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## Territorials "GOOD COMBINATION"

SAIPAN--Gubernatorial candidate Jose C. Tenorio (Joeten) named running-mate, Senator Olympio T. Borja, for lieutenant governor amidst a crowd of three hundred Territorial party leaders and supporters in a meeting held last Wednesday evening at the Marianas High School.

Tenorio's announcement of his choice was unanimously accepted and accompanied by applause and cheering.

Representatives from each district, including Rota and Tinian, stood to express their full support of both leaders.

Jesus Villagomez, Manny Muna, and Herman Palacios, all strong Borja supporters, were on hand to express their appreciation and support of Borja as their number two leader in the new Commonwealth government.

Senator Borja, who is currently in Washington heading the Select Committee on War Claims, representing the Marianas before Congressional hearings, was to be informed by telephone of the news.

A long-time politician and one of the founders of the Territorial Party, Borja switched to join the

former Popular Party in 1972. He this year lost the nomination for the gubernatorial seat to Dr. Carlos Camacho which was followed with disagreements and conflicts among Party supporters.

Gubernatorial candidate Joeten expressed satisfaction at what he called "a good combination" guaranteed to win the election.

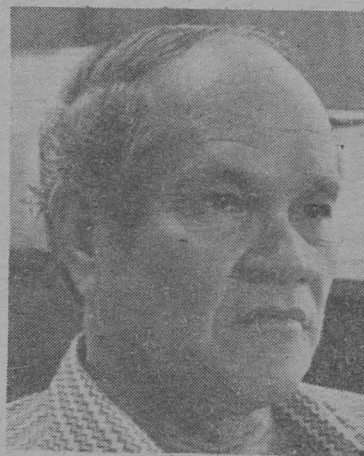
Meanwhile, the Democratic Party will hold another Convention this coming weekend. Following Camacho's nomination a month ago, he has named three different running-mates, each of

whom declined his offer.

Northern Marianas Executive Officer Francisco C. Ada is reported to have accepted the offer made by Camacho to be his running mate in the

upcoming elections.

Ada, former District Administrator for the Northern Marianas, will replace Pedro A. Tenorio on the Democratic ticket who declined the post earlier this week.



JOETEN



BORJA

## Deputy Hicom nomination still on task

Eve Lowe  
Staff Writer

SAIPAN--The year 1981 is a desirable goal for the end of the Trusteeship Agreement, which has psychologically gone on too long already," said High Commissioner Adrian P. Winkel at a Friday press conference.

The absence of an appointed Deputy High Commissioner has perhaps also gone on too long, he admitted, saying that it would be one of the subjects to be discussed in his forthcoming visit to Washington.

When questioned about the current rumour that the appointment of Juan A. Sablan, presently acting Deputy HiCom, would be announced by Interior during Winkel's Washington stay, he said that he hoped the situation would soon be resolved.

"I will neither confirm nor repudiate"

the fact that I have recommended Sablan for the post," said Winkel, who had early in his administration categorically stated that Sablan was not in the running. "My discussions with Interior on the subject have been informal," he said, adding that he had as yet made no formal recommendations for the position.

The HiCom will leave Saturday (September 24) to meet with officials from Interior Department and the Office of Management and Budget.

Primary reason for the trip will be the presentation of the Trust Territory Government's FY 79 budget, said Winkel, but other matters will also be discussed during the stay.

Included will be a draft proposal for the resolution of EDLF loans already sub-

mitted to the Department of Interior following discussions with DOTA and the Congress of Micronesia leadership in July, at which time it was decided the High Commissioner's office would undertake a study to develop a proposed administrative structure for the handling of the funds.

This worksheet, said Winkel, will in turn

go to the House Appropriations Sub-Committee, which had placed its own freeze on further issue of funds pending satisfactory remedy of deficiencies in what he called "a sensitive area."

A report on conditions on Ebeye and Bikini will also be made to Interior following his recent visit to those is-

lands. "Obviously, there must be an improvement of conditions (on Ebeye)," the HiCom said, the situation requiring a master plan. Conditions in these two areas have been uppermost in my mind, the High Commissioner said.

The High Commissioner plans to return on approximately October 6.

## First King Visits Saipan

SAIPAN--The Head of State of Tonga, His Majesty King Taufaahua Tupou IV, will arrive on Saipan next week for a two-day official visit.

Head of State of the only autonomous kingdom in Polynesia, His Majesty inherited the throne in 1965 upon

the death of his mother, Queen Salote IV. He is widely known as a statesman and scholar.

According to officials, the King will visit Saipan as the result of a desire expressed while on a State visit to Guam last January, and will

subsequently visit other areas in Micronesia.

King Tupou, accompanied by his wife, Queen Halaevalu Mataaho will arrive on Monday, September 26 at 4:10 p.m. and during his stay, will meet with Resident

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# School lunch faces complaints

Eve Lowe  
Staff Writer

SAIPAN--At the completion of the Fall semester's fifth week, the federal school lunch program does not appear to be well accepted in certain of Saipan's public schools.

Turning down what for most students is a free lunch are almost the entire student body of the Marianas High School and two-thirds of the 807 students enrolled at Hopwood Junior High.

Although the several elementary schools returns show an almost full response to the program, Hopwood's principal Antonio Santos reports participation in the program to be slow but increasing. At Hopwood, where 98% of the children qualify for a free lunch, many complain that the quantity is not sufficient. Santos said he feels he cannot force the kids to follow the lunch program and a steady number feel they get a better deal from the island's roving snack wagons.

That the kids are disappointed with the lunch being offered is without question, said one MHS teacher. Interviews with staff members disclosed that they themselves did not use the program and preferred instead to buy a hot lunch plate from the snack wagon which daily calls at the school. "For 35¢ we can get a hamburger, or chicken with rice and salad," say both students and teachers.

Currently offered in the federal program is a cold lunch pending the TT Food Services Department's resolution of its lack of kitchen facilities.

Students describe the cold lunch as being "inadequate in quantity and quality." A plain peanut butter sandwich, half a canned apricot and some peanuts is not their idea of an appealing lunch, they say. Many bemoaned the absence of rice.

