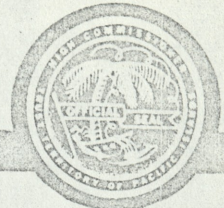


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TT JOINS COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

The Trust Territory Government's application for admittance into the Council of State Governments has recently been approved by its Governing Board according to a letter from Mr. James H. Bowhay, Council's Regional Representative.

In a letter to Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs N. Neiman Craley, Jr., Mr. Bowhay said: "I am quite pleased, personally that the Trust Territory has joined the Council of State Governments. Your membership application and approval lead to a regularization and clarification of status and policy of all territories, so I think your membership has already benefited the Council."

Craley also expressed his pleasure and said the Trust Territory's admittance into the Council was made possible through the joint efforts of the Administration and the Congress of Micronesia. By belonging to the Council of State Governments, the Trust Territory is now eligible to participate in such nation-wide conferences as the Governors' Conference and the National Legislative Conference. It will also permit the Trust Territory to receive information on organization and functions of all state governments and territories.

Organized in 1933, the Council of State Governments is an association of state and territorial governments whose prime purpose are to strengthen state government and its public services; to preserve its

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