

Another suit for discrimination

By Rafael I. Santos

OPPOSING lawyers in the discrimination lawsuit against the government and the Department of Cultural and Community Affairs yesterday traded accusations in connection with the termination of Maggie Olopai-Taitano from DCCA last year.

Assistant Attorney General Douglas H. Strand and Taitano's

lawyer, G. Anthony Long contradicted each other at the start of the trial at the U. S. District Court.

In his opening statements, Long described Taitano as a highly-qualified and competent government official who became a victim of wrongful termination. His client, he said, was demoted and fired because of her political association, ethnic background and gender.

Taitano was administrator of the Division of Youth Services at DCCA when she was fired by the government. She was hired in 1983 and terminated in August of 1993 "without cause." Long told an eight-member jury.

According to Long, Taitano was reassigned to a new position after supporting Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta and Thomas Villagomez in the Republi-

can primary in 1993. The Babauta-Villagomez team ran against the tandem of then Governor Lorenzo Guerrero and Lt. Gov. Benjamin Manglona.

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Maggie Olopai-Taitano



A CUC power distribution crew looks on as L&T Group of Companies employee Marita Anderson (right) tries a Public Power T-shirt on a CUC lift crane. L&T's garment firms connected yesterday with CUC power.

Is the gov't using tax rebate funds?

By Rafael H. Arroyo

IS THE Froilan Tenorio Administration using tax rebate monies to pay for various government obligations that have recently required its immediate attention and action?

This was the question posed by acting House Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas yesterday as he expressed apprehension on where government got money to partially pay for the settlement of the Public School System discrimination lawsuit.

"We have a very strong feeling that they (Administration) are touching (those tax rebate) funds," said Mafnas in an interview with the Variety yesterday. "If this is true, then there is a very big prob-

lem."

The acting speaker questioned the administration's release of \$1.05 million Monday for the PSS



Jesus P. Mafnas

settlement saying it may have been done illegally, without a legislative appropriation.

He said the payment may have done irreparable harm to CNMI taxpayers in the absence of a clear determination on the legality of the action.

"How could we recover this amount should we find out that such a payment was illegal?" he queried.

The House leadership had earlier indicated opposition to the PSS payment as soon as plans for the \$1.05 million disbursement were made public in a news conference with acting Governor Jesus C. Borja last week.

The basic gist of the disagreement was the House leadership's

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Worker ban sought for Garapan hotel

THE Department of Labor and Immigration has asked the Superior Court to stop a Saipan hotel from hiring and renewing the contracts of its alien workers for one year due to a labor violation.

According to government lawyers, Islander Hotel owed an employee \$3,217.50 representing unpaid overtime wages. The Garapan inn has been ordered to pay the amount plus \$5,148.72 in liquidated damages to Victorino Espinosa, but failed to do so, the labor and immigration department said in a complaint.

Espinosa, a maintenance worker, has filed a labor complaint against the owners of

the hotel, claiming he was not paid his overtime wages. On March 4, 1994, Pacific Development contractors, Ltd, owner of the hotel, and Espinosa met at the department of labor and stipulated a settlement and consent order.

The company agreed to pay the maintenance worker in installments and that it should make the first payment on the said date. The payment was made by a check which was not honored, according to the complaint.

On April 12, the chief of labor issued a determination and notice of violation as well as a notice of hearing setting a

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Tropical Storm Seth is fast approaching NMI

TROPICAL storm Seth (32W) maintains intensity and continues its westward track towards the Marianas, an advisory from the Typhoon Warning Center said.

As of yesterday morning, tropical storm Seth (32W) was located by meteorological satellite at 10.9 degrees North and 150.8 degrees East, or 450 statute miles East-Southeast of Guam and Southeast of Saipan. Tropical storm Seth has maintained intensity with maximum sustained winds estimated at 45 mph with gusts to 55 mph. Movement over the past six hours has been westward at 16 mph.

Tropical storm Seth is forecast to move West-Northwestward toward the Marianas and intensify, reaching typhoon strength over the next 36-48 hours.

Seth is forecast to pass very close to the Southern coast of Guam within the 36 to 48 hours time frame.

Residents of Guam and Rota should expect winds to increase

to 30 to 40 mph early Wednesday morning. Guam residents can expect winds to further increase to 45 to 55 mph near mid-day Wednesday with maximum sustained winds of 75 to 80 mph with gusts to 100 mph near the closest point of approach to Guam on Wednesday afternoon.

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Weather Outlook

Cloudy with widely scattered moderate showers to heavy showers and isolated thundershowers with gusty winds.

Americans raid Haiti's militia bases

By JEFFREY ULBRICH

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - In the most dramatic strike yet at Haiti's ruling military, U.S. soldiers raided the headquarters of a hated pro-army militia Monday, seizing weapons and arresting more than three dozen people.

A joyous crowd of Haitians gathered to cheer the Americans. As the soldiers pulled away from the paramilitary headquarters, the Haitians surged forward in a jubilant mass and gleefully trashed the place, smashing everything they could lay hands on.

"We love you! We love you!" Haitians shouted at the soldiers who had raided the headquarters of the Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti, known as FRAPH.

The club-wielding demonstrators smashed furniture and beat on mattresses, water bottles, refrigerators, telephones - anything associated with FRAPH. One man even turned his anger on a stapler, repeatedly throwing it to the ground.

The raid came hours after Haitians in the southwestern town of Les Cayes shot and wounded a U.S. Special Forces soldier - the second American casualty since U.S. troops arrived two weeks ago.

The wounded soldier was identified as Staff Sgt. Donald M. Holstead of Tampa, Fla., assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group in Fort Bragg, N.C.

He was making good progress after surgery for a bullet wound in the abdomen, officials said. He is believed to have wounded two of his assailants, who fled and left a trail of blood.

"His prognosis is great," said Lt. Gen. Hugh Shelton, U.S. commander in Haiti.

There was no indication the raid was in response to the shooting.

Rather, it seemed part of a more aggressive effort by the United States to pave the way for the return of exiled President Jean-

Bertrand Aristide. As recently as Friday, the Americans stood back while FRAPH members shot and killed pro-Aristide demonstrators.

U.S. forces also raided FRAPH headquarters Monday in Cap-Haitien, the nation's second largest city, and detained 75 people, a Pentagon official said in Washington on condition of anonymity.

Troops raided three other sites in Port-au-Prince, including two suspected weapons caches, where they found shotguns, grenades, rifles, pistols and explosives, the official said.

A total of 115 people were arrested in Monday's actions, during which U.S. troops encountered no resistance, he said.

Emmanuel Constant, the head of FRAPH, urged his followers to be calm.

He said the U.S. raids were alienating Aristide's political opponents as well as many in the private sector he needs if he is to pull the country together after he

returns by Oct. 15.

If previous U.S. demonstration of reserve disappointed many Haitians, Monday's muscle-flexing went a long way toward repairing the damage.

Gally Droit, a student watching the joyous smashing of FRAPH headquarters in Port-au-Prince and the adjoining Normandie Bar, a FRAPH hangout, was anxious that the world viewed the scene for what it was.

"To get rid of something evil is good," he said. "But we don't want to loot these things. We Haitians are not thieves. This is spontaneous. It is not to steal this material, it is to destroy it."

After letting the people smash and break for an hour or so, a small military patrol returned and took up positions near the FRAPH headquarters.

The raid began in late morning when American troops surrounded the FRAPH headquarters with tanks and Humvees. About 100 Army soldiers were

involved in the operation, according to Brig. Gen. George Close. Forty people from the scene remained in military custody later Monday, military spokesmen said. "Everybody just stuck their hands up and basically just gave up," Close said.

The Americans seized several machine guns and Uzi automatic weapons, as well as machetes, clubs and other weapons. The detainees were searched outside the FRAPH headquarters. A female soldier searched four Haitian women and, in one case, pulled a pistol clip filled with bullets from a bra.

The crowd watched and cheered as 10 bound-and-gagged Haitian police officers were driven away in the back of a truck. The Americans later determined that the police "had no hostile intent" and they were taken to their barracks.

The civilian detainees were kept in custody, however. In a briefing earlier in the day, Shelton had said that Haitians who are de-

tained will be held until they can be turned over to the legitimate government when it is restored.

That could be soon. Under a U.S. agreement with the military coup leaders, they have until Oct. 15 to step down.

Shelton defended the earlier, hands-off posture of American soldiers, going so far as to say that the U.S. deployment Friday - when Americans protected the road to the upper-class suburb of Petionville while FRAPH members shot demonstrators a few blocks away - was "a textbook operation."

Asked why the U.S. hadn't responded, he said: "Our focus must remain long-term... We must not become the enemy in Haiti."

The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Midgett returned 485 Haitians to their homeland Monday. They had volunteered to leave the refugee camp at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

US agriculture secretary quits

By RON FOURNIER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, under investigation for accepting gifts from people or companies that do business with his agency, announced his resignation Monday.

