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Roy blasts Rota

By DAVID T. HUGHES
editor

"It looks like a bomb came and ripped it apart. . . .," was how Rota resident Pete Dela Cruz described his island Wednesday afternoon. He said in a telephone interview from the island that Rota was a complete disaster area after the almost 150-mile-per-hour winds of Typhoon Roy blew

through Tuesday night.

The devastation was so bad that Governor Pedro P. Tenorio issued a plea for food, water, clothing and tents for the victims on Rota.

Typhoon Roy may have only done 'banana typhoon damage' on Saipan, but the situation is much worse on Rota. According to sketchy initial reports re-

ceived here Wednesday morning, wind damage on the



Dozens of homes on Rota suffered this fate: Knocked flat by Typhoon Roy See back page for more pictures.



Last-minute work like this saved us from wind damage

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Legislature 6

Republicans give up speakership grudgingly; Senate harmonious

U.S. govt. criticized by Manglona

By DAVID T. HUGHES
editor

A last-ditch effort by the Fifth Legislature's House of Representatives to delay the takeover of the Democrats died in a flurry of finger-pointing and demands to "look at the Constitution. . . ." But when it was all over, the Democrats threw in the towel and joined in the vote to unanimously elect Pedro Guerrero as the new Speaker of the House.

Guerrero's nomination by the Democratic leadership had been announced last year after the election, but the final act was being nominated and elected by the House membership itself.

An argument over which House Rules to follow resulted in an almost hour's delay in the election of Guerrero. Heated conferences took place

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Republican Juan Torres and Speaker-Elect Pedro Guerrero argue over procedures with the outgoing House speaker Joe Lifofoi.

Storm delays Chamber's big banquet

Typhoon Roy has caused many meetings and conferences scheduled for this week to be cancelled or postponed. Saturday night's planned inauguration banquet for the Saipan Chamber of Commerce is the latest victim. Chamber president Abed Younis said Thursday that the banquet planned for the Oceana Room of the Hyatt-Regency Hotel has been postponed until the following week.

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Interior bows to pressure; Names new boss

Juliana Pilon takes over in Territorial Affairs office

She has NO expertise in Pacific and is anti-UN

By DAVID T. HUGHES
editor

A new face will need to be memorized by Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas politicians beginning this week. Kittie Baier is now out as the principal deputy assistant secretary in charge of territorial affairs at the Department of Interior. Replacing her is a complete newcomer to the Pacific political scene, Juliana Pilon, a naturalized U.S. citizen.

Pilon is considered by many in the U.S. capitol as being a strong critic of the United Nations. Last year president Reagan dissolved the political bounds of the CNMI to the United Nations by presiden-

tial proclamation.

Baier replaced long-time friend to the Mariana Islands, Richard Montoya. He resigned to run for Senate in his home state. Many leaders in the CNMI have been upset at the state of flux in the DOI since Montoya took his leave.

According to a Pacific Daily News article last week revealing the change in administration, Baier heard about the appointment and decided to resign in order to pursue other business. However, she will stay on for an indefinite time as a consultant to help in the transformation.

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NEWSPAPER PAC

Editorial Opinion

Time has now come for action

The right to live in decent accommodations is basic. However, it now seems that some of our Commonwealth's employers now feel THEY have the right to put people in not only degrading, but dangerous living quarters.

According to reports filed by the Health Department, the recent inspection of a garment factory has led to disquieting concerns. For weeks now rumors have been circulating that at least one garment factory was using containers as housing — either permanent or temporary — for employees. The company management denied it, but also refused to allow a reporter to see inside the containers when asked.

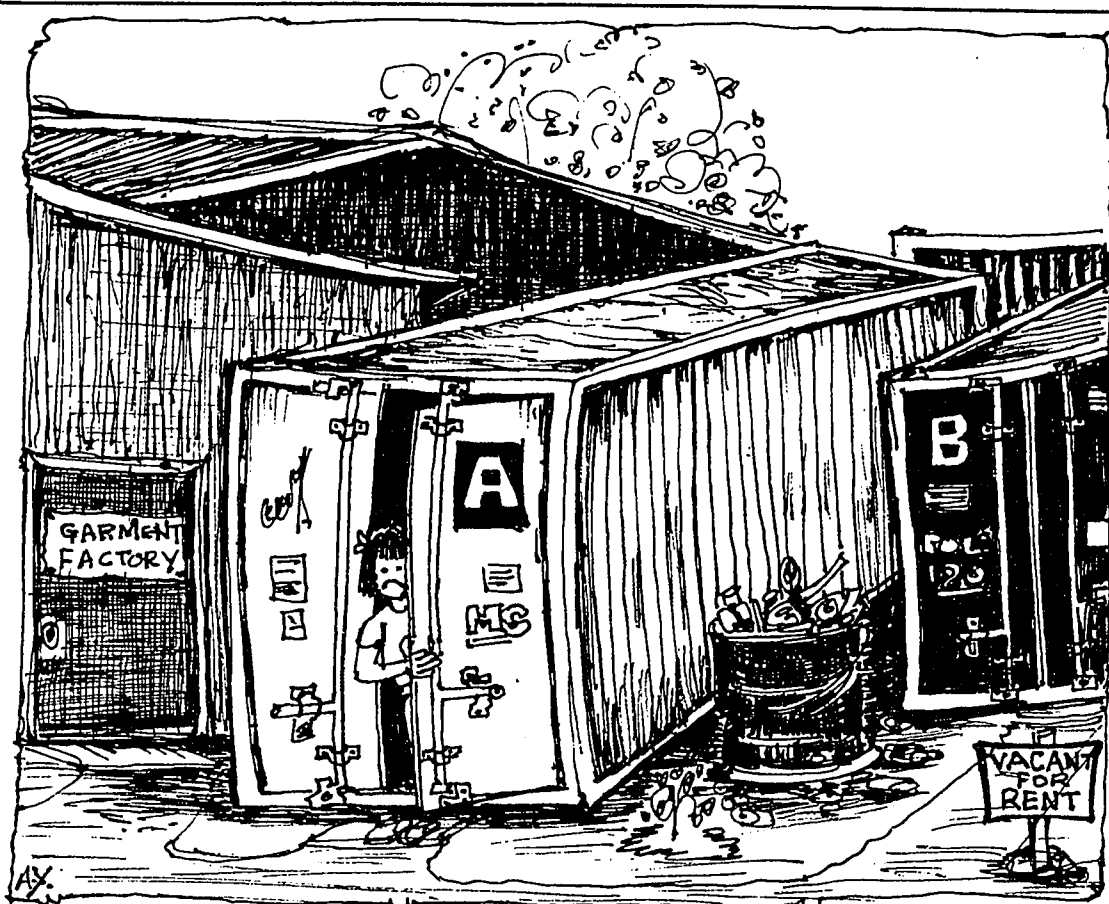
Unfortunately, the health department was basically powerless to do anything about such alleged inhuman activities because there are no building code laws on the Commonwealth's books. All the inspectors could do was check on the cleanliness and availability of sanitary facilities in the area.

We blame the government itself for this clear human rights violation of the United States Constitution. Either because of downright laziness, personal interest protection, or a general reluctance to offend a single voter, the legislature has failed to enact ANY law which requires standards of building and living conditions.

Why not? This newspaper wonders when developers will realize that the law is so lax and start using containers for apartments. . . . What's to stop them? Certainly, the government can't step in and do anything. . . Or is that WON'T do anything?

The question is not only the practice of using containers to house human beings, it is that our island is in a building boom and contractors are putting up anything that will hold people or a business — and charging ransom-like rents for the smallest spaces. The *Variety* isn't against en-

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All that's needed here is to paint them and add a few windows and doors. . . .

New legislature may can work together

With the new leadership in the legislature recently installed, there's guarded optimism that indeed the Sixth Legislature will be able to work together in the consideration of such controversial bound issues as the budget for the current fiscal year.

Congratulations are in order to the new Senate President Benjamin T. Manglona, Senate Vice President Joe P. Mafnas and their colleagues. The same felicitation is also extended to the new Speaker Pete Guerrero and Vice Speaker Ben Sablan and their colleagues.

For more than 24 years, Senate

President Benjamin T. Manglona led his people as their representative in the District Legislature, the forerunner of the current legislature; the Congress of Micronesia, the transitional legislature (Fifth Marianas District Legislature) and has done an outstanding job not only as a solon from Rota, but as a legislator for the Northern Marianas. One would think that after so many years one would lose his efficiency or edge. Not for the new Senate President. He remains a relevant representative of his people and of the CNMI.

Since the days as a staff-writer

Periscope

A Personal opinion column by John DelRosario, Jr.

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For the then Congress of Micronesia, I have come to admire Vice President Joe P. Mafnas for his intellectual ability and tact. Under heated debate, he could still maintain a clear vision of what is at issue despite the cloud of confusion that hangs in the chamber. And if one thinks he could fancy foot with

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Threats can't sway anti-casino forces

Dear Editor:

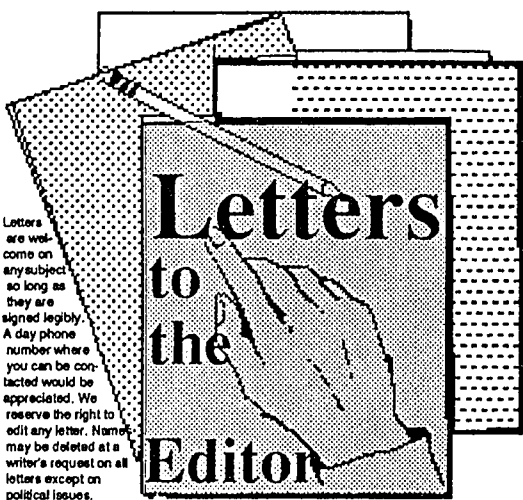
I am appalled by the recent threatening letters that were sent to His Excellency Bishop Tomas A. Camacho and Reverend Dwight Chapman because of their opposition to casino gambling. These letters shed light on the true nature and character of some of the strong proponents of casino gambling. Not only do they disregard the result of our democratic process of law by initiative but they totally disrespect the leaders of our established religious institutions.

Do the people of Tinian and the Tinian Senators really want to associate themselves with rule by intimidation? If these individuals do not respect our Constitution and the leaders of our established religions, how do we expect them to treat the five gambling commissioners that are supposed to regulate the casinos? It will be a sad day in the history of our Commonwealth if we allow intimidation to dictate political policies and decisions.

Once again, I urge my fellow people of Tinian to rally behind Bishop Tomas Camacho and reject casino gambling.

Sincerely,

/s/James Hofschneider, M.D.



Covenant suit "no-win" for everyone in Commonwealth

Dear Editor:

It appears that Larry Hillblom and Jim Sirok, in their much publicized case challenging the validity of the CNMI covenant, are fighting a battle they might win but a war they will certainly lose. The two are claiming that the covenant is void because of two fundamental provisions in it (namely, the equal senatorial representation in the legislature and the land alienation restric-

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EDITORIAL TOO

Have the strength of your conviction

Anonymous critics are disregarded!

Very few things really get under my skin to the point that I hang up on people who call me. But, this past week I had one of THOSE calls that made me see red and I was so angry with the person who called that I just terminated our conversation in his mid-sentence.