And a large number of MHS students daily walk the 300 yards to Joeten's store and fill themselves up on Coke, ice cream, and rice crackers, say observing teachers.

A spokesman for the contracting company, Herman's Food Services, said that lack of USDA commodities and facilities were the factors causing the complaints. Juan Tenorio, Herman's manager overseeing the food preparation and distribution maintains that lack of refrigeration equipment necessitates purchasing on a daily basis. "Menus have to be drawn up almost daily and this means we have to take

advantage of certain food-stuffs as they are available," said Tenorio. There are no USDA commodities available to us right now, he added, and all buying is done locally. "We have a strict budget to follow which does not allow for the local purchase of cheese, salami, or bologna, and cooking hamburgers is out of the question due to the lack of kitchen facilities," he said.

Tenorio thought it possible that the nutritional requirements laid down by federal regulations were presently in question. "We try to make up some days with extra fruit or vegetables," he said, "but we are in a very difficult position. The government has cut our throats over this one."

Tenorio was also in agreement with school children's ideas on sandwiches - that they are not a favored food. "Our hands are tied," he said. "We are doing our best, but all we get is complaints."

Under the TT-wide \$4.9 million program, a three-tiered scale of charges applied against parents' annual earnings puts the majority of students in the "free" lunch category.

Teachers pay 85¢ per meal, which on one occasion, said an MHS staff member, consisted of a sandwich filled with a slice of wafer thin cold meat, about one tablespoon of cold peas and some peanuts. The drink offered that day was an extremely watery fruit punch with a distinct chlorinated taste.

Food Services, who have recently purchased the Micronesian Construction Company's quarters at Lower Base, say that the situation will be resolved as soon as they can convert the premises into a central kitchen facility to service the island.

Receiving company Transpac has said MCC can vacate the buildings within 30 days, and according to Marianas Education Director Jess Concepcion, the \$56,000 asking price for the property has been agreed upon. Necessary modifications will need to be made to the interior which will also become Food Services Central management office and distributing center for the Family Food Program.

Satellite kitchens will also exist at Marianas High and private school, Mount Carmel, where an alternative menu will eventually be offered the high school children, but the facilities

will not be in operation much before the end of the year, says George Bussell, Food Services Officer.

In the meantime, stated Maria Bermudes, Marianas Food Services Co-ordinator, many kids are taking their lunch tickets in the mornings but just not lining up at lunchtime to collect their food.

Principal Vic Cepeda says he now has stamped the school's and the students' names on each ticket following reports that the tickets were handed either to fellow students or to students in other schools.

Such reports are not accounted for in the tallies at other schools, however, insists Bussell. The co-ordinator's figures show an almost 100% participation in all except Hopwood and MHS. Reasons for this could be accounted for by the lack of alternative food sources at other schools, agreed Bermudes, adding that there is an indeterminate amount of waste on the occasions when students do not line up to receive food.

She added that Food Services are required to reimburse Hermans Food

Services, contractor for the program, according to the number of lunches ordered.

Said MHS Student Council president Christopher Sablan, we do not know in advance what is on the menu, and although the few who participate in the program take the federal hand-out, many eat only the fruit or salad and discard the sandwich.

Although Bussell said he had had no feedback from MHS students' parents on the subject, Sablan said he has approached the principal with complaints about the food's quality and there will be a meeting to discuss the subject later this week.

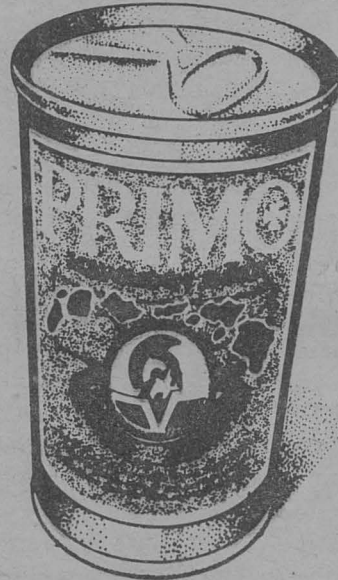
Education director Concepcion said he felt some of the reticence on the students' part was due to their shame in being seen accepting a hand-out. A small group of MHS 9th graders added voice to this theory by insisting they were not "freeloaders".

Said Concepcion, the elementary schools are no problem, but "It is hard to form an accurate view and we cannot really evaluate until we are into the hot feeding program in the early part of next year," he said.

Herman's Juan Tenorio is also anxious for the start of the hot meals service. "I think producing hot meals will be a whole lot easier," he said.

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# Committee on war claims seeks support

SAIPAN--A four-man delegation from the Northern Marianas Select Committee on War Claims which departed Saipan Monday (Sept. 20) for Washington D.C., voiced optimism at obtaining resolution to the outstanding settlement of War Claims in the Northern Marianas.

Headed by acting chairman of the Committee, Senator Olympio T. Borja, the

delegation also included Senators J.R. Cruz, Vincent M. Calvo, and Legislative Counsel to the Committee, Ramon G. Villagomez.

The Committee's chairman said the delegates would be lobbying for restoration of Clause 103 under the Omnibus Bill (HR 6550), recently adopted by the U.S. Senate which authorizes appropriations for certain U.S.

territories.

The version adopted by the Senate, however, deleted the section previously adopted by the U.S. House of Representatives, which provided for authorized funding for settlement of War Claims under the Micronesian Claims Act of 1971.

Total awards were made by the now defunct Micronesian Claims Commission of \$34,349,509 under Title I and \$32,634,403 under Title II of the Act, of which \$10 million and \$20 million have been paid to claimants respectively.

The deleted clause,

said Borja, provides for full compensation of adjudicated claims under Title II and 50% of claims under Title I. He added that members of the Committee would be giving testimony to the U.S. Senate to the effect that pending decisions by the U.S. Court of Appeals in the Ralpho and Melong cases should not jeopardize settlement of claims for the people of the Northern Marianas.

It was earlier thought that because the version of the bill as enacted by the Senate was different from that adopted by the House of Representatives that the bill

would be committed to a Conference Committee.