Espy said the allegations had distracted him from his duties.

"I must personally overcome the challenge to my good name," Espy said. His resignation was effective Dec. 31. "The president deserves to have his agenda go forward with a minimum of distraction."

Espy said President Clinton accepted his resignation "with regret."

An independent counsel has been trying to determine whether Espy violated federal law by accepting gifts from organizations or individuals doing business with the Agriculture Department.

Espy received freetickets, lodging, travel and used government money to lease a car he kept in Mississippi.

Espy has denied any wrongdoing and repaid more than \$7,600 in expenses.

The White House counsel's office, acting as the president's attorney, is

conducting a separate inquiry into whether Espy violated White House ethical guidelines.

Espy's resignation marks the second departure of a Clinton Cabinet member.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin resigned in 1993.

Several high-level advisers have left the administration amid controversy, including former Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman, former Associate Attorney General Webb Hubbell and former White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum.

US, China at odds over human rights

By TERENCE HUNT

WASHINGTON (AP) - China and the United States forged a common front against North Korea's suspected nuclear-weapons program Monday but remained at odds over Beijing's human rights record.

In an hour-long Oval Office meeting, President Clinton told Foreign Minister Qian Qichen he was disappointed with China's performance on human rights, White House press sec-

retary Dee Dee Myers said.

Despite a longstanding invitation and Beijing's hopes for better relations, the White House said Clinton has no plans to visit China. "That is not an active issue at this point," a White House official said.

Qian is a major power in the Chinese hierarchy and also carries the title of vice premier.

The White House meeting was the highest U.S.-Chinese contact since Clinton, in a major policy reversal,

announced May 28 he was granting trade benefits to China without regard to its human rights conduct.

In that decision, Clinton was pressured to separate the two issues by American business leaders fearing the loss of billions of dollars worth of economic ties.

"President Clinton and Vice Premier Qian agreed that the overall relationship had been considerably strengthened over the past year and that significant progress had been achieved in some areas," Myers said.

"At the same time," she added, "the president expressed disappointment that more progress has not been achieved in other issues, particularly human rights."

State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said "there has been a good deal of very patient diplomacy" with China on human rights and other subjects. But he said there were no breakthroughs.

On another sensitive issue, Qian denied that China was selling missile technology to Pakistan in violation of an international accord. However, the United States rejected his claim and said China still was violating the agreement.

China and the United States said they agreed on efforts to persuade North Korea to curb its nuclear program.

"We have congruent positions with respect to North Korea," Secretary of State Warren Christopher said after a State Department meeting with Qian.

North Korea's neighbors, including China, Japan and South Korea, are believed to be at least as anxious as the United States to gain North Korea's cooperation. China's role is vital also because it has veto power in the U.N. Security Council and can approve or block economic or other actions against Pyongyang.

DPS hones up on skills

By Ferdie de la Torre

DEPARTMENT of Public Safety Commissioner Jose M. Castro has adopted a highly-specialized training program aimed to improve the supervisory skills of 55 DPS personnel.

Castro tapped DPS Director of Training and Academy Francisco C. Lizama to supervise the six-week Command Staff Training which started Monday at the Criminal Justice Academy, Northern Marianas College.

Under such program, DPS commissioner asked Lizama to arrange the schedule for the training that teaches potential supervisors and supervisors in different job requirements of their current positions.

Lizama told the Variety that the training will improve DPS personnel's supervisory skills, enforcement capabilities, physical fitness and other necessary subject matter pertaining to their job.

"It is a highly specialized training designed to make our personnel do better job," he stressed. "Services to the public must be professionalized." The Training and Academy direc-



Jose M. Castro

tor explained that 25 Police Officers 3, or the so-called potential supervisors, will begin the training during the first two weeks.

About 15 sergeants will follow for the next two weeks before some 15 other lieutenants take their turn in the department-wide training.

Lizama said all this group of personnel is the priority of Castro since the officers are the "first line supervisors who are the first 'contact' with

their subordinates and the public." During the training, Judge Alex Castro will be discussing court room demeanor while Joe Villagomez of the Commonwealth Health Center will tackle how to detect problems on subordinates.

Lizama himself and FF B. Pua will handle the topic regarding leadership/supervisory skills/accountability. Lt. P. Muna and FF. B. Pua will supervise the physical fitness training.

On the other hand, Jane Arthur-Burkhardt and DPS Assistant Director RB Camacho will explain criminal procedure and patrol procedures.

Burkhardt and AD Sandy Tudela will both teach traffic citations and traffic procedures.

Burkhardt will also show disciplinary procedure/incentives while Charlene T. Sablan, R. B. Camacho and Jerry Allison will discuss performance evaluation/counseling, police procedures and Emergency Medical

Services respectively. Lizama indicated it is the first time DPS implementing this supervisory training which has been going on for a long time in U.S. mainland.

"Everything changes around that's why we need to catch up...these guys have to understand their responsibilities," Lizama emphasized.

The director likewise lauded Castro for coming up with a lot of training programs since he (Castro) assumed office as top man of DPS.

"Training is very important in every organizations and the commissioner is a firm believer in training," Lizama said.

He hinted that on October 24-28th, more DPS personnel will undergo the FBI Fingerprint class at the Criminal Justice Academy.

Meanwhile, DPS is likely to form a 20-man rescue divers team in the CNMI after the completion of an intense rescue training for DPS personnel.

The three-month training reportedly to start either in the last part of this month or mid-November, is primarily geared toward law enforcement type of diving rescue operation. It involves all Boating Safety personnel and DPS officers in CNMI.

Francisco C. Lizama

Mitchell appeal gets withdrawn

By Rafael I. Santos

LAWYER Jeanne Rayphand who made last-ditch attempts the other day to stop the government from disbursing \$1.05 million, yesterday voluntarily dismissed her appeal to a judge's decision concerning the consent decree.

Chief Justice Jose Dela Cruz has been informed about the decision to withdraw the appeal.

"We informed the chief justice today that we will voluntarily dismissing our appeal because it is moot," atty. Theodore R. Mitchell said yesterday.

An appeal was filed with the high court Monday amid uncertainty over Rayphand's motion seeking to stop the government from making the payment which was required under the consent decree.

The decree, signed by the representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice, the CNMI government and PSS, stipulated that the first installment to the \$2.25 million settlement must be paid by October 1 (or Octo-

ber 3 since the earlier date fell on a Saturday.)

Rayphand said in her motion for a preliminary injunction, that the money should not be disbursed because Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio has no authority to do so.

Amidst the uncertainty and the imminent disbursement of funds, Rayphand's lawyer filed an appeal in the Supreme Court.

"If the motion is denied or if it is not decided by 4:30 p.m. (Monday), the governor will disburse the funds," Mitchell said in his appeal. The denial or lack of action on the motion would result to the loss of commonwealth money and may never be recovered.

Judge Marty Taylor who heard the motion Monday morning issued an order five minutes after the government deposited the one million dollars with the U.S. District Court.

The money is part of the \$2.25 million the government agreed to secure to pay Philippine teachers who were not given the proper salaries and benefits.

Radio network opens Wednesday

THE AMATEUR Radio Emergency Service - Pacific Net will be open on Wednesday, October 5, a news release yesterday said.

The ARES-Pacific Net will be on the first Wednesday of each month, originating in Hawaii, covering Hawaii and American Samoa in Region Two, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Region Three.

Time and frequency are 7:30 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time equal to 0530

Universal Coordinated Time on 7.080 megahertz, lower sideband, plus-minus for interference. Note the frequency change to 7.080 mhz, accommodating Region Three islands in the Western Pacific. Net control will be in Hawaii.

The purpose of the net is to provide training for amateur radio operators handling radio traffic in disasters and emergencies. All licensed amateur radio operators are welcome to check in. Short wave listeners may tune in.



"Optimistic" lawyers Jeanne Rayphand and Theodore R. Mitchell on Monday asked the court to stop the disbursement of \$1.05 million to satisfy a settlement between the US justice department and PSS. Yesterday they voluntarily dismissed an appeal to an order denying their motion.

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White House security has gaps

WASHINGTON—President Clinton has been warned repeatedly by the Secret Service to curtail his morning jogs around Washington because there's only so much protection even a phalanx of agents can provide on city streets. The events of last Monday, however, cast doubt on how safe a president is even in his White House bedroom. Fortunately, the first family was spending last Sunday night across the street at Blair House while repairs were being made to the White House air conditioning system, and the Clintons in no danger from the small plane that crashed onto the South Lawn.

White House security was one of the topics President Bush discussed with us during an Oval Office interview back in 1989. Dismissing concerns raised by security experts that the White House has little defense against airborne suicide attacks, Bush told us:

"You're talking with a man who is old enough to remember the kamikaze pilots of World War II... whose ship was attacked by such pilots. So I remember it personally and vividly, and I know what damage someone intent on sacrificing one's own life can do driving a plane."

Yet, he said confidently "I am satisfied, without going into any detail, that the security of the White House is adequate.... Put it this way, I feel secure when I come to work every day."