Being in this business tends to attract the cranks, drunks, stupid comments and closet critics. I guess I should be used to it by now.

Fridays are usually a "bummer" for me because of the weird calls I know are coming. . . .

Last week was no exception; This person calls me up and asks stupid questions about the post office story. "If you don't know why 'MP' stands for, then why run the story," he asked. "It seems like a non-story to me. . . ."

I tried to explain to the man that the very act of changing a postal designation was front page news in itself, plus I had found many people didn't know it was coming. It also seemed strange to me that we would be given the handle of "MP", especially when no one knows what it stood for. (One person ventured "Middle of the Pacific.")

This person (who sounded perfectly sober) then tried to tell me it wasn't news. . . . I could tell he was a crank and I wasn't about to blow my morning listening to him.

THEN he starts in telling me that he "doesn't like the type of news that I have been printing lately. . . ." Well, that was the final straw as far as I was concerned. "Who is this please," I asked in a strained voice.

"I don't have to tell you who I am," he said in a taunting voice.

"No," I said, "you don't, but I also don't have to sit here and listen to someone who doesn't have enough balls to identify himself either. You know who I am, and when you start making comments like that, I feel I have the right to know who you are. I won't print it. . . ." I said.

He again refused to identify himself, so I just hung up on him. Yes, I know that was very rude, but I have always thought that one should return what one gets in situations like this.

No, I don't object to criticism. It was former U.S. president Harry S.



A personal opinion column by Variety editor David T. Hughes

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Truman who said, "If you can't stand the heat then stay out of the kitchen." So it is in the newspaper business, as in politics or almost any business. I will always listen to criticism if it's given in the right spirit and not from a spineless critic.

But, like anonymous letters to the editor, I feel if anyone wants their opinions taken seriously, they should have enough spirit of conviction to stand behind their thoughts by divulging their names.

Anonymous news tips are another matter, they fall into the category of "general information" and are taken on their face value and investigated with no pressure as to where they come from.

So, to whoever you were last

week, feel free to call back and question any of our news stories or to venture criticism of anything which appears on our pages. Just be prepared to tell me who you are.

I don't know if the islands have the common fairy tale of the "Boy Who Cried Wolf," but I guess everyone knows what that means. Some critics of the government might say that the governor calling "Typhoon Condition Three" so early was wrong. I strongly disagree. Personally, I feel the governor was correct in giving the population enough warning to take precautions.

After Typhoon Lynn when the government just suddenly said there was a storm coming (in the middle of the night when it was

almost on us), this week has been refreshing.

Those of us who have come from the States have gotten spoiled when it comes to weather forecasting. At least one television station (usually all of them) in a city have sophisticated weather radar and full-time meteorologists to keep viewers informed of any storm systems. Plus, there is also a 24-hour cable weather channel that shows what's going in all over the U.S. and parts of the world.

I come from "tornado alley", and when I lived in Florida we were always looking out for Gulf of Mexico Hurricanes. So, weather played a special part - and was never given a second thought - in our lives.

Here on Saipan we have no television stations. Our two radio stations are relatively low-budget and the cable system is "second-hand", depending on their Guam-based meteorologists to keep us informed.

But, I would like to also commend the cable system for doing

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More letters to the editor

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tion) are repugnant to the equal protection clause of the U.S. constitution, because of their votes being diluted disproportionately with the smaller islands' votes and the denial of their rights to own lands here in fee simple.

Granted that Mr. Hillblom and Mr. Sirok obtain a favorable judgement invalidating the CNMI covenant. Where does that leave them? Will their case void the CNMI constitution, a separate document providing also for equal senatorial representation and land alienation restriction, considering then that there is no covenant and a U.S. constitution to apply? Would not then the CNMI constitution become the supreme law of the Northern Mariana Islands?

Furthermore, supposing that the covenant is invalidated, there is a good possibility that the Northern Mariana Islands might just become a republic—considering that the trusteeship agreement is terminated and, thus, discharged. There then being no basis with which to establish the legitimacy of the government of the Northern Mariana Islands (the commonwealth status being dead) a proclamation by, say, the governor, after consultations with the other elected leaders, establishing the islands a republic appears to be in order, appropriate, and the most logical course to

take. What other course is there to take? What other course is there to take? Furthermore, with no external strings attaching, making the islands a republic confirms upon the ruling body (what previously was the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) legitimacy and authority because the principles with which the ruling body is constituted conform with the principles of a government founded under a republic.

So, what then will Mr. Hillblom and Mr. Sirok get if the islands become a republic? Nothing, because the essence of the ruling body, of political necessity, requires that there be equal representation in a one house of the legislative branch and also that the basic resource of the islands be secured to those who participated in the founding of the ruling body, and their descendants. How else can a government of the Northern Mariana Islands be constituted or exist without such matters incorporated in its constitution and have the loyal, unified support of the people of Rota, Tinian, Saipan and the rest of the islands? In other words, equal senatorial representation and land alienation restriction are indispensable to a political composition of the islands—whether it be a commonwealth or a republic.

The people of the Northern Mariana Islands voted for the covenant to fulfill their political aspiration of becoming a member of the American political family. But in no way did the people totally surrender their political rights and their most precious asset. It is for these reasons that the equal senatorial representation and land alienation restriction provisions in the covenant are there to make it unmistakably clear that they are indispensable matters to a political solidarity of the islands that "without which the accession of the Northern Mariana Islands to the United States would not have been possible." In other words, there would never have been a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America if such provisions were not included and there will never be one if they are not to be included.

The covenant was approved by the people because it was the best that could be hammered out to everyone's satisfaction. Voiding the covenant leaves no room for improvement. Simply, there is nothing to "renegotiate" as many would style it. Also, it only shows that the United States is unreliable. I, therefore, pray that Mr. Hillblom's and Mr. Sirok's case be thrown out by the court.

Sincerely,
/s/John S. Pangelinan

The BOTTOM LINE

Last week's question didn't set our readers on fire. So this week we are asking a more controversial question. Please take the time to answer. We are going to put our box back in Joeten at Susupe (better marked this time). It's on the center island as you go in the front door.

Also, please suggest alternate locations for more boxes.

Do you think one would do well on Capitol Hill? Where?

Feedback

A weekly opinion poll

This week's Question:

Would you be in favor of printing sexual harassment or assault complaints filed by alien workers?

- Yes,
- No,
- I don't have an opinion or enough info.

WHY?

Free to use more paper to extend your comments. Please complete this poll by Tuesday and mail it to the newspaper at P.O. Box 231, Saipan, 96950-0231. OR drop it in our handy ballot box at Joeten Center.

Signed (optional)

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GET THE POINT ?

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what they could during the on-again, off-again power during the storm. They did do their best to keep us informed as well as can be expected.

I just wish we had radar or a satellite picture receiver here or on Guam to get an idea on a more timely basis of what's happening out there.

Also, I wonder what happened to KSAI's much-touted "direct radio service from Guam weather"? After Typhoon Lynn they were indignant at the "lack of adequate information from the government."

They have had plenty of time to erect the small antenna needed to get NOAA weather radio from Guam.

While handing out laurels, an "atta-boy" should be given to the

civil defense office. They did a good job coordinating information to all radio and cable stations. Those on the cable system or with the little weather radios were kept informed on a lot more timely basis through their NOAA station here.

Keep it up please.

Most of my readers know how I feel about the abuse of human rights on this island. I especially get riled when I hear of employers who attempt to sexually abuse their female employees. One local Korean businessman told a Filipina who filed a sexual harassment case against him that "I have friends in labor and it won't do you any good..."

I am not so naive that I don't think this is not possible, but if there is such a thing going on, I

would hope the grand jury looks into any allegations.

Finally, this young lady told me she was "almost to the point of giving up hope" that anything would be done on her case. "I just want to drop the whole thing," she said because of the long delay.

I urged her to stay in there and keep on with the case because the only way employers are going to learn is if they are hauled before justice. Personally, I think she should have also filed a case with the Department of Public Safety and Attorney General for assault. She told me that her employer came to her room late one night and demanded she open the door so "he could talk to me about important company business."

Being a trusting soul, she did just that and he grabbed her and tried to kiss her and force her onto the bed.

That's assault and battery my friends. There seems to be a mind-set (especially by Korean and other alien businessmen) that once they hire someone, that person has to do "whatever the boss says..."

Mr. Businessman and alien laborer be advised that in the Commonwealth that you are bound and protected by the terms of the contract. That means the number of hours a day and the number of days per week. Once that obligation is fulfilled no one (including the business owner) has the right to tell an employee how he or she can conduct their personal business.

This also means the common practice of telling women that they can't date or leave the barracks without their boss' permission is not legal. If employers persist in enforcing this "personal rule" they should be advised that they are - in effect - kidnapping the employee or enslaving them. Both are punishable offenses under U.S. and Commonwealth law.

Complain to law enforcement officers and the labor board. If you are not satisfied they are

progressing with your case then complain to THIS NEWSPAPER. We will find out what's happening on your case and why there are delays.

Perhaps one way of stopping abuses of labor would be to print complaints that are filed against employers based on either sexual assault, slavish-like restrictions on personal freedoms, etc. Wage disputes are another matter and have no place in the newspaper.

But, I still insist that if the police are brought in then employers might take this human rights issue more seriously. Also foreign businessmen convicted of such crimes, or aliens acting as supervisors, can face immediate deportation for these crimes.

While on the subject of super-

visors: I have a rumor from several sources now that at least one garment factory has a policy of having supervisors go around with a switch or stick, belt or something to keep employees working. According to rumors if employees are not fast enough, are caught talking, or other infractions, they are slapped or struck with the object.

Not only is that socially repugnant - it is assault and battery and is a crime. I urge employees to report such barbarism to the labor board, the police and to us.

Until next week remember that the Commonwealth is like the U.S. in many ways - we have laws to protect the rights of the individual - no matter who they are, what country they come from and what job they hold.

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treapeneurship by any means. We feel the building boom is good for the economy, but we urge more government interest in the construction techniques, the engineers who do the basic design, the quality of materials and workmanship.

Specific laws need to be passed defining what is a habitable living space. Included in the act should be regulations should be minimum square footage per person, minimum toilet and washing facilities for EACH apartment or barracks. Failure to meet these standards should result in heavy fines and the requirement of employers furnishing alternate approved living space until the problem is corrected.

Finally, this newspaper has adopted a "live-and let live" attitude toward the garment industry in the past. However, if the abuse of basic human rights continues by this business, we too will join in the growing movement to ask them to move on.

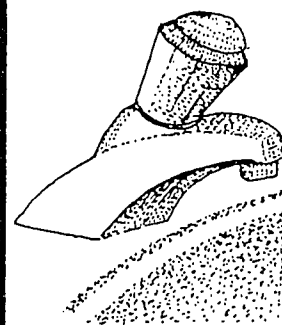
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform all interested teams and individuals that the 1988 Little League, Senior Little League and Big League Baseball Season is scheduled to start during the early part of March 1988. All interested Managers and Coaches are asked to submit their Team Rosters of 15 players accompanied by player's Birth Certificate and \$150.00 entry fee to the Dept. of Community and Cultural Affairs, Division of Youth Services no later than Feb. 26, 1988. In order to participate in the following division: Little League Division 9 to 12 year old. Senior Little League Division 13 to 15 year old. Big League Division 16 to 18 year old.