But according to Office of Transition Studies and Planning Washington Representative Edward DLG. Pangelinan, the clause will now be the subject of negotiation between House and Senate.

Senator Borja added before his departure that their discussions in Washington will also include reopening those late-filed claims which, according to a Select Committee report, may add up to as much as \$250,000 worth of damages in the Northern Marianas.

## Atalig sworn in for legislature seat

SAIPAN, (NML)--Felipe Q. Atalig was sworn-in yesterday afternoon as senator of the Fifth Northern Mariana Islands Legislature.

The new member of the legislature was given the oath of office by Resident Commissioner Erwin D. Canham in brief ceremonies held at the Speaker's Office in Susupe.

Senator Atalig replaces former Senator Herman Q. Guerrero who resigned as of September 1st. Atalig will serve on the Legislature's Social and Economic Committees, according to a memorandum issued today by Speaker Herman R. Guerrero.

Commenting on his appointment to serve out the remaining term vacated by his predecessor, Atalig said he will continue to champion his cause pertaining to alien labor.

"There are too many foreign workers here numbering about three-thousand whose presence deny our local working force the opportunity to jobs which could be handled

by our people," Senator Atalig said.

"This phenomenon not only robs our people with job opportunities, but it also suffocates the economic well-being of many families and further denies our people the chance to learn trades and skills necessary for survival," Atalig said.

"Although I have but three months left under the current term, I'll see to it that loopholes in current immigration and labor laws are tightened-up and properly enforced," he said, adding, "if enforcement is the problem in ascertaining that aliens return home upon completion of their contract then I'll devote my time to see that these laws are improved and strictly enforced."

Senator Atalig was a member of the Congress of Micronesia's House of Representatives. He championed the passage of various labor and immigration laws during his tenure with the Congress. He is currently the editor of Saipan's newest local paper "The Munchi Narara."



Atalig(R) in a sworn in ceremony.

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# SENATORS PROTEST UOG TUITION

SAIPAN, (NML)--The Congress of Micronesia expressed concern this week over problems being encountered by Micronesian students at the University of Guam (UOG).

Concern about the welfare of Micronesian students at the University of Guam was aired by Senator Nick Bossy during a recent meeting held between the Congress of Micronesia's Joint Committee on Education and the Northern Marianas Legislature's Social Committee on Saipan.

The meeting was prompted by a recent report submitted to the Legislature by Senator Oscar Rasa who recently spearheaded efforts to lower tuition at UOG for Northern Marianas students. In the same report, Senator Rasa recommended that "relations with the University of Guam be minimized" and that other alternative means of education be explored in Hawaii and the U.S. mainland for Northern Marianas students.

In the meeting, Senator Bossy said he agrees that a representative from the Congress of Micronesia joins a committee from the Northern Marianas Legislature to the U.S. mainland to explore other institutions of higher learning where Micronesian students could go to school.

Aside from the high non-resident tuition fees being imposed upon Micronesian and Marianas students, senators also expressed concern over present university policy to close down the cafeteria during the weekend while simultaneously imposing a regulation prohibiting students from cooking at the dormitory. Micronesian students must now cope with an increase in dormitory fees, Senator Oscar Rasa said, adding, "students often encounter undue harassment regarding I-20s."

The Micronesian and Marianas senators have agreed to explore

other means of education for Micronesian and Marianas students in Hawaii and the U.S. mainland, hopefully by the early part of next month, according to Senator Jack Villanueva, chairman of the

Legislature's Social Committee. The committee is now preparing a list of institutions in the mainland to visit in early October, Villanueva said.

Other participants in the meeting besides

COM's Senator Bossy and Marianas Senators Villanueva and Rasa, include: Senator J.S. Guerrero, Legislative Counsel Bill Nabors and COM's Staff Attorney, Brad Coates.

## HICOM INKS SCHOLARSHIP BILL

SAIPAN, (MNS)---High Commissioner Adrian P. Winkel signed into law a \$350,000 Education Assistance Grant for the 1977-78 school year last Wednesday according to Strik Yoma, Director of Public Affairs.

This is the first action Winkel has taken on bills passed by the Congress of Micronesia since he officially became High Commissioner. "I've signed a lot of things in my life," Winkel commented, "but this is the first time I've signed something into law."

Of the \$350,000, the sum of \$259,000 will be used to assist

those students presently attending schools abroad, and \$91,000 will be allotted for new students going to school.

"Many young Micronesians students will be very pleased when they hear about the bill becoming law," said TT Director of Education David Ramarui. "And we in the Education Department are certainly pleased that this important legislation was among the first bills from the Special Session of the Congress of Micronesia that the High Commissioner acted upon."

Statistics provided by the Headquarters Department of Educa-

tion show that 738 students are presently attending schools outside of Micronesia. Also, there are 844 new students that have not been awarded grants. The measure is now Public Law 7-58.

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# U.S. Micro talks Set For Late October

SAIPAN, (MNS)---The next round of roundtable discussions between representatives of Micronesia and the United States will take place during the third week of October, Ambassador Peter Rosenblatt said in an interview this week with David Ngirmidol, Palau Public Information Officer. He did not mention the site of the next talks.

Ambassador Rosenblatt, who replaced former Ambassador Philip Manhard as the President's personal representative in the Micronesian status negotiations, said that there is a "general understanding" between the district leaders of the time of the next negotiations.

In his 20-minute interview with Ngirmidol, Ambassador Rosenblatt was asked to explain the "two-tier approach" to formal negotiations with Micronesia. He said that the first is the "multilateral tier" which concerns those subjects which the United States wishes to discuss concerning its future relationship with all of Micronesia. The U.S. negotiating team during the Guam meeting in July suggested that two topics which might be covered would be the U.S. responsibilities in the areas of foreign affairs and defense as they relate to all of Micronesia. The second, according to the Ambassador, is the so-called "bilateral tier" in which the United States would discuss those subject matters that concern the United States with each of the six districts, or with any combination of districts that wish to negotiate with the United States.