In the annals of White House security breaches, threats tend to fall into two categories: Those with political motivations, and those who act out of psychological instability. In the past, we have reported on both.

In June 1989, we reported the story of an Iranian pilot who claimed he was trained for suicide missions against possible targets in America. Upon defecting—to the United States, the pilot, Houshang Mortezaei, told U.S. intelligence officers how he was trained with an elite group of others to be a suicide pilot for terrorist missions.

"I belong to one of the kamikaze units of the new Iranian terrorist army," Mortezaei told intelligence officers. "I was selected along with 32 other pilots to undergo training in Won San, North Korea, during 1982."

Mortezaei went on to explain how he and his fellow pilots trained in single-engine Swiss Pilatus planes. "We hedge-hopped, touching tree branches and flew under bridges. They had us do the most unbelievable somersaults. American intelligence agents later helped corroborate this account by confirming that a Swiss company had delivered about 80 Pilatus PC-7 aircraft to Iran for "crop dusting" purposes. The aircraft could easily be converted into flying suicide machines.

Although politically motivated terrorism remains a threat, the acts of a lone lynch can be just as dangerous. Such was the case on George Washington's birthday in 1974, when an unemployed Philadelphia man tried to hijack a plane at Baltimore-Washington International Airport. He intended to crash-land it into the White House. After firing his way onto the plane, killing two people, the man was wounded by a guard's bullet. He then turned the gun on himself.

Samuel Joseph Byck described his plan, which he called "Operation Pandora Box," in a tape that he recorded more than a month before the attempted hijacking. Just hours before his date with destiny, Byck mailed the tape to us.

"Whoever dies in Project Pandora Box, will be directly attributable to Watergate scandals," Byck told us on the tape. "By guise, threats or trickery, I hope to force the pilot to buzz the White House—I mean, sort of dive towards the White House. When the plane is in this position, I will shoot the pilot and then in the last few minutes try to steer the plane into the target, which is the White House."

Weeks before the bizarre episode, Byck planned his suicide attack. Alone in his room in northeast Philadelphia, he began recording his scheme on Jan. 14, 1974, and concluded his hour-long tape nine days later. "I don't know what you can do with it," he said, "but it'll be a tape and there won't be any 18-minute inoperative beeps." After playing the tape for Byck's wife, and others who knew him, we were convinced that the tape was authentic.

Throughout the tape, Byck insisted he was quite sane, though parts of the transcript strongly suggest otherwise. "So those who claim that I'm mad, let them look very closely at themselves in the mirror—let them look very closely at what they have created."



JR's Agenda

by John S. DelRosario, JR.

When one engages in character assassination, it is obvious that the perpetrator doesn't have anymore substance in his repertoire to counter factual rebuttals from his adversary. If he submits his warped thesis and refuses to affix his signature, he only confirms his cowardly attitude, immaturity and venomous contempt for the truth. Please spare this scribe the opportunity to set the record straight on a letter which was published in the "other" paper laden with non-sensical innuendo.

The inflated figure conveniently used by Mr. Cowardly in his thesis was purposely intended to distort the truth. It's a wish I've always had for Christmas and will remain a wish for many more Christmases to come. Unless Mr. Cowardly descends from his posh chimney and hand me the same amount as a gift, only would his innuendo have any validity. Even then, I will have to quiz him whether the gift isn't the by-product of bribery. Well, I prefer the golden watch! It is interesting that your nimble mind is incapable of sailing the rough waters of reality when tested by legitimate queries warranting honest and mature answers. Sir, people have caught up with your antics. Your artful employment of distortion as a substitute for the truth also confirms your cradle to grave ineptitude to dealing with substantive issues, responsibly. Talk about the epitome of conceit and immaturity.

Why hide behind the fictitious name "Jun Boy Alcaarez?" Need you use a facade to conceal your diabolic character fuming with vengeance quite incapable of differentiating fact from fiction? Furthermore, the issues discussed were those which were raised in the Jon Anderson Show. Logic dictates that a Filipino can't possibly be conversant about the issues you refused to address on their own merit or about this scribe.

It is time that you exit your mean-spirited insecurity and shell of immaturity so we could jointly discuss issues of substance, i.e., your vision of affordable homes—Mihaville—only the rich can afford; temper your usually loud mouth which was rather mute two years ago when CUC was under the gun because your next of kin's construction company was a direct beneficiary of a \$139,000 project and other government projects involving tens of thousands of dollars. Wow! I should be jealous in that these figures, not to mention the alleged use of power peddling, definitely dwarf my inflated/distorted monthly income, right? No wonder you were louder than the meanest moron in this town.

In summary, you're a master of distortion and have confirmed—by not affixing your real name—that your character is completely suspect. Could we attribute this personal inadequacy to the fact that you never grew up despite your advance chronological age? I have a lot of pleasant surprises coming down the pike and I relish the imminent thought that I will prevail! Oh, my name is printed at the top of this column. It certainly separates the men from morons, the latter of whom will never see the light of maturity. Good day, sir.

It's called "Operation Uphold Democracy"—US Government intervention in Haiti. Bloodshed was

averted via negotiations between the US and the present military rulers. The latter agreed to bow out gracefully by the middle of this month. The first elected president (Aristide) of the republic disagrees with the approach taken by the US. He wanted a bloody invasion to ensure the total destruction of the current leadership.

From the outset, the reinstatement of democracy in Haiti ran aground. It will continue to be problematic as each side attempts to partake in the permanent seating of a democratic form of government. President Aristide will always be on his guard given the continued presence of the outgoing military rulers. It's a case of a fractious and factious people whose fundamental disagreements may never be mended. Suffice it to say, neither would US intervention lend to the final resolution of Haiti's domestic problems.

So what's the point? The foundation of democracy must come from within! Intervention would only fuel the fire of dissension and civil disorder for a long of time. At whose expense?

The approach in US intervention wasn't called for—show of might to subdue Haiti's military leaders. Diplomatic avenues should have been exhausted before committing massive military deployment. The negotiations shouldn't involve the US nor any other country or international organizations. No one is equipped with the fine texture of indigenous finesse and charisma to strike a brotherly approach towards the dismantling of despotic rule to a government "of the people, for the people and by the people." Haitians—pro-military or pro-democracy—should be at the negotiating table.

Haiti has had only one democratic election which took place earlier this decade. It has been under despotic rule for more than two hundred years. I definitely would like to see democracy take its permanent seat. But US intervention would be viewed as meddling between and among those who view their current government as "their very own" never mind that it is despotic and those who would always rely upon US Might to clean up the mess each time Haitians fight among themselves. It's an issue of living with the consequences of a personal decision versus that of someone else's.

Is it worth dumping millions of dollars to right a political situation only Haitians can resolve among themselves? Wouldn't allowing the present military rule to fall flat on its face the better alternative? Why intervene in Haiti while Cuba is just right next door? If the US is true to its commitment about instituting democracy among its neighbors to the south, why haven't we impose the same measure on Cuba? We can only mediate encouraging Haitians to fight for freedom regardless of the price they must pay. It would have greater significance for them as a people and would be committed to guarding the pillars of democracy thereafter.

There are other troubled areas at the global village where the magnitude of issues direly vital to the perpetuation of harmony in the international community far overwhelm focusing and committing our national resources on Haiti. And until we can call "time out" just so that we can avail ourselves the opportunity to see Haiti's or anyone else's problems through their own pair of glasses, we would only become part of the problem rather than the provisional or ultimate solution.

Solons make pitch to get '95 budget going

THE SENATE Committee on Fiscal Affairs last week made an attempt to initiate action on the proposed Commonwealth budget for fiscal year 1995, with the hope of ending two years of "budget-less" government operations as soon as possible.

In a letter September 30 to House Speaker Diego T. Benavente and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Pete P. Reyes, Sen. Eusebio A. Hocog asked the House of Representatives to move on with the needed appropriations bill to get the budget process going.

But in a letter October 3, the House responded by saying official word is being awaited from the governor as to possible revisions and amendments to the latter's proposed budget package.

Hocog's letter sought House action on the budget as the absence of it could not start the budget process going.

Under the law, only the lower chamber has the power to initiate any appropriation measures.

"Our hands at the Senate are tied as we do not have the power to initiate appropriation bill," said Hocog. "This is a solemn responsibility entrusted to the House and one that must be given the utmost priority," the Fiscal Affairs Committee chairman added.

Hocog chided the leadership of the House for not acting yet on an FY 1995 budget package submitted by Governor Froilan Tenorio since April 1994.

Specifically, he expressed concern about the absence of visible action from House leaders to move the appropriation process.

"I am not aware of any steps which you are taking to even move

the process forward... I have seen no proposed legislation, not even a draft of a bill," said Hocog.

Under Commonwealth law, the governor shall prepare and submit a balanced budget to the Legislature no later than six months before the start of the fiscal year.