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Senate and House now official

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between sweating politicians dressed in suits, ties and coats. Tempers flared to such a point that three recesses of the House had to be called before the final vote could be taken.

All of this was done in the full glare of cable television news lights and the busily-scribbling and picture snapping newspapers of the Commonwealth.

Several names were placed in

nomination for the speaker's job, including that of Rep. Juan Torres. But, Torres - one of the most vocal leaders of the Republican delaying tactic of questioning the rules - finally asked that his name be removed from nomination. He said that "in the spirit of unity" he wanted the other members of the House to join him and vote Guerrero into the position by acclamation.

Once that was done a grinning Guerrero embraced Torres and the other "nominee", Rota Representative Tony Quituga and they escorted the new speaker arm-in-arm where he was handed the ceremonial House gavel by outgoing speaker Joe Lifofoi.

In a speech to the now-official Sixth House, Guerrero said he sees a bright promise for the Commonwealth and he also

urged the members of both parties to work together for the betterment of the citizens.

While all the action was going on in the packed-to-the-walls House chamber, a more sedate Senate swearing-in was completed with little fanfare. Rota's veteran senator, Benjamin Manglona, was elected as president and Tinian's Jose P. Mafnas was again elected as vice-president.

Manuel P. Villagomez of Tinian will serve as legislative secretary.

Sworn in during the brief ceremony also was the island of Rota's newest Senator, Paul Manglona, son of the island's mayor, Prudencio Manglona. He is also the nephew of the Senate president.

The new Senate president said in a ringing speech to his colleagues that the money needed to do over \$140 million worth of work on the Commonwealth's utility infrastructure has not come forth from the U.S.. Manglona said the U.S. government's insistence on a seven-year plan before the money will be released was not a good idea.

But, the CNMI government agreed to the plan, as well as other things in the 1985 agreement. Also included in an agreement with the Department of Interior was a promise to substantially reduce the size of government, yet each year the CNMI hires

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Washington Representative Froilan (center) joined members of the House to be sworn in Monday.

New face in DOI offices

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She declined to be demoted to deputy to the new woman.

No one is talking as to why Baier was replaced. When her appointment was announced last summer, Montoya spoke highly of Baier, but no one knows why she wasn't able to keep the job.

But, the "musical chairs" in the DOI might not be over. DOI Secretary Donald Hodel's press secretary said in Washington that "the powers that be... believe that Juliana can fit the bill until the White House decides how to proceed."

The position is one of concern for members of the CNMI government because of the political and fiscal ties between us and the U.S. The DOI is the channel through which most things flow.

Because of the typhoon damage on Rota, the governor or others in the Commonwealth's structure were unable to comment on the new head. However, her total lack of experience in the Pacific, its people, demographics, and past relationship with the U.S. may prove a hindrance until she can "get up to speed."

The PDN report said that Pilon has been employed by an eastern political "think tank". She had been recommended for the last summer, but nothing official ever came from it.

Research shows that her background does not include any exposure to Pacific or Caribbean Islands. Pilon will be directly responsible for the administrative authority over Guam, Palau and other U.S. Territories. She does not have that sweeping a hand in the Commonwealth, however.

Pilon's main hold will be in decision making regarding the millions of dollars poured into the islands through federal programs and direct DOI grants.

Soviet issues dominated Pilon's time at the Heritage Foundation, the "think-tank" in Washington. Plus, her activities dealt with the United Nations. During her tenure at Heritage she was a critic of the U.N.

Technically, president Reagan hasn't nominated Pilon to the assistant secretary's position, but if he does it before the U.S. Senate re-convenes, she can be confirmed without Senate approval.

Knowing WHERE to look is half the information battle



Let JoAnn's fingers find the right information for you.

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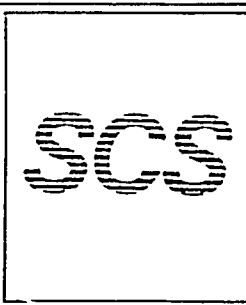
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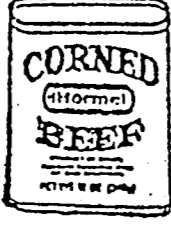





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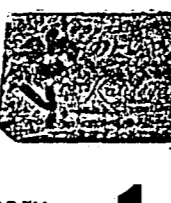


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Chamber dinner

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"It would just be too inconvenient for a lot of people to make it this weekend," he said. "Many of the island's political leaders like the governor are going on and off-island checking storm damage." Younis also said the airline schedules have been disrupted to such a point that many expected and honored guests of the chamber wouldn't be able to make it in time from other areas of the world.

He said that by postponing the banquet until the following week more people could come. "We want as many people to come as possible, and this is one way to help that happen."

The typhoon-delayed banquet is perhaps the last tumultuous event in Younis' year as president. He started off with a bang when last year's guest speaker, William Millard, told that installation banquet audience that he "was tired of being solicited for bribes by Commonwealth politicians." That started a falling-domino chain of events in the CNMI which eventually led to a long series of hearings in the House of Representatives looking into corruption.

Eventually, by Millard's own testimony before the House, he admitted that he had never been directly approached

Swearings-in marked by action

more and more people.

Mangiona said in his speech that the Commonwealth and the Senate could no longer be "quiet on this issue." He said the DOI treated the Commonwealth like a territory instead of a politically-associated sovereign entity.

He said that he wants the entire Marianas legislative delegation to travel to Washington, D.C. to lobby the Interior Department for at least a draw down of \$30 million for infrastructure work.

While agreeing with some points of the president's speech, Saipan Senator Juan T. Guerrero, one of the Democratic minority in the Senate, said that his fellow solons in that body had placed the blame on everyone but themselves, including the federal government, the House and the governor.

Following the swearings-in, both sides of the legislative branch adjourned to tents on opposite sides of the building for individual receptions. Because of Typhoon Roy's approach, the parties did not last long because the tents had to be struck before the winds came.

also be introduced prior to the 7:15 p.m. dinner.

The incoming president's boss, Jesus S. Deleon Guerrero, president of the Bank of Guam, will be the featured speaker for this year's banquet. He should speak from 8-8:15 - just before outgoing president Younis gives his closing remarks.

Judge Ramon Villagomes will then conduct the swearing-in ceremonies about 8:30.

Naholowaa will then present a plaque to the outgoing president and then give his remarks.

Saipan Community Church pastor Dwight Chapman will give the benediction about 9 p.m., if all goes as scheduled.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has grown under Younis' administration and now has the following members of the organization:

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Many others are members of the chamber.

Public Announcement

1988 WINTER STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO JAPAN

The office of the Mayor, Saipan, is once again inviting public or private school students in the CNMI, boys and girls who are interested in participating in the annual WINTER STUDENT CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM to Osaka and Kyoto, Japan. The program is scheduled for February 8 to 15. Enrollment of participants in the program should comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. Age: 12 to 16 years old
2. Either parent may sign up for his/her child at the Mayor's office with the following informations:
3. Should have a valid U.S. Passport,
4. A deposit of \$331.00 for airfare roundtrip ticket at the Mayor's office.
5. Must have pocket money for personal use between \$100.00 to \$300.00,
6. A letter of consent to participate in the program should be signed by either parent.

The program will pay for all meals and lodging (hotel) for all the participants while in Japan, including complete and adequate winter clothing and ground transportation. A minimum of fifteen (15) students must sign up with a valid U.S. passport by Saturday, January 30th in order for the program to be possible. A maximum of twenty (20) students will only be accepted.



1987 WINTER CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN JAPAN

Activities for the participants while in Japan will include visits to the following areas of interest:

- a) Botanical Garden
- b) Animal Zoo
- c) Ancient Temples and Castles
- d) Factories, and
- e) Subway and Bullet Train Rides
- f) Skiing & other recreations in the snows covered mountain

Participants will also be taken to various city Mayors for courtesy call and finally, a three-day stay with a Japanese family (homestay). Two chaperones from the Mayor's office in Saipan will accompany the students to Japan where additional Japanese chaperones and escorts will join the students.

For further information, please contact the Mayor's office at telephones 234-6280 or 234-6208.

Public auditor hasn't resigned position . . . just yet

By DAVID T. HUGHES
editor

Much Like the fabled Mark Twain, Public Auditor Scott Tan says that "the rumors of my demise are somewhat premature." He was reacting to a Pacific Daily News story which appeared Jan. 12 which said that he will resign from his present position to become the United Micronesian Development Agency's treasurer and chief financial officer.

However, he confirmed that he is entertaining the thought of resigning.

Tan said in a late Thursday afternoon telephone interview that while his name had been mentioned in UMDA board meetings for the position, "I haven't seen a contract yet . . ." He also has NOT submitted his resignation to governor Pedro P. Tenorio.

The public auditor was just confirmed for the position in November. Some critics of Tan included attorney general Alex Castro and some legislators. They say Tan violated

"If there is any reason I leave, the reason be be that the job was challenging, not because I was not happy,"

Scott Tan

"privacy" laws of the Commonwealth when he blew the whistle on hundreds of thousands of dollars of bogus overtime payments to some salaried workers.

Tan said he has entertained the thought of the offer - if it is tendered by UMDA - but the story "was very premature . . ."

He said the PDN reporter found through other sources on the island that he would be offered the position. "But,

I am not sure in this point in time . . . I have not made up my mind 100 % yet . . . I don't even know how much my salary would be."

He also said that he was not thinking of leaving because of friction with other government officials. In the past Tan has received slaps on the wrist from Castro because of the public auditor's reports were very specific, including naming names of public officials who might have taken too much from the taxpayers' trough.

"If there is any reason I leave, the reason be be that the job was challenging, not because I was not happy," Tan said.

The public auditor declined to say when he would make a final decision. He said that if he took the UMDA position it would be because he felt such a job "would offer a bigger and better challenge and opportunity."

Periscope

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arguments that has nothing else but maudlin talk, a confrontation with the Senate Vice President isn't necessarily an experience that you would want to remember. Senate Vice President Mafnas is sharp in every sense of the word. He's my hero and pride regardless of our differences on issues.

Pete Guerrero (oops!) excuse me, Mr. Speaker, can be described in two simple little words "hard working". Indeed, he's not necessarily my hero, but don't we all appreciate a hard working person? Furthermore, I admire his honesty on issues that come before the House of Representatives. He'll take anti-Democratic Party stand on issues if indeed he finds said position beneficial to a majority of our people. The man speaks his mind. He's not necessarily a Mr. Aye, sir!

Then there's Vice Speaker Benigno Sablan, a man whom we can describe with one word-simple. Indeed, he knows the aspirations and follies of our people. And he will take each individual case of his constituency to the appropriate people in search of concrete answers. Amiable and simple as he is, he's sharp and one could easily detect the seriousness of the issues he brings to your office just as soon as he begins discussing the purpose of his visit. I admire his sense of humility. But inside that humble demeanor is a simple but serious lawmaker.

Despite the guarded optimism that some of us have in terms of the working relationship between the House and Senate and the Administration, I am inclined to lean toward a more optimistic view of the work ahead between the legislative and executive branch. Nothing is that simple when provincialism becomes the order of business. With, again, guarded optimism, I offer my congratulations to one and all and we wish you all the best as you buckle down to do what our people expected of you.