Ambassador Rosenblatt said that the first thing that will be discussed next month will be the "division of topics" on the bilateral and multilateral talks. He said he expects that there will not be a "great deal of disagreement" among the districts on what topics should be treated as multilateral or bilateral issues.

He added that the U.S. proposal concerning the division of topics between multilateral tiers relates to their concern with the people of Micronesia. Said Rosenblatt: "There is, in fact, a whole additional series of topics which don't directly concern the United States but which do relate very importantly to the future of all of Micronesia."

Asked what the differences are between the Carter Administration and that of previous administrations with respect to the future

political status of Micronesia, Rosenblatt said that it is the offer of a "full range of choice" which belongs to the people of Micronesia as to their own future.

"We are not limiting the range of choice to any particular form of relationship between Micronesia and the United States," continued the Ambassador. This is consistent with President Carter's firm belief in "human rights", which, according to Rosenblatt, "is terribly important" to Micronesia. "We believe that human rights (issue) has a direct application to the future of Micronesia," Rosenblatt said, "in a way that it has direct application to very few other areas of American concern."

"We are conscious of the fact that the Trust under which we now administer Micronesia," continued the Ambassador, "was imposed upon Micronesia without the consent of the Micronesian people at the conclusion of World War II. And we believe strongly that this is a form of relationship which must be changed. That is why we have been urging all of the Micronesian parties since the Carter Administration took power that the Trusteeship period must end and that it must be replaced with a new form of association which represents the freely expressed will of the Micronesian people."

The U.S. Ambassador believes that the desire of the vast majority of the people of Micronesia with whom he has spoken is for a free association type of status. It was on that basis that the United States came up with a two-tier approach to status negotiations. He emphasized, however, that free association is not the only choice left for Micronesia to have. He said that during the course of his visits in Micronesia, he has found virtually no disagreement with the thought that free association "is the way of the future."

Turning to the subject of the United States attitude on Micronesian unity versus fragmentation, Rosenblatt said that it was the conclusion of the Administration's study and consideration that the U.S. must recognize the call by the Marshalls and Palau to negotiate separately from the rest of Micronesia.

"It was perfectly clear," he said, "that freely and democratically elected representatives of the people of the Marshalls and Palau

desired separate negotiations." He pointed out that the United States is committed, by both of its system of government and under the UN charter, to respect the wishes of the people of Micronesia.

"Therefore," he explained, "we have made that decision, but I must (say) that we did so reluctantly, and we did so in the hope that there would be no repetition of this kind of development."

"I say this frankly and straightforwardly that if the process of fragmentation continues--and the threat of such fragmentation is not limited only to districts asking to negotiate separately---it could result in a situation where units which are too small by any reckoning to have any kind of relationship of economic and political equality with the United States or with the rest of the world, could result."

"And we are very much concerned about this prospect and hopeful that our negotiations will result in the preservation of some form of all-Micronesian entities which would operate in the economic, and to a limited extent, in the political field," Ambassador Rosenblatt stated.

In response to a question posed by Ngirmidol as to what the U.S. interest in Micronesia will be after termination of the Trusteeship, Ambassador Rosenblatt said the U.S. will continue to have a deep interest in Micronesia for a variety of reasons. First is that they intend to become a "strong Pacific power." The other is a "moral obligation" by virtue of the fact that the

U.S. has, for more than 30 years, been the administering authority for all of Micronesia.

"However," the U.S. Ambassador declared, "the exact nature of our relationship and our responsibilities will depend upon the form of future political association which we will negotiate in these upcoming negotiations."

Rosenblatt assured the people of Micronesia that the United States "does not intend to walk away from Micronesia at the end of the Trusteeship period. It is my profound belief, after my tour through Micronesia, that it is the desire of the people of Micronesia, and certainly I can state authoritatively, the people of the United States, that no such thing could happen."

"We are prepared to continue a close working relationship with Micronesia into the future. But we feel that that relationship must be based upon mutual consent rather than upon this outmoded Trusteeship relationship," Rosenblatt said.

Concluding, Ambassador Rosenblatt said he looks forward to a new political status for all of Micronesia which the people themselves will choose. He said he believes that there will be a new political relationship between the United States and Micronesia by 1981.

The Ambassador had just completed his western tour of Yap and Palau in his official orientation with all the districts of Micronesia in relation to his new job. The Ambassador is reportedly now on his way to Washington D.C.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I was deeply disturbed by your recent editorial regarding the establishment of a Federal District Court for the Northern Marianas. As purported journalists you owe your readers a more accurate description of this complex problem and a more objective account of what we and others are attempting to do to cope with this problem. Unfortunately, for us and your readers, you have chosen to wave a "red flag" and make allegations of malfeasance when in fact responsible local and U.S. authorities are doing their best to solve this unanticipated development. I submit that this kind of issue merits a kind of responsible journalism which is apparently beyond your reach or which you think might sell fewer copies or be less "sensational".

If it weren't for the fact that the Variety is in somewhat of a monopolistic position, I could be persuaded to ignore this prime example of "yellow journalism", but since you are one of the few sources of news or comment on contemporary public affairs, I feel compelled to attempt to give your readers a clearer picture of this problem.

In summary the facts are these:

1. The Covenant's language calling for the establishment of a U.S. District Court was included verbatim in U.S. Public Law 94-241, which states in Section 401 of Article IV that

"The United States will establish for and within the Northern Mariana Islands a court of record to be known as the 'District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands'. The Northern Mariana Islands will constitute a part of the same judicial circuit of the United States as Guam."

What is so "nebulous" about this language?

2. It was the opinion of the best legal talent available to the MPSC and the U.S. Department of Justice in 1975 and at the time the Covenant was approved by the U.S. Congress in March of 1976 that the language of this article was sufficient to the purpose, and that the U.S. Court system would move to establish the court by the effective date of the Constitution. The Analysis of the Covenant contains no hint or question regarding the strength or automaticity of this obligation - it states, inter alia, very simply that "Section 401 requires the U.S. to establish for and within the NMI a court of record to be known as the 'District Court for the NMI.'" (Emphasis added). This was drafted by a senior partner of the Washington law firm of Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, Mr. Howard Willens, and was also accepted by responsible senior lawyers in the U.S. Justice, Interior and State Departments. Thus there seemed to be no reason for any reasonable person to doubt the timely establishment of the District Court.

