.S. assistance and "initiate steps to remove former OMSN (Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations) policy personnel" from the State Department's Office of Freely Associated State Affairs.

"Those charged with Palauan affairs in the Department of State have a vested interest in ensuring the success of the compact," Dunmire wrote. "Therefore, reports from the Department of State, more than likely, will be laudatory, dismissing negative impacts on U.S. national interests which arise from compact implementation."

No OMSN official has been removed from OFASA, which is responsible for government-to-government relations with Palau.

OFASA has dispatched one of its desk officers to be in Palau during the congressional group's visit. The resident State Department liaison representative is in Bangkok, said James D. Berg, OFASA's director.

## MHS Career Day Lets Students See Choices

by Dan Phillips  
Students at Marianas High School got a unique look at what could be their futures Friday at the school's annual career day.

Career workshops were held for the first four periods of the school day, followed by demonstrations after lunch.

MHS vice-principal said he thinks it is very important to expose the students to different careers. "It gives them several options to look at. When I was in high school, there was nobody to come and tell me about careers. I may have made a different choice if there had been," he said.

One of the highlights of the day was the mock trial

demonstration, performed by MHS students with assistance from the Bar Association. Attorney General Alex Castro was in attendance to provide his insight and assistance to the proceedings.

The prosecuting attorney, played by Keoki Sablan, argued his case in front of a student jury, while "defense attorney" Edwin Propst tried to get the "defendant" off.

In the end, the defendant was found not guilty to the charge of vehicular manslaughter, but guilty to the charge of driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI). The student "judge", John Tudela, agreed with the jury's verdict.

Demonstrations were also



Marianas High student Keoki Sablan played the part of prosecuting attorney in a mock trial that was part of the school's Career Day Friday.

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## New Palau President To Visit Washington

HONOLULU (AP)—Palau's new president will meet with Bush administration officials late next week in Washington before going to Tokyo for Emperor Hirohito's funeral, a State Department official said Thursday.

It will be the first foreign trip for Ngiratkel Etpison since he took office Jan. 1 as Palau's third elected president in nine years.

Etpison, 63, will depart Koror, Palau's capital, on Feb. 15 shortly after a House Interior Committee delegation departs for New Zealand.

James D. Berg, director of State's Office of Freely Associated State Affairs, said Etpison and leaders from Palau's congress will meet with various

administration officials starting Feb. 16. Berg said it was doubtful that Etpison would get to see President Bush.

Berg and state's deputy assistant secretary, J. Stapleton Roy, were in Palau on Jan. 26 for Etpison's formal inauguration.

Palau, with about 15,000 residents, is the world's only remaining strategic trusteeship established by the United Nations in 1947 following the end of World War II. The United States administers its affairs.

The Western Pacific island chain for several years has been seeking a new political relationship with the United States which would give it self-government and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic aid.



Attorney General Alex Castro made a surprise appearance at the mock trial that was part of Career Day at Marianas High School Friday. To his right, "Judge" John Tudela listens to Castro's words of wisdom.

given in the fields of broadcasting, entertainment industry, law enforcement, beautician, military, and computers.

Most of the students found the workshops they attended for the first three periods a worthwhile experience.

Joe Santos, a senior, attended workshops in law, teaching, medical, and the military. "I am interested in law, and the workshop today strengthened that interest," he said.

Barbara Concepcion, a sophomore, said there weren't any workshops in the fields she is interested in, but that the

workshops she did attend were interesting, nevertheless. "The military speakers made the students laugh, and they were interesting," she said.

Ichih Chen, a senior, said "the (work)shops make it easier for the us to decide what to do in the future." He said the computer workshop helped provide information that he may be able to use in pursuing a career in business.

Leona Guerrero, a senior, said she has already decided to go into teaching, but that "it's really good for students who haven't decided what they want to be."

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