Typhoon Roy has left behind a devastated Rota island. We all know the hardship that goes into the aftermaths of a destructive storm. The Governor has assigned Frank Rosario, special assistant for public information and protocol to coordinate all donations with the Catholic Social Services. Please give generously. Our brothers and sisters from the south were of great assistance to us after Typhoon Kim. If you have any donations, be it food or clothing, please call Frank Rosario at 322-5094 for coordination purposes. Governor Pete P. Tenorio along with the Rota Leadership left Saipan Wednesday afternoon to assess the destruction of the storm. From there, he will make a declaration and coordinates with his people here what assistance is needed on an immediate basis. His Excellency Bishop Tomas Camacho and a staff from Catholic Social Services have also gone to Guam to solicit for in-kind assistance from the Guam Community. It has not been a good week or weekend either. Please give generously.

DOE workers attend College workshop



Fourteen employees of DOE attended the Second Annual College Preparatory Workshop for High School Counselors and Registrars held last month. They learned about federal programs policies and procedures, student counseling and financial aid. The group pictured is just part of the employees utilizing this course taught at Northern Marianas College. (DOE photo)

Two companies vie to "harvest" ash from Pagan volcano: Hearing Jan. 20

The Coastal Resources Management Office has received two proposals from companies requesting permits to mine ash on the Northern Island of Pagan. There will be a public hearing Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Garapan Elementary School, where the Resources Development Corporation (RDC) of Saipan will present its proposal for public comment. A second hearing on January 27th will feature the presentation of a similar proposal by Pacific Ventures, Inc. of Kentucky.

Naturally-occurring pozzolanic ash that is low in carbon and

sulfur, such as the ash on Pagan, is a very marketable resource. It is a highly siliceous (containing silica, a common material which speeds up and strengthens the bonding process in cement and concrete. Silica is usually found in complex mixtures with other materials in Nature; sand is also a silicate and is often used as an additive to bond cement, but volcanic ash is a much purer and effective additive.

Pozzolan, as the ash is called, can be used to make stronger and cheaper concrete both by replacing a portion of the more expensive cement used to make concrete and by reducing energy costs of production. Adding pozzolan to concrete reduces the need for a high-temperature reaction between the bonding elements, which lowers the cost of that process. It also makes the

concrete itself more resistant to the cracking caused by heat build-up in the final structure, whether it is a building or a road.

In the proposal by RDC it is estimated that there have been 200 million tons of ash deposited on Pagan island since the eruption of Mt. Pagan in May, 1981. With an estimated Asian market demand of 300 million tons of pozzolan per year, it would seem there is a sufficient market right "next door" in the fastest-developing nations of the world and within 2,000 miles of the CNMI.

However the considerations of the CRMO focus more on the impacts of the project on Pagan specifically and the CNMI in general. The company prefers to call the project a "reclamation" effort rather than "mining" because they intend no penetration

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Wheelbarrow from Santa:

Education Superintendent Henry I. Sablan (left) heartily laughs as he unwraps a huge package and discovers that his present from Santa Claus during the DOE Christmas party, held at Casa de Roman in Chalan Piao on December 22, is a wheelbarrow. The head of the Education Department says he would use the wheelbarrow to help him with his household chores. Assisting him to unwrap the present, which turned out to be the largest package at the party, are DOE staffers Del Sablan and Bob Coldeen. Other DOE Central Office staff also received Christmas presents at the party, which was enjoyed by all who attended because of great food and entertainment. (Photo by Derson Ramon).



New ID card from INS

Washington, D.C. - Resident Representative Froilan C. Tenorio announced that the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has approved his request to begin issuing year official identity cards to help residents of the CNMI prove their American citizenship.

Under the Tenorio proposal, which has just received approval, federal officials expect to begin issuing the cards to CNMI residents, who became eligible for American citizenship on November 3, 1986, in April or May at a cost to applicants of approximately \$15.00.

Tenorio said he believes the new identity cards should be very helpful to local residents who need to prove their citizenship status.

"I urged that INS issue these cards when my office began receiving complaints from many of our people, including a number who live in the states, that they were finding it nearly impossible to prove their citizenship status when applying for employment seeking passports, requesting federal benefits or looking for work with the U.S. Government. This has caused a major hardship for some CNMI residents."

Camacho will give photo workshop Jan. 15

So, how do you work this contraption you call a camera, now that you finally got one for Christmas!!! Thomas J. Camacho has the answer. Bring your 35mm camera and accessories to the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture's (CCAC) new Workshop Center in the YWCA building in Garapan, (next to the Carolinian Ut), January 15th, Friday evening at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday morning, January 16th at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Camacho, an accomplished photographer, will

instruct those who attend about your SLR 35 mm Camera, lenses and flash - how they work and how to use them to take photographs that make you and your family happy. He will also talk about different types of film; which is the best to use in different lighting circumstances for the best photo results. On the last day of the workshop, Saturday, he will assist with individual instruction on location. The film will be dropped off at a developing lab during a break. The morn-

ing session will use the processed photos for reference in individual discussions to show points for

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More letters to the editor

Sen. Guerrero questions casino bill

Dear Governor Tenorio:
I wish to bring forth to your attention my objections to the Legislature's consideration of Senate Local Bill No. 5-6, "The Tinian Casino Control Act of 1987" (SLB 5-6). I have brought forth to the floor of the Senate these objections on its twenty-third legislative day of its Fourth Regular Session, 1987. It was to no avail; the Senate unfortunately determined it appropriate to refer the measure as a local matter of the Second Senatorial District.

My objections are several. First, it is my continuing contention that the measure failed to satisfy the requirement that the bill lie on the desk of each member of the Senate for three legislative days. The bill was calendared as introduced on the 20th legislative day. The three-day requirement would have been satisfied if the bill was considered after three days or on the 24th legislative day. Senate consid-

eration was during the 23rd legislative day.

Additionally, Part V of the measure establishes means that allows Commonwealth agencies to impose and collect taxes as revenues. In fact, Subsection (3) of Section 46 of Part V of the measure defines "casino tax" as revenue pursuant to 1 CMC S1402. This authoritative citation of 1 CMC S1402 is prima facie evidence that the supporters of the measure themselves recognize SLB 5-6 as being a revenue bill, Section 5(a) of Article II of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands provides that revenue bills may be introduced only in the House of Representatives. Since SLB 5-6 is a revenue bill and since it is not a house bill, its consideration by the legislature or its enactment into law is improper and illegal.

Additionally, Part V of the measure further establishes means that allows Common-

wealth agencies (the proposed Tinian Gaming Commission, the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan, the Tinian Legislative Delegation, the Tinian Municipal Council, etc. are agencies of the Commonwealth) to incur obligations and make payments from the receipts and collections of fees and levies imposed upon operations of casino gambling. This establishes ways and means of appropriating funds.

The Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands provides that appropriation bills (general or local) may only be introduced in the House of Representatives. The Constitution further provides that any bill affecting spending authority or government financial management enacted during the period of a lame-duck legislature shall be void unless enacted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of each house of the legislature. The consideration or enactment into law of SLB 5-6, without the approval of 19 of the members of the Legislature is not in order.

Finally, SLB 5-6 proposes to establish, organize and empower a Tinian Gaming Commission. The Sixth Amendment to the Constitution requires that any bill

affecting the organization of the government, without reference to the organizational level, enacted in the period of a lame-duck legislature shall be void unless enacted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of each house of the legislature. The establishment, organization and empowering of the Tinian Gaming Commission requires the approval of 19 of the members of the Legislature.

I understand that SLB 5-6 will be transmitted to the Governor for his approval or disapproval. I share with you my objections with the view towards influencing your disapproval of the measure. It is most obvious that in this instance the procedure of enacting local law has not been satisfactorily met.

With my best of wishes for 1988, I remain,
Sincerely yours,
/s/Juan T. Guerrero
Senator

Worth Note-ing

Part-time teachers are needed to teach Adult Basic Education classes at the Northern Marianas College for the spring semester. The classes are Basic English, Basic Math, Pre-GED Reading, Pre-GED Writing, and GED Social Studies. The classes will be held in the evenings, beginning the week of February 1, 1988. For more information, call the Office of Adult Basic Education at NMC. Telephone number: 234-7542 or 7642.

Worth Note-ing

The second meeting of the CNMI Computer Users Group will be held Thursday, Jan. 28 at the Saipan Community School. Everything begins at 7 p.m. in the upstairs classroom. This meeting will feature discussions about telecommunications (use of modems with computers.) The club is open to anyone with a computer of any type, or who is interested in learning more about computers.

Roy "bombs" Rota

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Commonwealth's southernmost island will be in the millions of dollars. Many people have had their homes destroyed, or severely damaged, according to government reports. Almost all food crops were crushed by the winds and heavy rain.

Many are without shelter and food while others face at least a month with no power. Plus, the island's 50-year-old gravity-fed water system is not working and no one knows why yet.

One eyewitness to the damage on the island said that "almost all the wooden houses were blown down that I saw." DPS officials said that many houses had their roofs blown off by the storm and almost all residences were flooded by the torrential rains of Typhoon Roy.

Water and power are out on Rota, and it could be as long as three weeks to a month before utility services are back to normal, a member of the island government said.

Mayor Prudencio Manglona, trapped on Saipan Tuesday, was quoted as saying that "this is one of the worse typhoons ever to hit Rota..."

He and other members of the island's political structure had been on Saipan to see the swearing-in of the mayor's son, Paul, as the island's newest senator Tuesday. The storm hit and they couldn't get back to Rota.

Frank Rosario, public information and protocol officer for the CNMI, said Wednesday morning in an interview that an emergency cabinet meeting was called earlier that day to discuss what could be done - and what extent the island had been damaged. "It's going to be pretty bad, from what we can find out," Rosario said. "All the political delegation from Rota was trapped here during the storm and the only way they know what's going on is by telephone."

Initial reports given to mayor Manglona by telephone by his aide, Pete Dela Cruz, indicate that the mayor's office, the hospital, and the department of public safety have been damaged by the almost dead-on storm that passed a few miles south of Rota Tuesday night. Winds gusting to almost 150 miles per hour toppled power poles, peeled tin-roofed and wooden homes, and flattened much of the island's crops.

Rosario said that the early-morning cabinet meeting was attended by the governor, Manglona, Senate president Benjamin Manglona, senator Paul Manglona, Tony Quituga, the House representative from Rota and others. Governor Pedro P. Tenorio said he was able to get two telephone lines into Rota and those provided the first inkling of what had happened there.