3. We were therefore greatly surprised to learn from the AG in July that officials of the U.S. Court system responsible for seeking funds from the Congress for the new court were of the opinion that the language of Section 401 was not sufficiently direct or strong to support the action contemplated. Prior to that, in March of this year, the Joint U.S.-Marianas Transition Commission had asked Mr. Willens to check with the Administration of the U.S. Courts to ensure that it was taking timely action on this provision of the Covenant. Mr. Pangelinan, the OTSP Washington Liaison Officer, was also involved in the effort to ensure fulfillment of this obligation.

4. The Joint U.S.-Marianas Commission on Transition met on Saipan September 7-8 to discuss this and all other outstanding transitional problems - the Resident Commissioner was present and had Mr. Layne, the AG, GNMI, explain the problem and what could be done to cope with it if the Congress failed to amend Public Law 94-241 in time to get the Court established prior to January 9, 1978. Several possible interim measures were discussed, e.g. extending the jurisdiction of the U.S. Federal Court in Guam or of the TT High Court until the establishment of the new District Court. Mr. Milner, who represented DOTA at this meeting, and the ResCom agreed that action would be taken to preclude the very contingency which you told your readers was inevitable because of the malfeasance of the ResCom and OTSP's "cop out". Your reporter, Ms. Lowe, was fully briefed on these deliberations, including the alternative actions contemplated. Yet, you chose to ignore the efforts underway in order to "cry wolf" and to malign those responsible for the transition program. In this regard, how is it that DOTA was not also condemned?

Speaking for OTSP, including its Washington Liaison Officer, I protest this "low blow" and request that in the future you attempt to be more objective in your reporting,

You are clearly entitled to editorialize on any topic you think of interest, but I believe that you owe your readers a less distorted explanation of this highly technical legal issue. There are still lawyers around who are either unable or unwilling to accept the interpretations of other legal experts and you, Sir, show a peculiar disregard for the nuances of American politics or human nature if you really believe that the new appointees in Justice or related U.S. agencies feel the same degree of allegiance to the Covenant as those in the Ford administration who negotiated and fought for its acceptance.

Incidentally, in light of this editorial you may find a certain reluctance on the part of OTSP staff to brief your reporters in the future. I hope that you will understand this lack of enthusiasm given your bias and understandable fear that whatever pains they take to present a full picture will either be ignored or badly twisted. The OTSP door is always open to legitimate and responsible inquiry but is it fair to expect me or my staff to set ourselves up to the kind of snide remarks or innuendos which result from an attempt to get the facts before your readers? It seems to me that in the critical weeks ahead that your paper has a special responsibility to your readers for full and unbiased reporting. Is it too much to ask that in the future you refrain from taking the kind of cheap shots and incomplete reporting similar to your editorial of Sept. 15 on this subject? Sure, we don't claim to be perfect and we would welcome responsible criticism or suggestions, but we do object to being hit well below the belt for something quite beyond our power to control. Please try to prove your machismo or concern for the commonwealth in some other way, OK?

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# What THEY Say

By: B.B.

I was not able to talk with anyone last week, so I'll write a letter to fill this column. The letter, I might add, was inspired by a very close friend who has been unsuccessful in getting assistance from the government.

Dear Mr. Tafal:

This letter is in response to the form letter which you sent me last week. You could have saved some money for the government by omitting the triplicate business.

Has it ever occurred to you that we in the community are not as dumb as you would like to have us? And has it ever occurred to you that we are watching you very closely, perhaps too close for your comfort? We know that you are supposed to be working for us. That is the law. Why, then, do you insist that you owe allegiance to some filing cabinets tacked away somewhere in the dark recess of your offices?

Let me tell you something about us. It should be obvious to you that we, as the majority in the community, have frequent opportunities to observe you, the few elites, especially in matters relating to the details of your everyday life and work habits. We expect you to be models whom our children could and should emulate. Needless to say, we become very angry when you don't measure up to our expectations.

We realize, of course, that you are individuals and, as such, you have the same rights and privileges to do all those things that are legal under the law that we, in the community, have been doing. We object, however, when you reserve to yourselves the right to embezzle the government, and we most certainly object strenuously when you use your

offices for personal gains; economic, political, or otherwise.

We don't wish to minimize the importance of your office work because we know that it is important to keep record of public transactions for variety of reasons. However, when these "papers" become ends in themselves, it is us whom you serve who will suffer. We don't want you to lose sight of this point. May we suggest that you put this sign on your office wall: "PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT, NOT TRIPLICATES".

Some of your low level colleagues could use some training in COURTESY. It is disheartening to be told to mind our business and not bother this and that. Sir, we are the government and your business is our business. Of course, we expect you to have decorum in your offices but such things could be done without being rude or downright insulting. Also, when we make a telephone call, we expect your phones to be answered during working hours.

And there is that matter of doing things at the time that they are needed. Very often we come to your offices for a solution to a problem. Invariably we would be told to come back the next day. When we return the following day, we, invariably, would be asked to see Mr. SoandSo at 2:00 p.m. Sir, oftentimes we travel great distances to your office for solutions to our problems and such practice is not helping us at all. Is it too much if we ask for a tiny bit of consideration.

We also object to being shuttled from office to office to office to office to office ad infinitum. Why can't you people agree on who should do this and who should do that and give us a break?

Finally, we ask those of you who have been doing excellent jobs to continue the trend. Who knows, it might catch on!

Sincerely yours,

BB

## Variety Views

The forerunner of the democratic party took the reigns of office last January singing "We the happy Few." They were the majority. They had captured control of the legislature by 13 to 9 which was attributed to the Dr. Carlos Camacho phalanx and their good sense of organization. But....

With all the power and glory, the democrats ventured to rig O.T. Borja. They did and were successful. The move, however, resulted in a chaotic situation. It broke and weakened party unity throwing things helter-skelter. They neglected the fact that such a move runs against the very grain of party goal--political victory. Borja left and so did his supporters. A large number.