No later than three months prior after the governor submits a proposed budget to the Legislature, both houses shall establish the limits of expenditures for the budget year.

Also, no later than 30 days prior to the beginning of the budget year, the Legislature shall take final action upon the proposed budget any enacting and transmitting to the governor the annual appropriation act.

But despite such deadlines, the Legislature has yet to start work on a budget measure, especially since Chairman Reyes believes some of the resource projections in the budget package are "unattainable."

Originally, Governor Tenorio submitted a \$180 million budget for the operations of the govern-

ment in FY 1995, including specific language aimed at effecting temporary tax hikes that aim to retire some \$20 million of the government's supposed \$40 million deficit.

Considering that resources realized for FY 1994 may have fallen short by at least \$10 million, the House believes there should be a resubmission of the budget from the Administration in as much as adjustments on the \$180 million submission may be imperative.

Responding to Hocog's call for action on the budget, acting House Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas said the Ways and Means Committee has been hard at work reviewing the budget submission.

He, however, explained that efforts are hampered by the lack of updated information from the administration regarding revised budget estimates for departments reorganized under Executive Order 94-3, the governor's revamp plan.

Citing Section 7201(e) of the Planning and Budgeting Act,



Eusebio A. Hocog

Mafnas said the governor is required to submit a report on the latest information and projections of the current year's revenue and spending totals and any policy changes proposed since the submission of the budget.

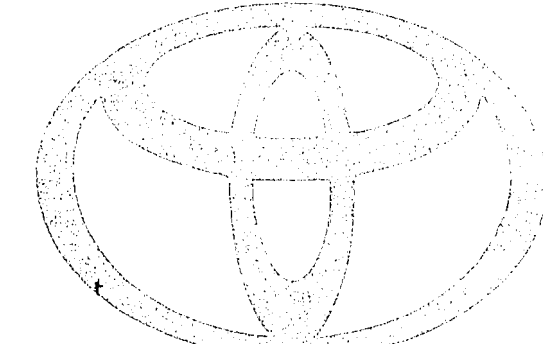
According to Mafnas, the House has written several letters to the Administration reminding appropriate officials to submit any revisions to the Ways and Means Committee, but a response has yet to be received.

Citing figures released by the Department of Finance, Mafnas said FY 1994 revenues as of August 31, 1994 were only \$128.8 million, a far cry from the anticipated \$151 million at the end of

September. On the local level, Saipan was said to have generated some \$124.57 million out of the total with Rota and Tinian raising \$2.65 million and \$1.63 million, respectively.

Nevertheless, Mafnas gave assurance that the House leadership is carrying out its duty under the Constitution with care and diligence and that it would like nothing more than to pass the FY 1995 budget.

"We need the cooperation of the administration in providing timely and consistent information and policy position. Obviously, we are not getting that cooperation," the acting speaker said.



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Duties & Functions of the Technical Services Division

The Technical Services Division (TSD) is the center of all professional, technical, environmental and specialized engineering and architectural work is focused. This is where the corp of experts deals with almost all federally funded and CIP projects. On federally funded projects, TSD deals mainly with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Technical support is also extended to most CNMI agencies through "in-house" coordination. It also consist of inspectors overseeing the construction management and quality control of major roads and building projects. Rights-of-way are also acquired for our government through this division. TSD is viewed as one of the most overwhelming with work amongst all divisions in the department.

Director Juan R. Sablan



Thief takes on 13 cases of beer

A THIEF reportedly ransacked the storage of a store in Chalan Kanoa Monday afternoon of 13 cases of beer, the Department of Public Safety said yesterday.

Police said a report was received at 1:43 p.m. about the incident which occurred at the Green Pia Store's storage in Chalan Kanoa District 4. It was not indicated in the report how the responsible sneaked inside the room and ran away the loot undetected.

Meanwhile, a 45-year-old man told police that two unidentified men took his truck-load of tangan-tangan trees at his farm in San Vicente Monday

morning.

In Garapan, a woman told police someone took her \$300 cash she placed inside her wallet at Hula Hut Monday afternoon.

At Dandan Homestead, a 22-year-old woman filed complaint for disturbing peace and assault with dangerous weapon against a man Monday night.

It was gathered that the suspect went into the woman's house and started shouting at her for still unknown reasons.

The man took a piece of plywood and struck at the woman, police said.

CUC welcomes two new commercial customers

A GARMENT manufacturing company and a commercial nursery are the newest customers to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), a news release from the utility announced yesterday.

During simple ceremonies, L&T Garment Factory and Calvo's Nursery and Landscaping yesterday got connected to the island power distribution system thereby becoming the latest addition to CUC's growing list of big business subscribers.

L&T agreed to hook-up with the community utility this week, American Public Power Week. The factory will be energized in two stages. By

the end of the month, the entire Lower Base facility will be using island power.

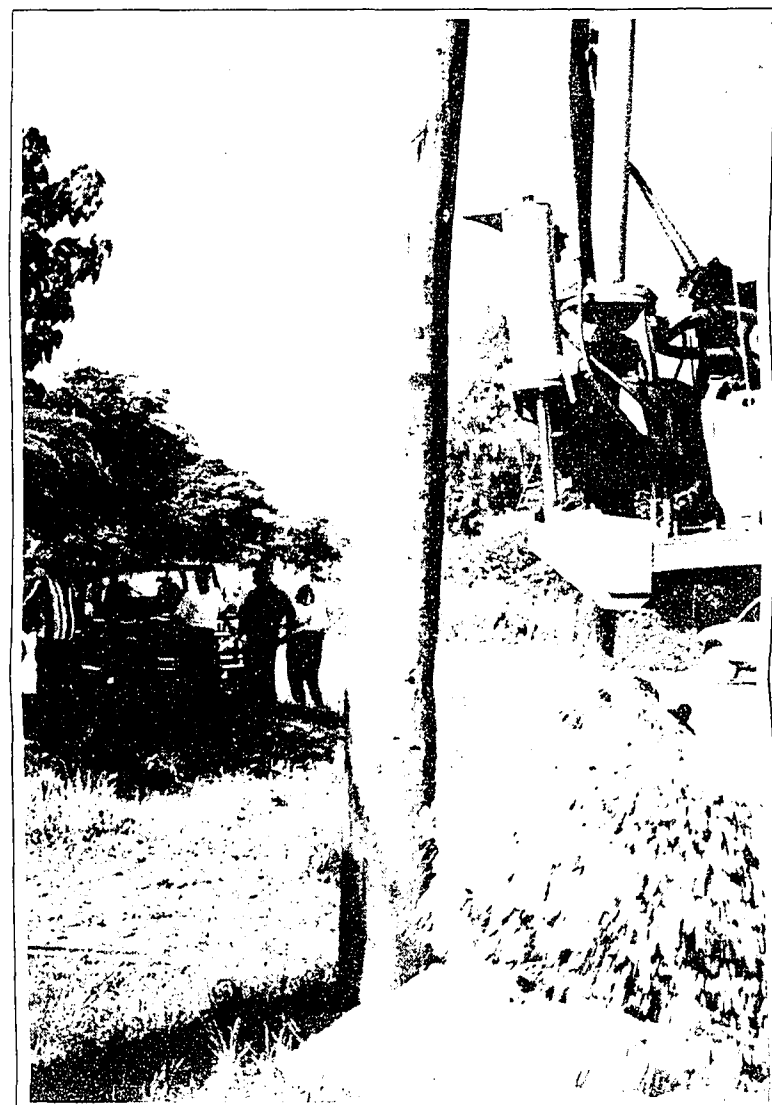
Calvo's Nursery and Landscaping also chose to use electricity from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation. The new installation is in Susupe, behind the Department of Public Safety, across from the MTC building. Patrick Calvo is opening a new commercial produce and garden store.

Calvo's is also credited for supplying trees for the first 75 residents who participate in Saturday's CUC Power-Walk from American Memorial Park Court of Honor to the CUC Beach. The walk begins at 8:00 a.m.

"Trees are especially important because they provide shade and that helps keep the electric bills low. Everyone is welcome to join the Power Walk and Energy-Saving Shade Day this coming Saturday," the release said.

The community utility has excess capacity and is encouraging businesses to hook-up with the CUC. Each business that hooks up to the utility helps strengthen the financial condition of the CUC.

The next installation will take place Wednesday, October 5th, 1:00 p.m. at the new Saipan Tribune building in Gualo Rui (past East-West Center).



CUC Power Distribution Employees install a power pole at Calvo's Nursery yesterday.

CNMI named to WHO panel

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE CNMI which headed the United States delegation in the recent World Health Organization/Western Pacific Regional Office meeting in Malaysia, has been appointed as among the four members of the WHO/WPRO sub-committee of the Regional Committee on Programmes and Technical Cooperation.

In its resolution, the WHO/WPRO appoints the representatives of USA (CNMI), Japan, Malaysia and Tuvalu as members of the sub-committee for three years from the 45th session of the Regional Committee.