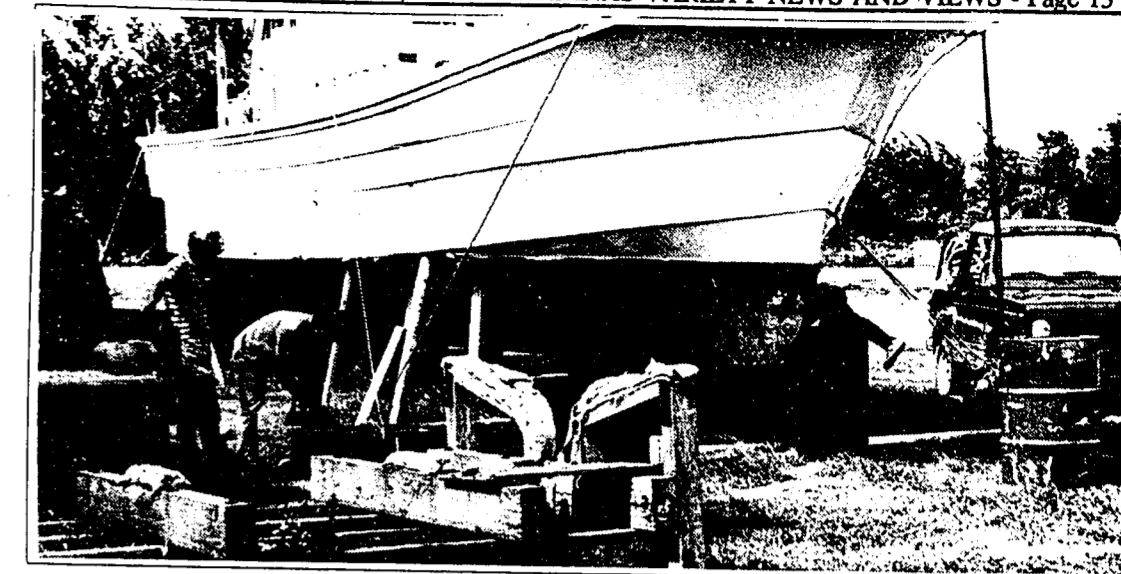
"There were no serious injuries," Rosario said in his interview. Those who were injured sustained the injury because of flying glass. Many windows were broken in island homes, plus a substantial amount of glass in the hospital itself was broken by the wind.

Public and private building were almost half destroyed, according to Rosario. He quoted Manglona as saying that half of the government-owned buildings sustained substantial or major damage.

The mayor's office was first used as the control center, but it had to be evacuated to the DPS offices. However, as the winds increased, some windows there also blew out, forcing yet another move to the hospital.

Later in the evening as the storm passed about 20 miles from the island, windows in the hospital itself also blew out because of the wind pressure.

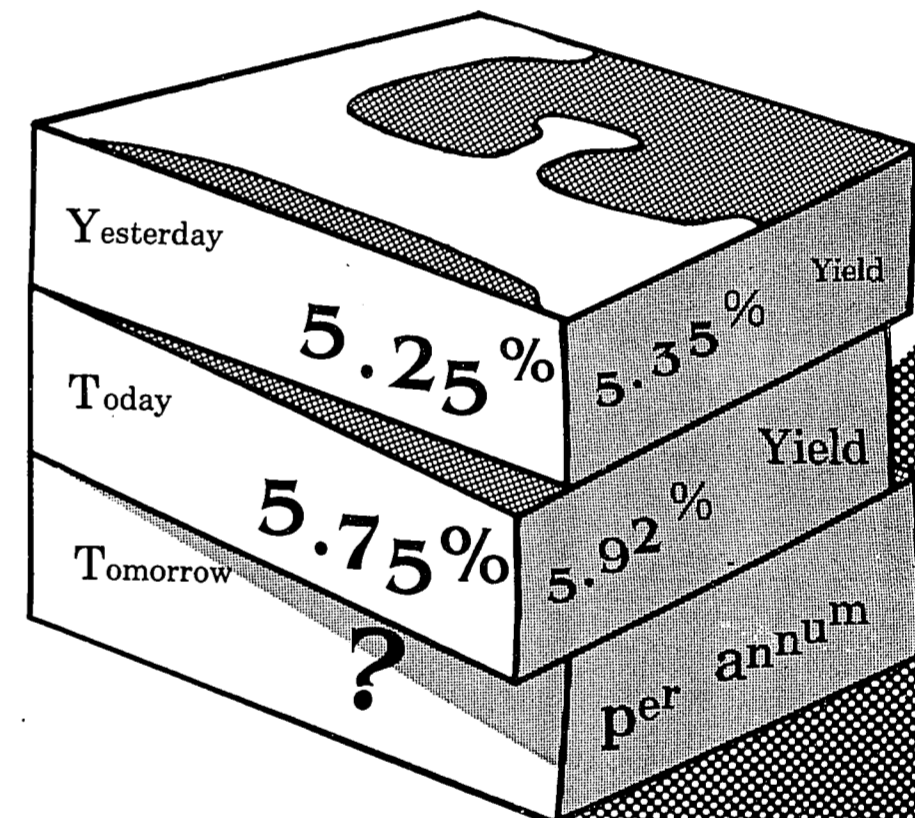
Rosario said that governor Tenorio was immediately declaring Rota
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Battering down the hatches - the easy way

Unlike the chaotic notice given to the public of Typhoon Lynn's approach, Typhoon Roy's visitation was announced well in advance. This gave many boat owners just the chance to batter down their boats - even if they were on land.

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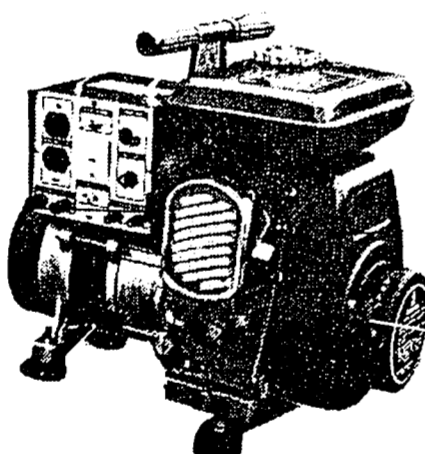


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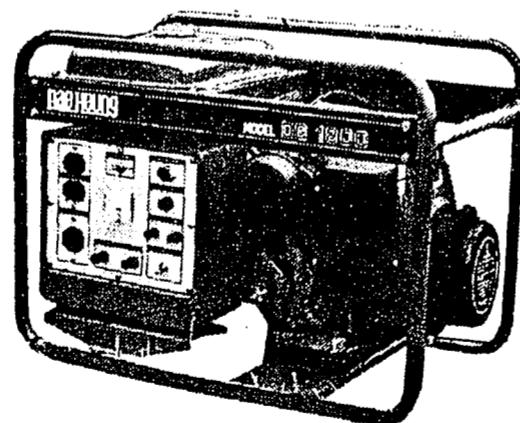
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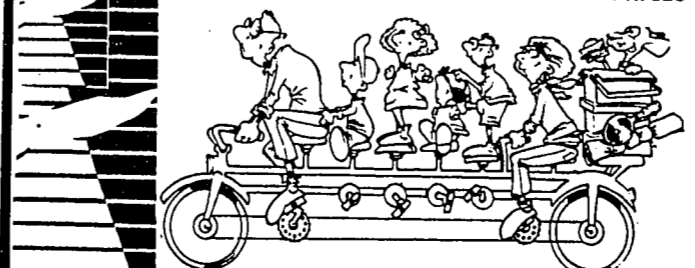
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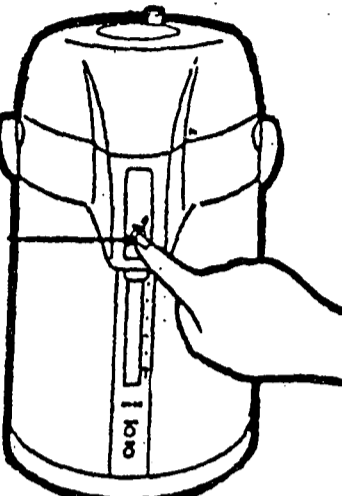
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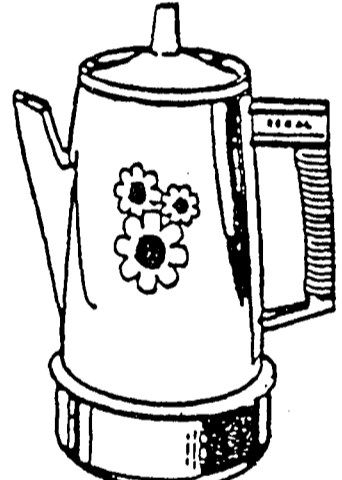
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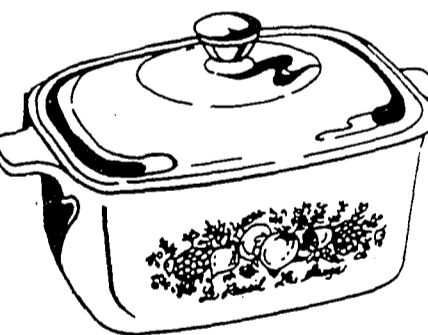
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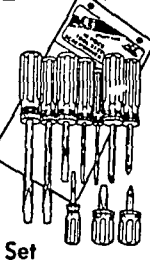
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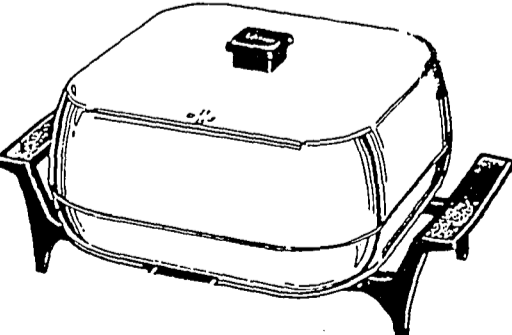
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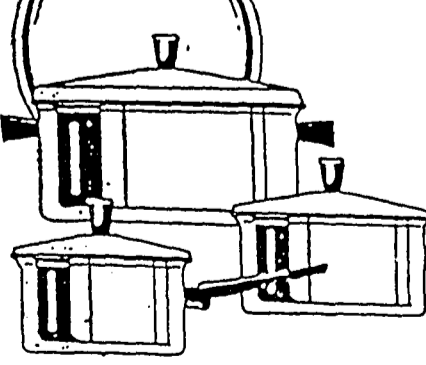
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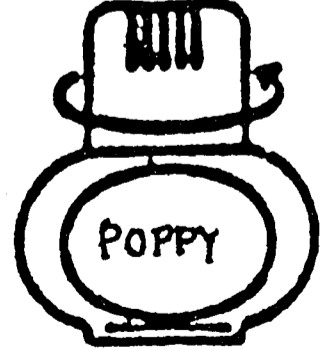
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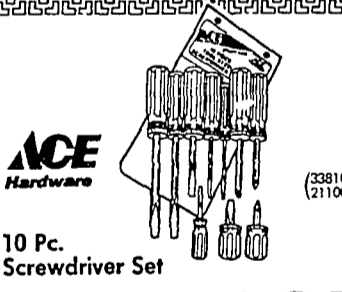
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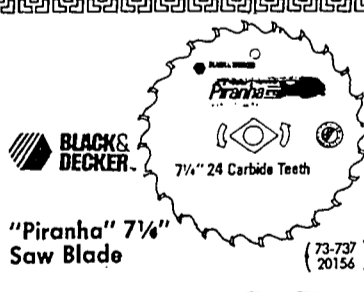
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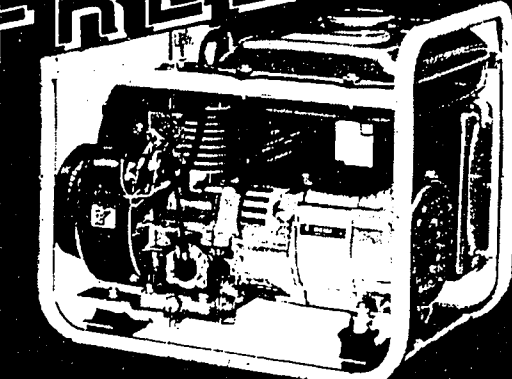
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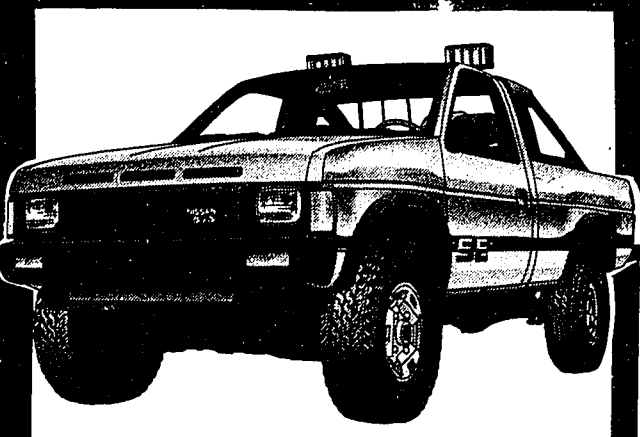
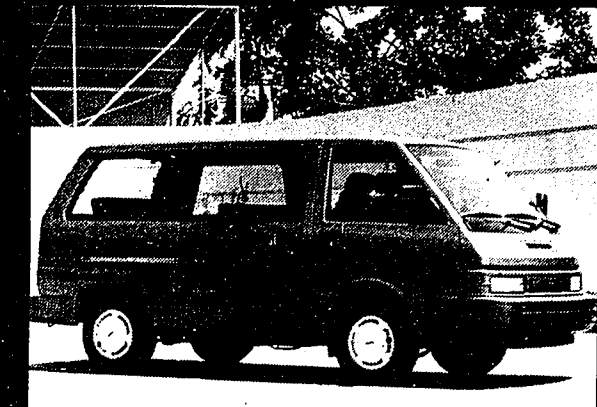
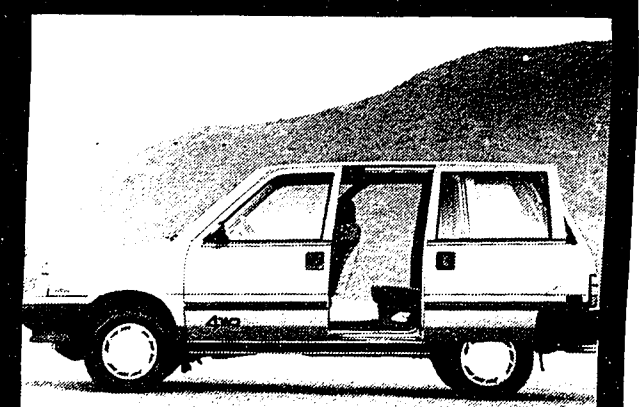