Every means was explored to reunite the party but nothing seemed to ever avail. Things got nowhere. Amidst all these exploratory discussions to mend differences, two heralded democratic party selectees declined the Dr. Camacho offer--Juan A. Sablan and Pedro A. Tenorio. This phenomenon threw the democrats into a bunch of desperados. They still are.

At the legislature, two democratic senators resigned public office. Many saw this event as furthering party disintegration. The departure of H.Q. Guerrero and J.M. Guerrero could be interpreted to mean the democrats are despondent and have decided to abandon the public trust given to them by the electorate a year ago.

Resignation from public office is the worst thing that could happen to any public servant who still expects his party to win. You can't have it both ways, gentlemen. There isn't any two-way street between victory and abandonment of public trust. It's either one or the other. But we must congratulate the two Guerreros for resigning. Their departure turned the democratically controlled legislature into the good hands of the Territorials; and, ironically by the same number: 13 to 9. This further deteriorates party morale beyond reparation on the part of the democrats.

All this confusion leaves one thing in the troubled minds of the voting population: The election of Joeten and Borja as the first fathers of the constitutional government--governor and lieutenant governor--is a foregone conclusion. Those who feel this way are on the right track.

If the Dr. Camacho phalanx wishes to attain victory, assuming they eventually elect a running mate for their political roost, they would have to come up with a virtuoso

performance.

There's fear and apprehension among democrats themselves that they must learn to sing a different ballad "We the losing desperate Few."

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October 1 is just a few days ahead and we should be thinking about other matters besides the political mix-up of recent weeks.

It is time to turn our attention to the coming influx of tourists; individuals and groups from Japan who will travel here to enjoy what natural beauty has been given to these islands.

Islanders and businesses should be concerned about the economy and continuing development. A major development considered a couple of years ago was the tourism industry. That prediction is soon to be realized.

On October 1, Continental-Air Micronesia and Japan Airlines will commence their direct flight services between Saipan and Japan. JAL has reported that their flights for the month of October are fully booked, and we assume that Continental-Air Mike will also carry quite a number of tourists.

As we are aware, tourists in their numbers are soon to descend upon our island, and as far as the airlines are concerned, they will sell the island destination to their best.

Saipan has much to offer for the visitor. The question is are these natural features well maintained, clean, and with easy access? Are the roadsides kept free of broken branches, scattered trash, and obscured or fallen road signs?

How about our beach areas? Are there any authorities taking care of the island's litter problem? Have the beer cans and broken bottles that cause an unsightly and dangerous hazard to local and tourist alike been picked up? Are we being conscious enough of the effect such litter creates upon the tourist, perhaps leaving him with the impression that our islands are dirty and unkempt.

Or will the political and election fever take precedence over these considerations, leaving the tourist to think that we do not care?



**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Continental/Air Micronesia is interested in interviewing persons fluent in both Japanese and English for several position openings. Applications for employment are available at the city ticket and reservations office in the Joeten Center. Scheduling of interviews will take place September 12 and 13 upon receipt of completed application forms. Results of the interviews will also be used to fill future jobs as they become available.

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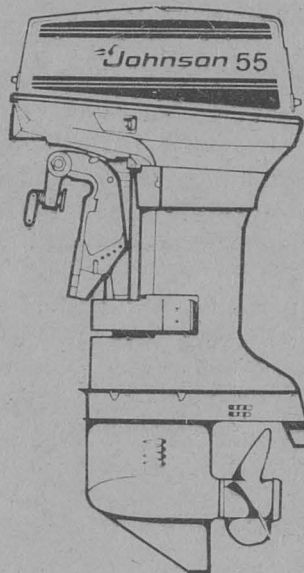
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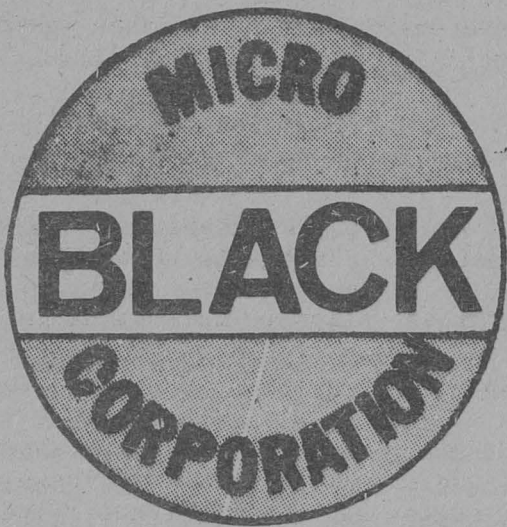
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# Appointed Chief Police Puts Policy

SAIPAN--A policy of openness will guide Public Safety Department operations, according to newly appointed Chief of Police, Jose Sablan.

Stating, "We want to be at the spot where the public is more than willing to come to the police department," Sablan, who was appointed to his present position by Resident Commissioner Erwin Canham after predecessor Jose P. Mafnas and police operations specialist Louis R. Spalla, resigned (Thursday, September 15), said openness--regarding both media access to intra-department doings and public disclosure of police activities--would be the philosophy guiding his administration.

The police department has in recent weeks, according to sources, been subjected to intra-department scuffling.

Spalla, who was to have returned to the U.S. Tuesday, told the Variety last Thursday that there were two

disparate factions in the department vying for control of departmental activities, including, on the one hand, him, Spalla, the Northern Marianas Attorney General, Jack Layne, and other members of the department, and, on the other, then-Chief Mafnas, Lt. Luis Cepeda, and patrolmen David and Benigno Sablan.

The new chief also delineated to the Variety several "changes" he would be making concerning departmental activities. Among these, the chief said, would be the creation of a "public relations unit."

Under this, the Chief said, a public relations officer would periodically be making reports, via the radio and TV, to the community on occurrences of crime on the Island, and on police activities, regarding criminal cases pending and solved.

Hired in this connection, said Sablan, has been Edward Manibusan, a Chamorro



SABLAN

and recent graduate of Fullerton State College, California, where he studied criminal justice (see related story).