The appointment came after four other members representing Australia, China, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Philippines expire their period of tenure in 1995.

The Regional committee likewise lauded the representatives of Cook Islands, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Republic of Korea and Samoa for their services to the sub-

committee.

Department of Public Health Services Director Dr. Isamu J. Abraham led the U.S. delegation in the WHO/WPRO meeting held in Kuala Lumpur last September 19-23.

WPR, being one of six regions within the WHO, conducts an annual conference with the member nations within their respective regions.

Abraham said the main role of this body is to share health related matters of information, develop policies within an international perspective and to assist those member nations that do not have the membership of the WPRO.

He explained that the other aspect of the meeting allows other member nations to keep track of their own progress in terms to the other member countries and other regions within the organization as well.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Office of International Health selected Abraham to head the US delegation in the meeting.

Also with Abraham were Dr. Ken-

neth J. Bart of U.S. DHHS, Ann S. Blackwood of the Department of State and Antonio R. Cabrera, representing CNMI.

With the appointment, Abraham said CNMI will be dealing with different countries in four years to access the most important global health issues—AIDS, tuberculosis and tobacco control—as well as other issues affecting Western Pacific Region.

During the meeting, the DPHS secretary shared the situation in CNMI he considered "at a crisis point," in terms with AIDS, tuberculosis and tobacco control issues.

Abraham pointed out that CNMI has shifted emphasis to prevention and primary health care after noting that the problems seem insurmountable, especially in stretching the resources to cover everything.

"We press on with increased health education efforts to relieve the general stigma of tuberculosis and to educate our community on HIV and AIDS prevention," he said.

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UOG to study coral reefs here

By Rafael I. Santos

THE Northern Marianas is joining various US states and territories in the long-term conservation of coral reefs and associated ecosystems which are considered important to the economy of the United States.

Officials at the Coastal Resources Management Office in particular have been working closely with federal agencies tasked in the conservation of coral reefs.

Aside from attending various federally-sponsored seminars on conserving coastal and marine life, CRM staff are also taking some measures aimed at preventing the destruction of ecosystems.

This month, the government will be contracting University of Guam marine experts to conduct an assessment of the CNMI coral reefs, CRMO Administrator Manuel C. Sablan said.

Specifically, UOG marine experts will try to identify the biodiversity in the waters within the jurisdiction of the commonwealth. Aside from finding out what kinds and types of living organisms exist in the CNMI sea waters, the UOG team will also try to determine whether or not the coral reefs and other living organisms in the CNMI are abundant or rare.

UOG marine scientists will also be asked to determine the impact of the dredging operation which is being carried out by Samsung Engineering and Construction for the construction of a port project.

It is believed that sedimentation and siltation as a result of the dred-

ging has destroyed some coral reefs. Sablan said siltation resulting from the dredging and water runoff during rainy season suffocates Saipan corals.

According to Sablan, four spots where stations for monitoring, have been identified at the Tanapag harbor. CRM expects the coral reef monitoring and assessment to last for about two months.

After the comprehensive study, the team could come up with the best possible management plan on how to handle coastal resources such as the coral reefs, he said.

Currently, the United States is developing what it calls the US Coral Reef Initiative (USCRI) which seeks to improve the domestic management of the "fragile" ecosystems in areas under America's jurisdiction.

The initiative is being developed jointly by various federal agencies, as well as state, territorial, and local governments, according to the U.S. State Department's Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

It is a component of a more broad-based, International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) which will include worldwide cooperation on research, assessment, monitoring, management and restoration with the international partners of the United States which are concerned with the health of coral reefs, it said.

State department officials have stressed to the CNMI government the need to support the preservation of coral reefs.

"Because of the importance of coral reefs in the...Northern

Marianas Islands, your support and participation in this process are key to any effort to conserve and sustainably manage these biologically diverse ecosystems," Elinor G. Constable of the state department said in a letter to Governor Froilan C. Tenorio last month.

The government has been provided with a copy of the coral reef initiative which addresses "the challenge of the conservation and sustainable use of coral reefs and related ecosystems through the strategies of partnerships, coordination, integration and capacity-building both domestically and internationally."

This multi-year effort will require

additional resources in fiscal year 1996 and beyond to implement the proposed new and enhanced current activities, the USCRI said.

As part of its goals, the initiative will strengthen coastal and marine ecosystem management in U.S. states, territories and commonwealths with coral reef resources such as the U.S. Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Guam and the Northern Marianas.

Coral reefs, according to the state department, contribute billions of dollars to the U.S. government in the form of revenue through tourism and recreational and commercial fisheries each year.

For some smaller island nations,

coral reefs form the centerpiece for sustenance and economic development, the initiative partly reads.

It is estimated that as much as 10 percent of the global reef area is degraded beyond recovery. Another 30 percent is predicted to collapse within the next 10-20 years, the initiative says.

"There is compelling evidence that coral reef ecosystems worldwide are under increasing stress from both natural and anthropogenic causes," it says. This crisis of coral reef degradation prompted the United States and its partners to pursue a program aimed at protecting "these critical natural resources."

Tinian students join hands to prevent campus flooding

STUDENTS at the Tinian High School (THS) and Elementary School were surprised by an unbelievable 2.8 inches of rain which falling 45 minutes Friday.

This led to some flooding near a couple of classrooms and forced a school-wide dismissal for students at lunch time.

Although some students were disappointed by the flooding, most were not too alarmed or stunned. Said one student, "Oh cool, let's go surfing!"

Immediately, the THS Principal and Vice Principal started cleanup efforts by obtaining shovels and providing

extra manpower. There were also teachers and JROTC volunteers on hand to help reduce the flooding.

JROTC volunteers also helped the students by laying out cement blocks at the student exits to avoid students from getting their shoes and clothing wet.

"To every problem, there will always be a some type of good outcome. When the students and teachers at THS joined forces to overcome this small catastrophe, we saw the same teamwork that is essential in classrooms," said a news release from

the school.

In the next school day's class bulletin, Principal James M. Wedding underscored the efforts by thanking and commending, "...all students and staff who assisted in containing the flooding and keeping the damages at a bare minimum." "Even a rainy day in Tinian showed the students and teachers at the high school the merits of their cooperation and hard work," he said.

(This news report was written and edited by Hilbert San Nicolas, Elmie Guerrero and the HS Journalism class for the use of the Marianas Variety.-Ed.)



Excessive rains on Friday were met with an early dismissal for students and a lot of helping hands to aid in the cleanup.

Federal funds use in Marshalls questioned

By GIFF JOHNSON

MAJURO - The Marshall Islands government's Auditor General has questioned the use of the entire \$3.25 million received by a group of islanders from Compact Section 177 nuclear test compensation payments during 1993.

According to the Auditor's latest report that was submitted to

the Nitijela (parliament), the Enewetak/Ujelang Local Government's accounts were completely un-auditable. Enewetak is one of four atolls in the Marshalls that receives quarterly compensation payment from the United States through the Compact. Enewetak was the test site for 43 U.S. nuclear weapons tests between 1948 and 1958.

"For Fiscal Year 1993, there are no books of entry for EULGOV accounting transactions and no financial statements," the auditor said in a letter to Mayor Neptali Peter.

"EULGOV was unable to provide us with the minutes of the council meetings, cash receipt registers, or the quarterly reports of the claims distribution. Bank

statements were missing, and bank reconciliations were not performed for the Distribution Authority Fund."

As a result, the use of the \$3.25 million was listed as "questioned" by the audit.

Auditor Susan Thompson said

that as a start, her office was seeking to get Enewetak to begin keeping basic records such as check registers. "We can give advice and training," she said. But it becomes a conflict for the auditors to do bookkeeping for offices that they are also auditing.

RP's Mayon Volcano acting up again

MANILA (AP) - Scientists on Tuesday raised an alert at volcano Mayon after jets of steam and earthquakes were observed again.

July Sabit, spokesman for the Philippine Institute on Volcanology and Seismology, also said scientists ruled out volcanic activity in Mount Malindang on Mindanao island after villagers reported sulfuric smells and river silt.

About 50,000 people live on Mayon's slopes, about 320 kilometers (200 miles) southeast of Manila. The mountain is known

for its near-perfect cone shape. In February 1993, 68 people died when Mayon erupted without the usual warning signs of steaming and quakes.

Also Tuesday, scientists returned from an expedition and assured residents on Malindang in Misamis Occidental province, 770 kilometers (480 miles) southeast of the capital, that the volcano was not becoming restive.

Sabit said the scientists found that the silting of a major river near Malindang was caused by rain-induced landslides. The smell

of sulfur may have come from decaying tree trunks in the forest, Sabit added.

There are 21 active volcanos in the Philippines. Malindang is one of 200 dormant volcanos.

Filipinos are still coping with volcanic avalanches from the 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo, previously classified as a dormant volcano. About 20 people died from last month's landslides and 15,000 people were driven out of their homes.