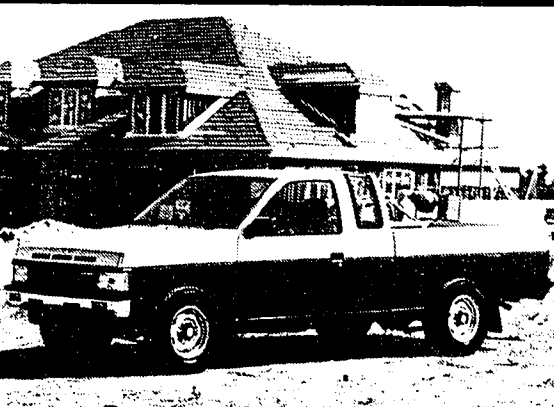

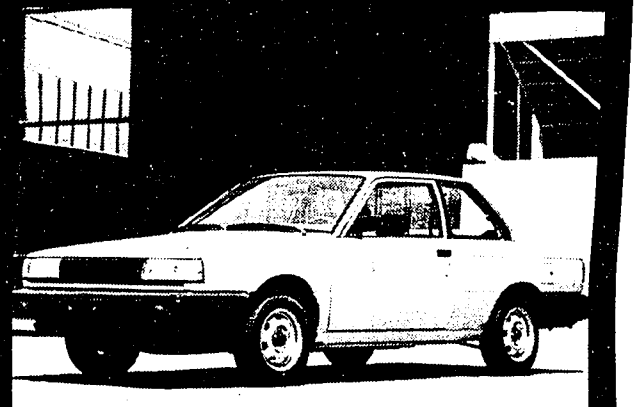
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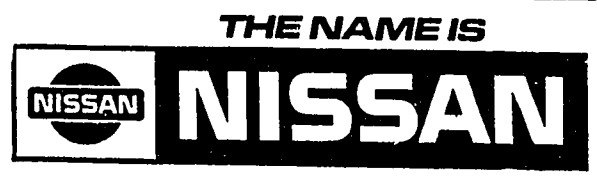
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a "local disaster area, and he is going to ask FEMA to send in someone to help get it declared a federal disaster area. . . ."

Mayor Manglona said in the cabinet meeting that his first priorities were to get food, water and shelter for the 1,400 or so residents on the island who needed it. He asked and was given as much emergency aid as could be gathered for the island on a short-term basis. Tents were also needed to house those rendered homeless by the storm.

Ray Guerrero, the governor's special assistant for administration, said he had secured "some tents" which had been used last year when Typhoon Kim devastated Saipan. The only problem was how to get the tents and food supplies to the island. Only airline service is available to Rota and all flights to Rota were full.

Boat and ship traffic can not make it to Rota because of high

seas, plus the harbor's breakwater and terminal building were damaged by the storm, according to residents of Rota. Water actually rose over the dock itself and flooded into the terminal building, forcing an evacuation there during the height of the storm.

A spokesman for Maui Airlines said Wednesday afternoon that they were running shuttle flights "back and forth, back and forth," she said.

Governor Tenorio and other members of government took a late-morning Maui flight to Rota, but others, including Mayor Manglona, took a chartered Blue Pacific helicopter to the island. Medical personnel from the Commonwealth Health Center also accompanied the mayor to Rota.

Rosario said that Navy Rear Admiral T.J. Johnson had agreed to send a 13-passenger helicopter to Saipan to ferry disaster relief

personnel to the island, as well as whatever supplies could be carried.

The island's other - and newest air carrier - Blue Pacific Airlines - had to wait until almost mid-day before they could move their nine-seat aircraft to Saipan and Rota to help ferry passengers and supplies. Rosario said that "debris was all over the Guam airport runway and BP couldn't take off until it was cleaned up."

Dela Cruz said in the late Wednesday afternoon that many of the island's trees were uprooted, and many ended up across the main road from Song Song Village to the airport. Sinapolo Village - just outside the airport is almost completely devastated with the wooden homes being blown down and what's left being flooded.

Tommy Mendiola, a member of the island's municipal council, said Wednesday that his family's store was flooded and some windows were broken. Asked why

there was a food shortage on Rota if stores like his were relatively undamaged, he said "we had a big run on EVERYTHING before the storm hit. The boats can't get in, either to bring us supplies."

Much of the island's character was flattened along with the crops. According to DPS reports the island's famous "Round House" was destroyed in the storm. Mendiola said that was surprising because it had stood for many years in other storms.

Many of those displaced by the storm have taken shelter in the

island's elementary and high schools. Dela Cruz did not say how many people have sought refuge in the schools.

Rosario said that anyone who wished to donate food, clothing, tents, or other necessities to the people of Rota could do so by bringing them to the governor's office on Capitol Hill, or the Catholic Social Services office in Chalan Kanoa.

Or, if someone has something to donate but no way to get to either place, call Rosario at 322-5095.

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Computer club plans Jan. 28 meeting

The first meeting of the CNMI Computer Users Group was held Jan. 7 - with a full house in attendance. The classroom at Saipan Community School was packed with a lot of interested people.

Bill Michling, branch manager of Saipan Computer, moderated the meeting. He said the club was an effort by himself and Marianas Variety editor David Hughes to draw the computer

users of the island together. "We also want to attract anyone who doesn't have a computer yet, but is interested in computers generally."

The Jan. 7 meeting primarily was for organization and Michling distributed membership forms which asked for such things as names and addresses, as well as specific information about what type of computers the participants had. He said that in-

formation will be compiled "by computer - of course," and distributed to those interested on being members.

There will be a "generic" focus of the club as a whole, Michling told the group of about 25-30 people. "But, once we get on our feet, we may set up "SIGS", or special interest groups that would focus on specific things like desk top publishing, data processing, or telecommunications," he said.

Michling said he felt the club should initially stay informal, with no dues, officers, etc. However, he said many clubs have a library of public domain software that can be copied for member use. "But, if we do that, then we will have to have some sort of dues structure."

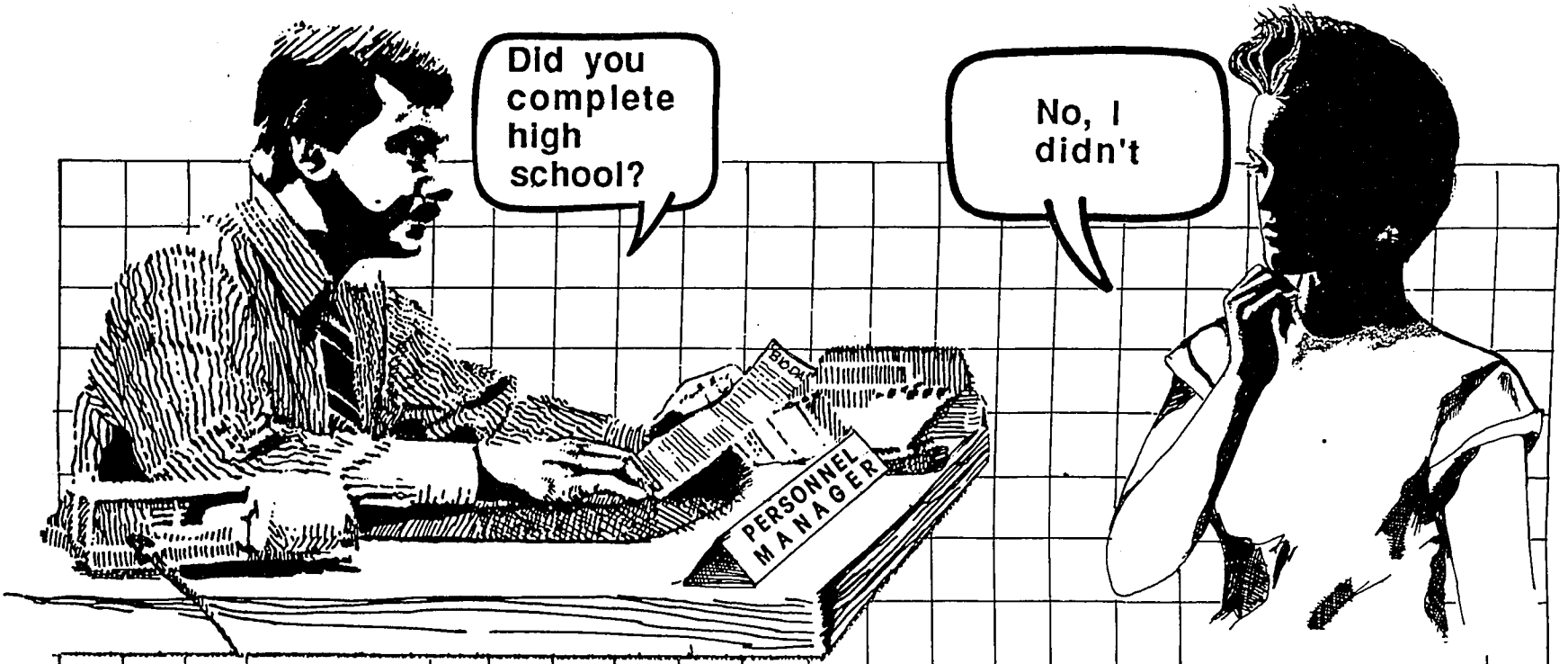
No decision was made on the library, and Michling said he felt the club should meet at least twice monthly. "If we find that a lot of things need to be discussed, then we can meet more often."