The police chief indicated that there will be a reshuffling of police department personnel, adding that a need exists within the department for additional crime-prevention personnel.

There are at present two police cars, with one officer per car, patrolling the entire island, according to Sablan.

The police chief indicated he would like to eventually see one patrol car in each village, with the involved officer to roam the village-area in an eight-hour shift.

Sablan is now testifying before a legislature committee, called to investigate alleged instances of police corruption.

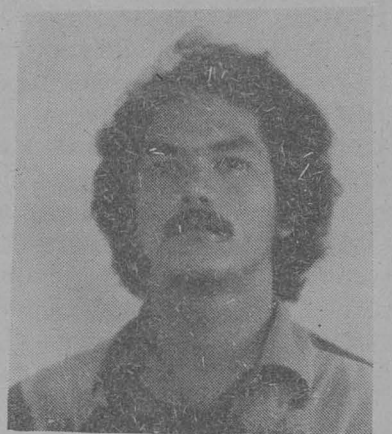
# Manibusan to work with police

of Guam, '72 - '75, where he received his AA in police science.

SAIPAN--Edward Manibusan, 24, of district seven, has been hired as an administration specialist for the Department of Public Safety.

According to Chief of Police Jose Sablan, Manibusan, a graduate of Cal State University in Fullerton, California, will work closely with him (Sablan) in the development of a police public information program.

The new specialist attended Fullerton from 1976 to 1977, receiving a B.A. degree in criminal justice. Prior to that he attended the University



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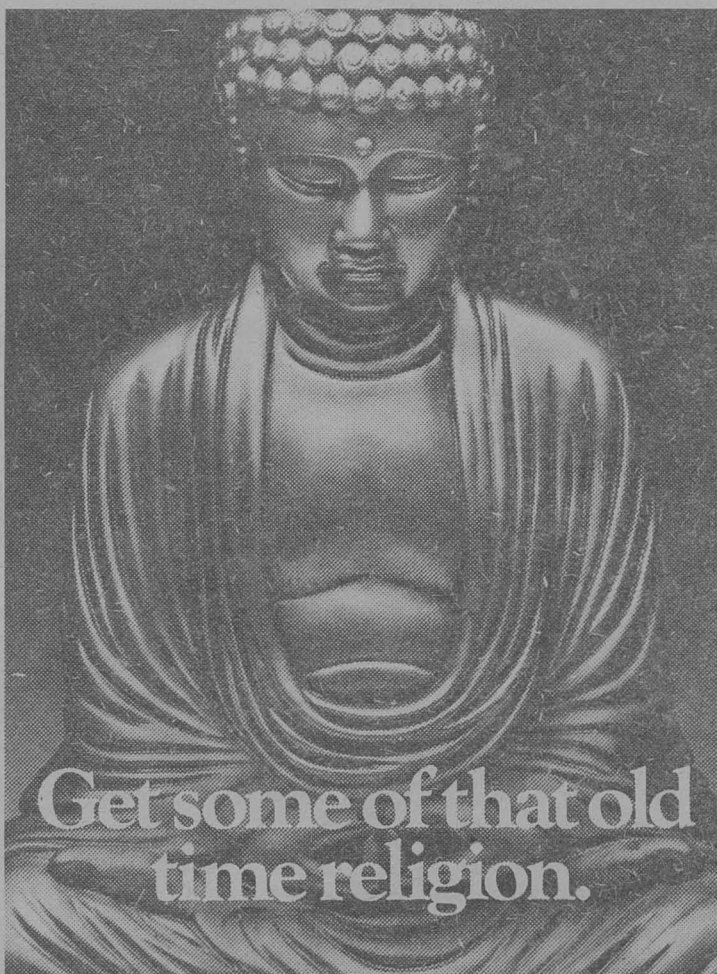
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## Kusina Talk

By Nancy Rody  
Nutritionist



Dear Friends,

Baking in a hot climate can be more difficult than in cooler places unless care is given to the storage of ingredients and the use of recipes which have been tested for the tropics. Ingredients such as baking powder and dried yeast must be kept as fresh as possible. Always store in a sealed container and keep in a cool place. Keep flour in a tightly closed jar or can so that it is free of weevils and dampness. Sugar too must be kept in a covered container to prevent absorption of moisture. Sometimes cake mixtures containing butter, shortening, or margarine seem too moist in a hot, humid climate and you are tempted to add more flour. Don't, because extra flour would spoil the recipe. The moistness is due to the fat becoming soft in the heat. Fiji is the source of this delicious cake recipe.

### Lolo Coconut Cake

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup + 1 tbsp. flour
- 1 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup + 1 tbsp. very thick coconut cream

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour an 8 inch square pan. Beat eggs. Gradually add sugar and continue beating until mixture is thick and light. Add vanilla. Sift together flour, cornstarch, baking powder and salt. Slowly add to egg mixture, mixing well after each addition. Heat coconut cream to boiling point. (Do not allow to boil). Fold into mixture. Bake for 40 - 50 minutes. Cake will spring back when pressed with finger and will be golden brown when done.

### Topping

- 1 cup freshly grated coconut
- 3 tbsp. melted butter
- 5 tbsp. brown sugar

Mix ingredients and spread evenly over hot cake. Place under hot broiler for 3-4 minutes or until brown. Watch closely so it does not burn. Leave in pan to cool.

Hafa Adai, Nancy

## Micronesia In Brief

### THREE MICRONESIANS COMPLETE UNDP WORKSHOP IN SAMOA

(MNS) Three TT government officials completed a two-week workshop in Apia, Western Samoa recently on various aspect of economic planning. The three: Masao Nakayama, Chief of Training Division; Sam Falanruw, Special Assistant to Yap DistAd; and Bermin Weilbacher, Deputy DistAd, Ponape District attended the United Nations Development Program sponsored workshop which covered economic planning and project and budget development with regard to national planning goals and objectives. In Weilbacher's evaluation report submitted to the Ponape DistAd, he said the workshop gave him the opportunity to view Ponape's standard of development and problems and he is now in a better position to view Ponape's programs as they relate to the overall goals and objectives.