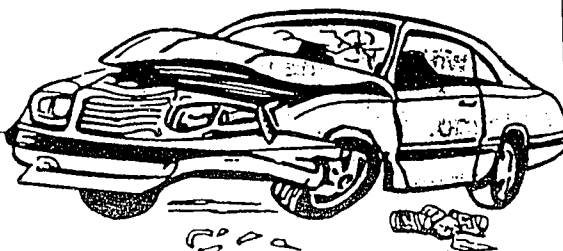
Pinatubo's first eruption in 600 years killed around 700 people and forced the closure of U.S. Clark Air base.

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Residents of Saipan and Tinian will experience windy conditions (25 to 35 mph with gusts to 50 in shower activity) Wednesday morning. "The joint Typhoon Warning Center will continue to closely monitor this system," the media alert read.

Island residents are encouraged to monitor official joint Typhoon Warning Center bulletins from local media sources and NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts to obtain updated information. NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts on 162.4 megahertz.

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For more information, please contact the CPA Main Office at 234-8315/6/7.

PSS offers old books at bargained prices

HISTORY buffs, antique collectors and people who enjoy reading are being offered a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity this week as the PSS sells off hundreds of old books and magazines at bargain prices.

The sale started on Tuesday, Oct. 4, and continues through Thursday, Oct. 6, with the sale hours set between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on all three days.

Books will be sold for only .75 each, or two for \$1.00. Magazines can be taken home for next to nothing - only 10 cents each!

PSS School Library Coordinator

Katharyn Tuten-Puckett, who put together the sale, said, "The school libraries have been weeded out and the old, outdated materials have been removed. Most of this material includes pre-1960 books and magazines. There are also textbooks, encyclopedias and other interesting publications."

She said that many of the old publications on sale probably have an interesting history, since the Northern Mariana Islands got many books from the U.S. military and U.S. schools in the Trust Territory days.

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Dinner for Two, Pacific Gardenia

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After serving the Babauta-Villagomez team as poll supervisor, Taitano was shown an unsigned document purportedly expressing the grievances of some DYS employees against their administrator. The document is said to have accused her of incompetence.

Long said the alleged grievances were not the real basis for Taitano's dismissal. He said then DACA chief Eleanor Dela Cruz and her deputy Robert A. Guerrero conspired to have plaintiff removed from her post.

Her transfer to a new job amounted to demotion since she was actually stripped her of her

original duties and responsibilities. Long told the jurors. She was subsequently terminated because she did not support Guerrero's team, she is Carolinian and she is a female, he claimed.

Defendants violated her due process right when they did not inform her the reason for termination, Long said, adding that Taitano was not also given an opportunity to challenge her dismissal.

Long asked the jury to award his client compensatory and punitive damages for the alleged wrongful demotion and dismissal.

The government rejected Long's assertions that Taitano was a competent, highly-qualified government official. Strand, in his opening statements, described

Taitano as an incompetent, irresponsible administrator that led to her dismissal.

"Maggie Taitano lost sight of her job...[Her] job became secondary (and) failed to manage (DYS) resources and employees," Strand said stressed.

The former DYS chief sued the government because she was mad, he said.

Taitano, he said, failed to maintain a healthy environment at DYS and neglected her responsibilities, demoralizing her staff. Her focus shifted to non-job activities, Strand added.

According to the government lawyer, 64 percent of Taitano's staff signed the petition which indicated they will not continue working for her. Such document

was submitted even before the Republic primary, Strand claimed.

"[The] suit is absolutely baseless," he said.

Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, who together with Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio worked for the nomination of Taitano as DCCA director, was called in by the plaintiff to take the witness stand.

Borja related to the court the reasons why the government considered Taitano for the position. Appointing a Carolinian in government was a campaign promise, he said, adding that Taitano's credentials and experience make her a suitable candidate for the DCAA post.

"We felt she is competent for the job," the lieutenant governor said in response to Long's question as to

why Taitano was nominated by the administration.

In effect, Borja testified against the CNMI government when he took the witness stand yesterday afternoon.

The government was aware of the lawsuit Taitano filed against the government when she was considered for the DCCA post, Borja said, adding that he and the governor were "hopeful that the suit would go away."

When asked why the former DYS chief was not confirmed by the Senate, Borja said it was because "she didn't get enough votes." Borja said he was aware that some DYS employees testified against Taitano during a confirmation hearing. The testimonies prompted senators to reject her nomination.

First implantable heart pump OKd

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Food and Drug Administration approved the first implantable heart pump to keep patients alive while they await heart transplants.

The HeartMate Left Ventricular Assist System provides hope for the 20,000 Americans who vie for some 2,000 donor hearts

every year, the FDA said in approving the device Monday.

"This device could help save the lives of many transplant candidates who now die for lack of available donor hearts," said FDA Commissioner David Kessler.

HeartMate supports the natural heart when its main pumping chamber, the left ventricle, is no longer strong enough to pump on

its own.

The only viable therapy for this fatal disease is a heart transplant. HeartMate helps patients' hearts continue beating while they undergo the typical yearlong wait for a transplant, the FDA concluded.

The 1.5-pound (0.6-kg) titanium pump is implanted into the abdomen and connected to the

left ventricle, helping the ventricle pump blood into the main artery that supplies the body.

The natural heart, meanwhile, continues performing such vital biological functions as regulating blood flow and producing peptides.

In clinical trials that began in 1985, HeartMate recipients were 55 percent less likely to die before a heart transplant and were significantly more likely to be alive a year after that transplant.

FDA approved the device only as a bridge for patients on transplant waiting lists whose hearts are failing so rapidly they are likely to die within two days.

But manufacturer Thermo Cardiosystems Inc. is studying whether HeartMate might become a permanent alternative to heart transplants.

So far, 230 Americans from age 14 to 66 have received the device. The average implant lasted 76 days, although one patient lived with the device for 344 days.

The FDA-approved HeartMate is air driven, powered by a battery-operated console that patients can push around on a little cart. The company is testing a motorized version that would run off two batteries worn in a shoulder harness for better mobility.

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belief that the payment required the Legislature's approval and that the governor's power to reprogram money for the purpose is not there.

But aside from the possible impropriety of the Administration's action, Mafnas also thinks there is more to the disbursement than "meets the eye."

"There's a possibility that monies in the special rebate trust account are being touched. I have a very strong feeling this is happening," said the acting speaker.

Mafnas is making reference to the Special Rebate Trust Account

established by statute to keep all tax rebate monies until they are returned to individual and corporate taxpayers.

Section 1708(d) 4 CMC specifically provides that at least 95% of all amounts paid to government with respect to income taxes shall not be placed into the general fund or commingled with other funds, but shall be deposited by the Finance Secretary into one or more FDIC insured special purpose trust accounts in banks within the Commonwealth.

Under the same law, proceeds may only be withdrawn from the trust account only under the following circumstances:

- making rebates as provided in

the statute:

- payment into the general fund, but only after a final determination that the amount in question is not validly subject to rebate under the statute; and
- payments into the general fund of interest derived from the trust account.

Mafnas' suspicion that monies from the account are being touched is bolstered by a recent directive issued by Governor Froilan C. Tenorio instructing the Department of Finance to use all available cash resources to meet current obligations.

Directive No. 130, dated September 16, 1994 and addressed to the Finance Secretary, specifically

states: "In the event of a shortage of cash, I direct you to use all available cash resources including tax assets to meet essential government obligations."

When contacted yesterday, Finance Secretary Maria D. Cabrera could not be reached for comment about the directive.

On the other hand, Governor Tenorio is yet to return from a trip from Japan and is thus not available to expound on what his directive meant.

His public information officer, Bruce Lloyd reserved comments until Thursday's weekly news conference with the governor.

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hearing date of May 16. Owners of the hotel did not appear in the labor office.

The labor department ordered the temporary disqualification of Islander Hotel from hiring non-resident workers for a period of one year. At the same time, it ordered the transfer of Espinosa to another employer and demanded that the hotel pay liquidated damages of more than five thousand dollars.

No appeal was made to the order, the government said.

"Defendant has refused and continue to refuse to comply with the findings of the labor order," Douglas Strand, assistant attorney general said in the complaint.

Strand asked the common-

wealth trial court to issue an order barring the hotel from hiring or renewing non-resident workers for one year.

The defendant has 20 days to respond to the lawsuit which was filed the other week.

Islander Hotel General Manager Kio Fuji said she received summons from the AG's office but handed the documents over to the lawyers of the company. She explained that she is not employed by the hotel and that she was just appointed to manage the establishment while a lawsuit involving the inn is pending.

Fuji added that the hotel's owners whom she identified only as Mr. and Mrs. Kim are off-island.

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/s/ ROMAN T. TUDELA
Executive Director

IMF, WB open meetings

By SALLY JACOBSEN

MADRID, Spain (AP) - With the fireworks out of the way, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank are finally getting down to business.

After nearly a week of sometimes-acrimonious debate between rich and poor nations, the institutions open their annual meeting Tuesday in an imposing glass-and-marble conference center in the Spanish capital.