He said meetings will usually feature a speaker on various topics, and Michling proposed that the next meeting tentatively scheduled for Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Saipan Community School be devoted to telecommunications.

That subject was discussed at length during the meeting with Michling giving an overview of local services. Off-island services in the U.S. were also discussed, including a new SCS service which will allow access to BBS'.

Anyone interested in computers, no matter what area, Michling urged them to make plans to attend the Jan 28 meeting. The computer store manager said he would also give a report to the club from the San Francisco Apple computer exposition during the next meeting.

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Webster's Dictionary defines it as: "1: a representation or symbol of an object of worship; broadly: a false god 2a: a likeness of something." The next entry is idolater, which is defined as "a worshipper of idols." The Apostle John's final words to us in this letter urge God's "little children" to keep themselves from idols. The connection with the verse just before it establishes the New Testament definition of an idol. Verse 20 says, "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life." In these words of the evangelist we have a ringing affirmation that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at once God of very God and the only true manifestation of God. He declares that we can be "in Him (God) who is true only as we are in His Son, Jesus Christ." Since this is so, we are not to be taken up with praying to or worshipping any other being. To do so is to be guilty of violating the very First of the Ten Commandments: "Thou shalt have no other god before Me." To Whom, then, should we offer ALL our worship and praise and prayer? "Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

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Contact: CHALAN KANOA BEACH CLUB, Saipan, CM 96950. (1/1).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Commonwealth Trial Court

Civil Action No. 87-752

NOTICE OF HEARING

In Re the Matter of:
MICHAEL THOMAS M. TYDINGCO

Notice is hereby given that the above entitled case will be heard on the 28th day of January, 1988, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom C of the Commonwealth Trial Court.

All interested persons in the above matter are asked to appear and present evidence or testimony to the Court.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1987.

/s/Jovita A. Castro
Deputy Clerk of Court

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Title of Position: LEGAL COUNSEL
Duty Station: Saipan

Duties and Responsibilities

The employee will be directly under the supervision of the Board of Directors and will be responsible for the following basic duties and responsibilities.

- To advise, assist, and represent the Corporation in all legal matters affecting the Corporation.
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- To represent the Corporation in court actions, administrative actions, and other related actions, in court or out of court.
- To act in general as legal counsel for and on behalf of the Corporation, within the confines of law, and in compliance with the Code of Professional Responsibility and Canons of Judicial Ethics of the American Bar Association.
- To perform other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Minimum Requirements

- Encumbent must possess a law degree and admitted to practice in the CNMI with at least 2 years experience.
- Encumbent must be able to read, write and speak in the vernacular fluently.

Salary and Contract Term

Salary ranges from \$35,000 to \$40,000 depending on qualifications and experience; and, employment will be for a period of one year with renewal provision.

Where to Apply/Deadline

Standard CNMI Employment Application Form may be used. All applications must be received by January 15, 1988. If application is to be sent by mail, address to:

Mr. Jesus G. Villagomez
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Pursuant to Public Law 3-91, one of the responsibilities of the CNMI office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is the performance of a financial audit of CNMI. OmB A-128 mandates that the audit be conducted in compliance with the requirements of the Single Audit Act. Thus, OPA is soliciting proposals from competent CPA firms to perform/assist in a Single-Audit of the entire CNMI Government for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1987 and September 30, 1988.

Proposal packages can now be picked up at OPA anytime during working hours. The proposals require time estimates and audit fees for the following alternatives:

- using 3 - 5 OPA staff
- using 10 OPA staff
- using only external audit staff

The proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

A. Responsiveness of the proposal in clearly stating an understanding of the work to be performed.

- Audit coverage
- Overall time estimates as well as the time estimates for each major section of the work to be performed.

B. Qualifications and experience of the firm.

- Size and structure of the firm.
- Ability to maintain continuity of the project.
- Experience of the firm in auditing programs financed by Federal, and/or CNMI Government.

C. Qualifications and experience of the staff to be assigned. Education, position in the firm, and years and types of experience will be considered.

- Qualifications of audit team.
- Supervision to be exercised over the audit team by the firm's management.

D. Audit Fee.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject or request modification to any proposals made.

Conferences will be scheduled for qualified CPA firms.

All proposals must be labelled "CONFIDENTIAL" and RFP number 88-0016 shall be marked on the face of the envelope containing the proposal and submitted to the Office of the Public Auditor, 5th Floor, Nauru building, Saipan by 4:30 p.m., local time, on January 22, 1988. Any questions pertaining to this Request for Proposal may be directed to the Public Auditor at Telephone nos. 234-6481/6482.

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Public Auditor

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Commonwealth Trial Court

Civil Action No. 87-744

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of the appointment of a general guardian for John Michael Babauta, a male minor child,

By Nieves L. Babauta,
Petitioner.

Notice is hereby given that petitioner, Nieves L. Babauta has petitioned the above Court to appoint her the general guardian of the above-mentioned minor. The hearing on this petition has been re-set before the Commonwealth Trial Court, Saipan, Mariana Islands for the 21st day of January, 1988, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

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

Dated this 23rd day of Dec. 1987.

/s/Deputy Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Commonwealth Trial court

Civil Action No. 88-02P(R)

NOTICE OF HEARING

In re the estate of
VICENTE G. MANGLONA,
Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Anita M. Atalig, of Rota, Northern Mariana Islands has filed a petition in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth Trial Court to be appointed as Administratrix of the Estate of Vicente G. Manglona, deceased. The attorney of record is Pedro M. Atalig, P.O. Box 332 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, Northern Mariana Islands. The hearing on the petition of Anita M. Atalig is set for 23rd day of Feb., 1988, at the Commonwealth Trial court, at 10:00 a.m. All interested persons should appear at this hearing.

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

Dated this 6th day of Jan. 1988.

R. SABLAN
Deputy Clerk of Court

INVITATION TO BID

No. DPW88-ITB-00054

The Department of Public works is soliciting bids for the Construction of Proposed Procurement & Supply New Office Space, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Chief of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, February 05, 1988 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Bid Bond or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1451."

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal, a copy of his Business Permit as a compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Specifications and plans of the project will be available on or after January 15, 1988 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works in Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$100.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., on January 29, 1988 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works in Saipan.

Attention is called to the Labor Standards Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

All bid documents received shall be the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of bid bonds, certified checks or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the Specifications Section, "Instruction to Bidders" Page I-2, Paragraph No. 5, Bid Guarantee.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/JOHN C. PANGELINAN
Director of Public Works

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO. 8710
December 14, 1987

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting proposals from qualified individual or firm to prepare a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plans (SPCC) for the Power Plants and related fuel storage facilities in Saipan, Tinian and Rota to conform to requirements of Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 112.

Selection of consultant shall be based on familiarity with the provisions of 40 CFR, Part 112; direct experience in identical projects and time required to prepare the SPCC plans.

Proposals shall be submitted to the Office of Procurement and Supply, Government of the Northern Mariana Islands, Lower Base, Saipan, CM 96950 at 2:00 p.m. local time, on January 18, 1988.

CUC reserve the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its interest. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Pedro Sasamot, Executive Director of CUC at telephone numbers (670) 322-4313/4314/4315.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Procurement & Supply Division is now accepting sealed bids from interested businesses for the maintenance of the Major League Baseball Field in Susupe, adjoining facilities and several other recreational courts around the island. Bids should be stated separately for ballfields (2), and all courts as one package. The scope of work is as follows for the ballfield:

1. Maintenance of Major League Ballfield and immediate area;

A. Cut grass to about one to one and half (1-1/2") inches on a weekly basis.

B. Maintain entire field including infield and fence line free of weeds, rocks, shells, cans, papers, sticks, crab holes, etc.

C. Keep Infield entirely Free of Grass.

D. Successful bidder is responsible for providing equipment trash bags, etc.

2. Maintenance of San Vicente Ballfield and immediate area until new ballfield behind Major League field is completed.

A. Same as above except C, only baseline should be free of grass and weeds.

3. Maintenance of Basketball and Tennis Courts as follows;
A. Cut grass to about 1-1/2 inches every two weeks or sooner as necessary.

B. Maintain entire court including the playing area and fence line free of weeds, rocks, cans, papers, sticks, etc.

C. Cut grass not more than 15 feet around the cement court boundary.

D. Successful bidder is responsible for providing equipment and trash bags.

1. The following courts are included:

San Antonio Basketball Court, District 1 Basketball Court, Garapan Basketball Court, Susupe Basketball Court, Koblerville Basketball Court, Gualo Rai Basketball Court, Tanapag Basketball Court, San Roque Basketball Court, District 4 (Beach Side) Basketball Court, and Civic Center Basketball and Tennis Courts.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelope, marked IFB88-0015, to Procurement & Supply Office no later than 2:00 p.m., January 19, 1988, at which time and place, all bids received will be publicly opened and read. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. The government reserves the right to reject any or all bids received in the best interest of the government. For additional information, please call Bill Sakovich at the Dept. of Community and Cultural Affairs, telephone no. 322-9722 or 322-9556.

/s/DAVID M. APATANG

INVITATION TO BID

The Executive Director, CUC is requesting sealed bids for one (1) year lease with an option to purchase the following type of vehicle:

1988 Pick-Up truck, 4 Speed Standard Transmission, Air-Conditioning, 2 Wheel Drive, complete undercoating, rustproofing, spare tire, and bed protection insert with complete maintenance/insurance during the lease period, fully insured and must meet FMVSS. Standard Bed 174.6", 3750 pound rear axle load. Bed construction shall be galvanized steel panel with raised channel design, welded and sealed to related panels, double wall cargo bed; tall gate shall be double wall with access to panels inside for ease of rustproofing and complete maintenance during lease period.

Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked CUC-ITB-88-S802 to Procurement & Supply Office, Lower Base no later than 2:00 p.m. January 15, 1988 at which time and place, all bids received will be publicly opened and read. Any inquiries on this bid shall be directed to Dr. O.V. Natarajan, Asst. Director Sewer Division at 322-9371. Bids received late will not be considered. The government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive minor imperfections in the best interest of the government.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. APATANG

PUBLIC NOTICE
 In the District Court
 for the Northern
 Mariana Islands

Civil Action No. 87-0024

Notice of Arrest and Seizure

United States of America,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 One (1) 127 foot pleasure craft/
 yacht known as Stella-I, and her
 gear, appurtenances, stores, and
 cargo,
 Defendant.