### PONAPE DISTRICT CHARTER SIGNED

(MNS)---The Ponape District Charter Convention ended Tuesday night (Sept. 20) as delegates signed the draft charter in preparation for greater self-government.

Out of nineteen delegates, Seventeen endorsed the Charter, two were absent and one did not sign.

The draft charter will be submitted to the Congress of Micronesia for review, and then to the High Commissioner for final disposition.

Convention Chairman Edwel Santos said the drafters of the charter should be proud for completing its "monumental task." He said adoption of the Charter is one step toward reaching the status of more autonomy for the districts.

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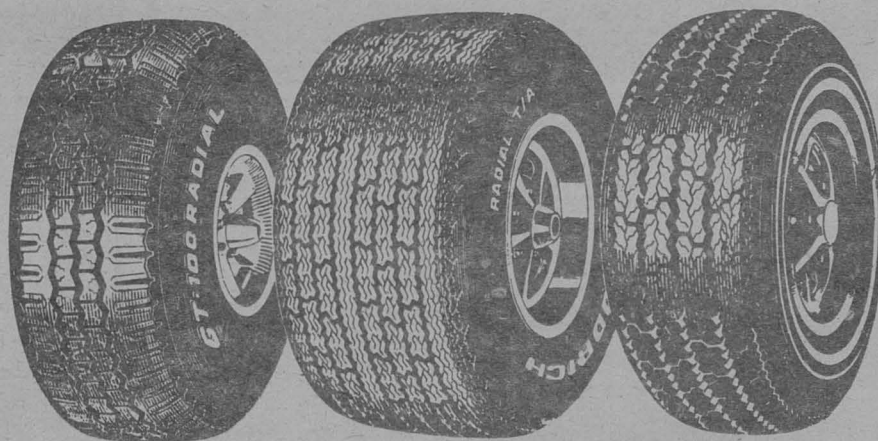
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## King visits Saipan...

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Commissioner Erwin D. Canham, Speaker Herman R. Guerrero and other island dignitaries.

According to the Resident Commissioner's office, the King will be briefed on the workings of the new Constitutional government, and will be escorted by the

Resident Commissioner on tours of Island villages and historical monuments. An official reception in the King's honor is scheduled for Tuesday evening to be hosted jointly by the ResCom and Northern Marianas Legislature, following a Monday evening reception at the Continental Hotel to be hosted by the King.

King Tupou IV and his entourage will depart Saipan Wednesday morning for Palau.

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The payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) is required for every set of plans, specifications and other bidding instructions which can be secured from MIHA Office, Garapan, Saipan, M.I. There will be no refunds. Additional two (2) sets of drawings and specifications will be furnished the successful bidder without additional charge. A Prebid Conference has been scheduled on September 9, 1977, at 9:00 a.m., at the MIHA Office Conference Room.

The work to be performed under this contract is on a project assisted under a program providing direct Federal financial assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u. Section 3 requires that to the greatest extent feasible opportunities for training and employment be given lower income residents of the project area and contract for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part by persons, residing in the area of the project.

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## Y'S ISLANDERS TO RECIEVE CHARTER

SAIPAN--The Y's Islanders of Saipan, a YMCA-related service club which directs its primary interest toward youth activities, will receive its Charter from Y's Men International, the service club of the YMCA, on Sunday October 2, 1977, it was announced today by James K. Fukimoto of Hilo, Hawaii, Regional Director of the Hawaii Region, of which this new unit becomes a part. The charter presentation ceremonies will be held at a beach picnic at the Inter-Continental Hotel beach, beginning at 3:00 p.m., according to Luis B. Camacho, newly-elected President of the club. Dignitaries from Trust Territory and Northern Mariana Islands governments are being in-

vited to attend, as are top leaders of the YMCA and Y's Men's organizations.

At least thirty Charter Members will be inducted, and the officers of the club will be officially installed, after which the International Charter itself will be presented to President Camacho by Mr. Fujimoto or his representative. Also being invited from Hawaii are Mr. Roy Kuroda, president of the Nuuanu Y's Men, the sponsoring club; Mr. Robert K. Masuda, Executive Director of the Nuuanu Branch YMCA; and as many other members from Hawaii as can find it possible to attend.

The Officers and Board Members to be installed at that time, along with President Camacho are Isidro Ada,

Vice-President for Administration; Nick Andon, Vice-President for Club Programs; Wilhelmina Camacho; Secretary Elfriede Craddock, Treasurer; Leo Pangelinan, Ways and Means Chairperson; William Sakovich, Community Projects Chairperson; Rokucho Billy, International Projects Chairperson; and Abby Brown, Publicity Chairperson.

Following the ceremonies, a delicious beach-style dinner will be served by the Y's Islanders for all members and their invited guests.

## Softball Games Scheduled

SAIPAN--The Government Softball league has announced a revised schedule for the remainder of the 1977 season. Dropping out of the league were Education (B), Legislature, supply, "Superstars," and public safety teams.

The exit of the five teams leaves the number of teams still participating in the

league at 11. According to league officials, games will continued to be played at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Mt. Carmel ball-field. As of August 25, the Marianas High School team as continuing to lead the league with a 3-0 record.

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## SPORTS



On October 1st the public is invited to join another FAMILY BICYCLE TOUR. Bikers can meet at the Royal Taga Hotel at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, October 1, 1977. The route will follow Beach road South to the Coast Guard Station and the old airport. Then, travelling some seldom visited beaches and by-ways, the group will proceed to Saipan's new International Airport. Then return, via Hospital Road, to the Taga. You can plan to be back by noon, but whatever, don't miss this exciting bicycle adventure.

Another bike tour coming up in November.

### RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

Next weekend October 1 and 2 will see Saipan's racquetballers making a beeline for the San Vicente Joy Courts where Dr. John Joyner has arranged for a four-division tournament. Represented will be Women's, Open, Seniors (age 35-44), and Juniors (up to and including age 17). Come one come all! This is an open invitation tournament. There will be a \$5 charge for participants to cover the cost of trophies to be presented to each division.

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