Spanish King Juan Carlos and his wife, Queen Sofia, are taking part in the ceremonies coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the two institutions, which lend billions of dollars annually to developing countries.

The annual meeting may well be anticlimactic after the sharp words that marked some of the preparatory talks among finance chiefs and central bankers from the 179 member nations.

On Monday, the nations set aside their differences and agreed that more must be done to ensure the wise use of the billions of dollars channeled to help financially strapped governments.

At the end of daylong talks, rich and poor countries listed ways aid can be used more effectively in

boosting developing economies. Rich nations, it said, should allow women, the poor and others to play a more active role in designing, implementing and running aid projects. Aid operations should be more open to the public.

And it said donors should reduce the amount of "tied" aid. Rich nations will sometimes lend money but only if a poor country agrees to use part of it to buy imports.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, in a speech to the group, advised developing countries that the key to success lies in sticking to the free-market strategies promoted by the IMF and the bank.

"Sound economic management always produces results," he said.

In exchange for aid, the IMF and the bank insist developing nations adopt measures to lower inflation rates, restrain government spending and reduce trade barriers.

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By Stella Wilder

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You have a way of successfully combining business with your private desires, with the expected result that you enjoy what you are doing more than most while increasing your profits at every juncture. Some may accuse you of being nothing more than an opportunist — but they will do so with a good measure of envy!

Also born on this date are: Vaclav Havel, dramatist, president of Czechoslovakia; Glynis Johns, actress; Steve Miller, singer, musician; Donald Pleasence, actor; Chester Alan

Arthur, U.S. president.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, Oct. 6
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may have more on your plate than you can digest in one sitting. It's time to rearrange your schedule to suit ever-changing needs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You will be eager to please today, but there will be times when you must sit back and let others cater to you. Let someone else lead the way today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — It is essential that you remain calm and level-headed throughout the day. Expect the unexpected at every turn — though risks are few.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You mustn't let your inhibitions put a stranglehold on your desires. Today, you can surely break through a few stubborn obstacles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You're not to be rushed today. Be sure to send the right message and to insist that others give you the respect you deserve.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You must be understanding with those who are in a bind today

— for you, too, may find yourself in over your head before you know it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Now is not the time for a quick fix or any other kind of hasty efforts. Take the time you need to do things right — the first time out!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You don't want to be caught unprepared today! Be sure you are ready for any eventuality — and see to it that you keep your options open.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This is a good day to refine your appearance, surroundings and lifestyle. Make changes permanently if you are so inclined.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may be left to your own devices today — but that shouldn't stop you from exploring a full range of options. You can discover a few new outlets.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're in the mood to be praised today — but you must be willing to put in a top-notch performance if you expect to receive honest accolades.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You must be willing to listen to reason today! You'll need more information before making up your mind on a key topic.

Chester A. Arthur (1829-1886), U.S. president; Robert H. Goddard (1882-1945), rocket scientist; Ray Kroc (1902-1984), McDonald's restaurant-chain founder; Joshua Logan (1908-1988), producer-director; Vaclav Havel (1936-), Czech dramatist-poet-statesman, is 58; Steve Miller (1943-), musician, is 51; Bob Geldof (1954-), musician, is 40; Mario Lemieux (1965-), hockey star, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1941, with two out in the ninth, Brooklyn catcher Mickey Owen's passed ball led to a four-run rally by the Yankees,

who won that game four of the World Series, 7-4.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider, or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked; he looks upon you as worthy of nothing else, but to be cast into the fire." — Jonathan Edwards

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1917, Sentinel, Ariz., set the all-time high temperature for October with a reading of 116.

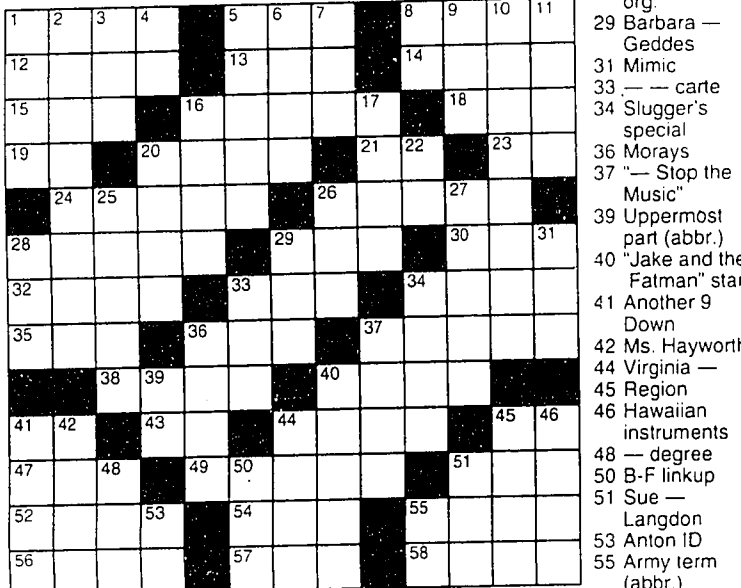
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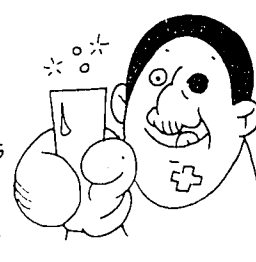
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RGA Golf results

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Tony Satur	79 73
Andy Nepaial	83 73
Joe Wabol	94 74
Ben Taitano	93 75
Bill Kaipat	87 77
Sonny Flores	95 77
Tony Saures	96 78
Mark Nepaial	89 79
Joe Lizama	90 79
Henry Magofna	95 80
Rose Igitol	118 82
Sid Taisacan	94 83
Pete Iginof	98 84
Abuel Johntag	95 85
Clement	117 93

Hawks...
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Palacios collaborated well to come up with fifty points in neutralizing the 43-points scoring rampage of Tom Barcinas and Harry Blanco.

Barcenas dazzled the gallery with his five three-pointers from the field but not the Cyclones which capitalized on several errors by the Toros.

The defeat made the Toros practically out of the elimination round. It has a non-bearing game to play against the Peacemakers. Down and out for this season but the Toros will still play their last in the spirit of sportsmanship.

On Thursday, the Peacemakers will meet the Sunrisers in the 7 p.m. game while the Ol' Aces will take on the Lite squad to improve its 10-1 card it is sharing with the Hawks.(AAPD)

SGA...
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score of 76 for a net score of 68. For his fine effort, Jess is SGA's July Ace of the Month accompanied with cash award.

Jesse B. Castro edge out Ed Manibusan for the closest to the pin contest on hole number 17. Jesse commented after the game that "I will be back."

The players had nothing but praise for the new course. A few comments noted from some of the players included the following.

John Babauta - "Some holes are really tricky and placement is essential to good scoring."

Ed Manibusan - "I feel like I am on vacation when I'm on the course; a truly resort golf course."

Juan Torres - "Excellent layout and the large trees really help keep the course cool."

Wheels...
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lead. The Sharks made one last attempt in the top of the seventh erupting for four runs highlighted by Ray Saka's two-run double to cut the deficit to 9-7. Benavente, who relieved Joe Guerrero after lasting a 2/3 inning the pulled the plug for the Sharks for the sweep.

RECYCLE

China, Japan dominate Asiad swimming

By DENIS D. GRAY

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) - Thailand's Ratapong Sirisanont was fastest in men's 400-meter individual medley heats, breaking a Chinese-Japanese monopoly on Tuesday's swimming preliminaries at the Asian Games.

Ratapong finished in 4 minutes, 32.89 seconds, a shade ahead of China's Xiong Guonming, a rising star who won the 200-meter freestyle gold Monday in a Games record time.

China went into the second of six days of swimming competition with three gold medals, three

silvers and a bronze while Japan had one gold, one silver and three bronzes. These traditional Asian swimming powers are expected to dominate at Hiroshima.

In other heats, Japan showed its depth in the men's freestyle with the best time - 7:34.47 - in the 800-meter relay, with South Korea a comfortable distance behind and China trailing in third.

Hitomi Maehara led the field in the women's 200-meter breaststroke qualifying, although she was likely to see a greater effort in the finals from China's Dai Guohong and Yuan Yuan. Maehara's time was 2:35.35.

Dai is world champion in the 400 individual medley and took a silver in that event here Monday. Yuan was second in the 200 breaststroke at the world championships in Rome last month.

China's Jian Chengji, Asian record holder in the event, was fastest in the men's 100 butterfly in 55.79 seconds but Andrei Gavrilov of Kazakhstan was a touch behind in 55.98.

In the women's 200 freestyle,

China's Le Ying bested competitors with a 2:02.94 while newcomer Eri Yamanoi of Japan had 2:04.24 and Chinese star Lu Bin clocked in at 2:04.85.

Lu, who captured a silver in the 100 freestyle Monday, came home from Rome with five medals, while Le was part of the winning 800-meter relay team at the world championships.

Finals in all five heats were scheduled for later Tuesday.

Women's Softball Slow-Pitch League

Team standing as of Sunday Sept. 25, 1994

Team	Win	Loss	Pct	GB
Lite Mix-a-Lot	8	1	.889	-
Tanapag Lady 8'er	8	1	.889	-
IBC Coca Cola	6	3	.667	2
DPS Islanders	5	4	.556	3
Sakau Womens	5	4	.556	3
Queen's Buds	3	6	.333	5
Hafa Adai Express	3	6	.333	5
Kautz Glass Glazers	1	7	.125	6.5
San Vicente Sun Riser	1	8	.111	7

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor's office of Saipan is now accepting applicants for the Students Cultural Exchange Program to Japan sponsored by the International Youth Association (KSKK) for the period beginning October 19 to October 25, 1994. Applicants must possess a valid U.S. passport. A maximum of twenty five (25) students, Boys and Girls, ages 12 to 16 only will be accommodated on a first come first serve basis. Deadline for application is October 12, 1994.

For further information, please contact Ms. Rosa Sablan or Ms. Regina Torres at Telephone numbered 234-6208, 234-6280 or 235-7304 at the Saipan Mayor's Office.

/S/ Jesus S. Deleon Guerrero
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SPORTS



Hawks, Ol'Aces share lead

THE TAKAI Hawks ended the of sole occupancy of the Ol'Aces at the helm of the elimination standing when it squeezed itself in after it gave the Brothers its fifth setback, 80-73 as the L.A. Cyclones backed, 80-73 in 1994. Cyclones amateur Basketball Association curtain for the Yco Toros, 94-81, at the Ada gym in Susupe Monday.

The win tied the 10-1 win-loss

slate of the Hawks with the Aces in the overall standing and provided it the chance to unseat the Aces in case the former continue its victory sweep to the end of the elimination for a final 13-1 record, and if the Aces loss one of its three remaining game.

In the top seventeen minutes of the game, the Brothers quintet was able to clip the wings of the

Hawks from expanding their fluctuating one or two shallow margin.

Then three minutes before half-time, Rey Lizama and Robert Quitugua decided it was showtime and pulled a one minute rally to widen the distance, 38-31, at half-time buzzer.

The tandem of Jess Dela Cruz and Ed Diaz of the Brothers put

up resistance for four minutes after the second half got underway. But their effort plus the rainbow shot of Tony Diaz at 17:29, and the triple play John Diaz fished from Quitugua at 15:15 further challenged the stubborn Hawks.

From 17:51 to 6:32, Quitugua executed high-flying lay-ups. Lizama asserted authority in penetrating the Brothers' iron defenses in his home court. Edzel Mendoza was unstoppable in his team play as Allan Magcalas did his chores in the shaded lane to establish the Hawks' first ten-point superiority, 65-55.

Brothers point guard Tony Diaz

and Ed Diaz counter attacked and fired an eight-points salvo, but the Hawks was quick to redeem its ten point lead, 75-65, 3:32 before deadline.

The Brothers managed to slice three points off the lead before the buzzer called it a night at 80-73.

In the opener, Coach Felix Palacios unleashed the strong winds of the L.A. Cyclones against the Yco Toros forcing it to bow out of the court and the 1994 season as the L.A.ers sealed the Toros' standing at 12 losses and a win.

George De Guzman and Gus

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1994 SABA LEAGUE

Team Standing
As of Oct. 3, 1994

Team	Win	Loss	Pct.
Ol'Aces	10	1	.909
Hawks	10	1	.909
Cyclones	7	4	.636
Brothers	6	5	.545
Lite	6	6	.500
Sun Risers	4	8	.333
Peace Makers	2	9	.181
Toros	1	12	.077

Leading Scorers

Name	Team	Gm.	Pts. Ave.
Winsor Peter	Ol'Aces	10	248 24.8
Tony Luzama	Lite	11	245 22.3
Tony Diaz	Brothers	9	192 21.3
Peter Camacho	Ol'Aces	9	173 19.2
Edzel Mendoza	Hawks	11	211 19.2
Jess Dela Cruz	Brothers	11	198 18.0
Wise Aguon	Peace Makers	11	193 17.5
Junior Renguul	Ol'Aces	11	192 17.4
Ray Lizama	Hawks	11	189 17.2
Pat Hetherington	Lite	12	203 16.9
Tony Susuico	Hawks	11	173 15.7
Phil Palacios	Cyclones	11	165 15.0
Jerry Benavente	Sun Risers	12	182 15.2

Games Results Monday, October 3, 1994

7 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Cyclones vs YCO Toros	Hawks vs Brothers
Halftime score: 49-32	Halftime score: 38-31
Final score: 94-81	Final score: 80-73
Referee: Ted McGann	Referee: Ted McGann
Umpire: Richard Pierce	Timer: Jess Takawo,
Timer: Jess Takawo	Charlene Cabrera
Scorer: Mike White	Scorer: Elias

Wheels win to square off with Glazers

By RAY D. PALACIOS

TONY Benavente's superb pitching in game one and Eddie Santos' outstanding performance in game two carried the Toyota Wheels to the Championship Game with a two-game sweep over the second place Ice Draft Sharks. After winning game one, 5-2, the Wheels behind Mike "Rock" Guerrero's three-RBI's stopped the sharks in game two, 11-7 and will now face the pennant champ Kautz Glass Glazers in a best-of-five series.

The Sharks had the upper hand in the regular season winning both confrontation but with the continuation from its offense, the Wheels pitching was just too much as the Sharks weren't able to shake off Eddie Santos who started for the Wheels before Ace Benavente came in to close the door. The Wheels attacked early with three runs in the bottom of the second but the Sharks responded with three of their own in the third to tie it up at 3-apiece. But the Wheels weren't finished as they pull away with the next six runs in the next 1 1/2 innings led by Guerrero's three-RBI's for a 9-3

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SGA holds tourney at Lao Lao Bay Resort

OVER 40 members of the Saipan Golfers Association took time out to try out the newest links in Saipan - the Lao Lao Bay Resort in Kagman. The weather was excellent as is the Golf Course layout and over all design. All the players were excited about the new course and look forward to playing again soon. It is "beautiful, fun and challenging" were the frequent comments heard from the players throughout the afternoon.

Challenging indeed as only four players were able to break 80. Taking the top honors and lowest gross score of 73 is Joe Sablan. For his outstanding performance,

Joe will get cash award and a trophy from the Club. In addition, he is bestowed the honors of September ace of the month. Congratulations Joe - not bad for first time on the course.

Taking second place with two over par 74 was Alex Tudela. He too will get cash award, trophy and the August Ace of the month title. Alex also won the closest to the pin contest on hole number 7 and more cash award. This is also Alex's first time out on the new course and loved every hole.

Finally, another avid golfer having an excellent day was Jess Q. Guerrero who managed a gross

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SNE-FT and Duet Karaoke Club players show tight defense during Sunday's Philippine Amateur Basketball Association interesting match up at Ada gym. The SNE-FT dribblers defeated Duet 89-83. (photo by Ferdie de la Torre)

Women's softball results

By FRANK D. PALACIOS

BERT Sablan went 3-for-3 and scored four times and Julie Omar limited the IBC Coca Cola to just three hits as the Lite Mix-a-Lot remained tie for first place with a 6-1 victory. It was all Mix-a-Lot as the Coca Cola couldn't score through the first six innings but barely managed to avoid a shot-out with a lone run in the bottom of the seventh when Dora Taitingfong tripled and scored on Elma Tenorio's sacrifice. W.P. Julie Omar (6-1) L.P. Poly Omechelang (6-3).

The Tanapag Lady 8'ers behind seven consecutive singles and a grand-slammer to open up

the game enroute to thirteen runs kept pace with the Lite Mix-a-Lot with a 17-3 fifth inning shot-out over the DFS Islanders. After the first seven batters reaching base on singles, Jovie Omar then put the icing with a gland-slam that put the Lady 8'ers on top, 8-0 with still no outs. They extend it to 13-0 with five more run in the inning and never looked the rest of the way. W.P. Jevie Omar (7-1) L.P. Sharon Umang (1-1).

Hafa Adai Express avenged a first round loss to the Queens' Bud winning their second match-up with an 11-9 decision thanks to Obi Tekepua's inside the park homer in the top of the seventh to lift the Express. Dora Palacios bases loaded

triple gave the Buds a 9-8 lead after trailing most of the way and needed just three outs for their third win in-a-row but were denied by Tekepua. W.P. Irene Facy (2-3) L.P. Remy Celis (3-6).

The Sakau women picked up three runs in the top of the first and never trailed the rest of the way cruising to a 13-2 victory over the San Vicente Sun Risers in the final game of the day. Evelyn Franklin led Sakau going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and Irene Alpet ripped a two-run homer for the victors. Doris Roberto went 3-for-3 for the Sun Risers. W.P. Semirina Simram (4-3) L.P. Lucy Ada (0-5).