Notice is hereby given that
 on January 6, 1988, I arrested
 one (1) 127 foot pleasure
 craft/yacht known as Stella-I,
 and her gear, appurtenances,
 stores, and cargo, pursuant to a
 Warrant of Arrest issued by the
 Clerk of this Court upon the
 filing of the Complaint for
 Forfeiture In Rem in the above
 action. Any person having or
 claiming an interest in or to
 said property must file his
 claim within ten (10) days, or
 within such time as may be
 allowed upon application of the
 Court, and must file his
 Answer to the complaint with-
 in twenty (20) days thereafter.
 Dated this 6th day of January
 1988.

Edward M. Camacho
 U.S. Marshal
 For the District of Guam
 and the Northern
 Mariana Islands

By:
 William M. Friel Jr, DUSM

CLASSIFIED ADS

- 1 LIVE-IN-MAID - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary: \$200.00/month.
- 1 FARMER - High school equivalent, 2 yrs. experience. Salary: \$200.00/month. Contact: MR. & MRS. DOMINGO BLAS, P.O. Box 1275, Saipan, MP 96950. (2/5).
- 1 LIVE-IN-MAID (House Worker) - High school grad., Salary: \$200.00 per month. Contact: VICENTE S. CABRERA, P.O. Box 818, Saipan, MP 96950. (2/5).
- 1 LIVE-IN-MAID - High school equivalent, 2 yrs. experience. Salary: \$200.00 per month. Contact: MR. & MRS. GREGORIO DELA CRUZ, P.O. Box 1902, Saipan, MP 96950. (2/5).
- 3 DOMESTIC HELPERS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.15 per hour. Contact: REYLES ENT., P.O. Box 2112, Saipan, MP 96950. (2/5).
- 1 LIVE-IN-MAID - High school equivalent. Salary: \$150.00 per month. Contact: JEROME KINTOL, Saipan, MP 96950. (2/5).
- 1 BOOKKEEPER
- 1 SECRETARY - High school graduate. Salary: \$372.00 per month.
- 1 SALES CLERK - High school grad., 3 months experience. Salary: \$372.00 per month. Contact: TUCKER'S CORPORATION dba Mercury Drugs Saipan, P.O. Box 1861, Saipan, MP 96950. (2/5).
- 1 DANCER - Dancing and other related duties. Salary: \$2.50 per hour. Contact: GIS ENTERPRISES, P.O. Box 204, Saipan, MP 96950. (2/5).
- 3 WAITRESSES - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.15 per hour. Contact: NORBERTO JAVIER dba Foxfire Nite Club, P.O. Box 1628, Saipan, MP 96950. (2/5).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mariana Islands Housing Authority will conduct a public hearing with respect to the deed restrictions of the Koblerville Turnkey house lots on Thursday, January 21, 1988, at 6 p.m. at the Koblerville Elementary School Cafeteria. All Koblerville residents and interested individuals are urged to attend.

/s/RUDY SEDMIK
 Executive Director

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- * 3-Bedroom semi-concrete house, can be used as office, located in San Jose along Beach Road.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) and Marianas Public Land Corporation (MPLC) will be holding a joint public hearing regarding a Coastal Permit Application and lease request submitted by Resources Development Corporation for a proposed volcanic ash reclamation project on the island of Pagan.

The project consists of the reclamation and or removal of volcanic ash or cinders from those areas on the island of Pagan that are presently covered by material from the 1981 eruption of Mt. Pagan. The ash will be used primarily in the manufacturing of cement. Following removal by earthmoving equipment, a system of conveyors will transport the material to a stockpile area where it will then be slurried to a ship moored in Shomushon Harbor. The company will construct a research station for marine biologists and volcanologists, and construct temporary lodging and dining facilities. Several roads will be reclaimed and improved and the runway will be enlarged. Electricity will be supplied by two 700kv diesel generators. Numerous jobs for CNMI residents will be created and training will be provided.

The public hearing on this project is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Garapan Elementary School.

The public is invited to attend and to submit written or to make oral comments regarding this project. All written and oral testimonies received shall be made a part of the permit application record, and shall be considered in any decision upon the subject application.

Please contact CRM at 234-6623/7320 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

/s/ROBERT W. RUDOLPH
 Acting Administrator
 Coastal Resources Management Office

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) and Marianas Public Land Corporation (MPLC) will be holding a joint public hearing regarding a Coastal permit Application and lease request submitted by Pacific Ventures, Inc. for a proposed volcanic ash reclamation project on the island of Pagan.

The project consists of the reclamation and or removal of approximately 80,000,000 cubic yards of volcanic ash or cinders from those areas on the island of Pagan that are presently covered by material from the 1981 eruption of Mt. Pagan. The ash will be used primarily in the manufacturing of cement. Following removal by earthmoving equipment, a portable aggregate screening conveyor system will transport the material to a stockpile area where it will then be conveyed to a barge of approximately 20,000 metric tons moored in Shomushon Harbor. The company will construct temporary loading and dining facilities. Several roads will be reclaimed and improved and the runway will be enlarged. Electricity will be supplied by two 750 kva diesel generators. Numerous jobs for CNMI residents will be created.

The public hearing on this project is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the Garapan Elementary School. Final date and time will appear in next week's Variety.

The public is invited to attend and to submit written or to make oral comments regarding this project. All written and oral testimonies received shall be made a part of the permit application record, and shall be considered in any decision upon the subject application.

Please contact CRM at 234-6623/7320 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

/s/ROBERT W. RUDOLPH
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Commonwealth of the
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 Commonwealth Trial Court

Civil Action No. 87-761

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of the appointment of a general guardian for Julie Elizabeth S. Camacho, Pamel Josephine S. Camacho, and Glenn Clifford S. Camacho, minor children.

By Catalino Francisco A. Sanchez,
 Petitioner.

Notice is hereby given that petitioner, Catalino Francisco A. Sanchez, has petitioned the above Court to appoint him the general guardian of the above-mentioned minor children. The hearing on this petition has been set before the Commonwealth Trial Court, Saipan, Mariana Islands for the 28th day of January, 1988, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

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

Dated this 30th day of December, 1987.

/s/Jovita A. Castro
 Deputy Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

Commonwealth of the
 Northern Mariana Islands
 Commonwealth Trial Court

Civil Action No. 88-03P

NOTICE OF HEARING

In re the estate of
 PEDRO ATALIG AYUYU,
 Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Nicolas A. Songson, of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands has filed a petition in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth Trial Court to be appointed as Administrator of the Estate of Pedro Atalig, P.O. Box 332 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, Northern Mariana Islands. The hearing on the petition of Nicolas A. Songson is set for 4th day of Feb., 1988, at the Commonwealth Trial court, at 1:30 p.m. All interested persons should appear at this hearing.

All persons having claims against the estate, or against the deceased should file their claims with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Trial court within sixty (6) days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 6th day of Jan., 1988.

R. SABLAN
 Deputy Clerk of Court

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
 RFP NO. 8709
 December 12, 1987**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting proposals from qualified consulting firms to prepare a comprehensive water system plan for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The Water System Plan will be developed using existing studies, plans and all ongoing efforts in the water utility. Updating of existing data is required. Additional studies may be required.

The Plan shall present a detailed description of individual projects to be constructed from Fiscal Years 1986 to 1988 and the projected projects need for the next three (3) years up to and including Fiscal Year 1992.

The Plan shall have fiscal year priority identification for projects to include estimated start, duration, and completion time frames. All capital needs shall be addressed and not be limited by Covenant funding but should anticipate alternatives sources of funding, including bond funds, anticipated revenues from local sources (rates, user fees etc.), private sector investment, and other federal grants (EDA, FmHA, etc.).

Selection of consultant will be based on familiarity of the existing water systems, studies and plans of the CNMI; past experiences on identical or similar projects; project time frame.

Proposals shall be submitted to the Office of Procurement and Supply, Government of the Northern Mariana Islands, Lower Base, Saipan, CM 96950 at 2:00 p.m. local time, on January 18, 1988.

CUC reserve the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its interest. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Pedro Sasamoto, Executive Director of CUC at telephone numbers (670) 322-4313/4314/4315.

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mariana Islands Housing Authority (MIHA) is soliciting applications for the position of Executive Director's Field Representative. The position is located at the MIHA Office on Tinian Island, CNMI.

Duties and Responsibilities: These includes, but are not limited to, the following: provides guidance and assistance to applicants for housing loan and Section 8 housing assistance; interviews applicants for assistance under MIHA's housing programs; reviews housing applications for completeness prior to submission to the MIHA Central Office; processes interim and annual tenant recertifications in a timely manner; collects rental payments and takes follow-up action on delinquent tenants; conducts periodic inspection of the Section 8 houses and recommends corrective action; processes Section 8 repair and maintenance requests; oversees the daily operation of the Section 8 housing program and the MIHA Office on Tinian; supervises MIHA employees assigned to the Tinian Office; and performs other related duties as assigned.

Salary: Salary of the position begins at \$14,345.73 per annum. Salary at a higher level may be granted, if deemed necessary to recruit and is appropriate to the qualifications of the applicant.

Qualification Requirement: High school diploma with knowledge in housing finance, housing rental, or banking. Three (3) years work experience in any such fields is preferred.

Where to Apply: Interested persons must submit an application on MIHA-prescribed form no later than January 25, 1988, to the Executive Director, Mariana Islands Housing Authority, P.O. Box 514, Saipan, MP 96950. Application forms are available at the MIHA Central Office and the Tinian Office. For further information call telephone number 234-6866 or 234-9447, or write to the above address.

Equal Employment Opportunity: No person will be denied employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, or handicap.

**AMENDED - RFP 88-0013
 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is soliciting proposals for Professional Comprehensive Development Planning Services to assist a CNMI Planning Task Force in the preparation of a seven year Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). Amendments to original RFP are underlined.

The CDP will have two primary components:

1. An overall economic development and strategy and plan;
2. A project specific capital improvement plan with associated financing plans for each project. Cost benefit analyses may be required for CIP plans.

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held between 0800 and 1130 hours on 12 January, 1988 in the Continuing Education Classroom of the Commonwealth Health Center in Saipan. Attendance by an officer or member of management of firms wishing to submit a proposals for this contract is mandatory. Representative attending should now their firms' capabilities & existing commitments.

Complete copies of the proposal are now available and may be picked up at the Office of Dr. Mike Kenney, Chairman, CNMI Planning Task Force, Office of the Governor, Saipan, CM 96950.

CAPABILITY STATEMENTS

Capability statements must be submitted by prospective proposers no later than 4:00 p.m., January 12, 1988. Standard Form 254 and Standard Form 255 should be submitted, or their equivalent. Other qualification statements and examples of previous development planning work may be submitted.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE

Fifteen (15) copies of each proposal must be submitted to the Chief of Procurement & Supply, CNMI, on or before 4:00 p.m., Saipan local time on Wednesday, January 27, 1988. Proposals received after this will be returned unopened. All proposals must be in sealed envelope, marked RFP88-0013. Any question pertaining to this request for proposals may be directed to Dr. Mike Kenney, Chairman, CNMI Planning Task Force, Office of the Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, CM 96950. Telephone No. 322-4316, 322-4317 or Telefax No. 670-322-5096.

/s/DAVID APATANG

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
 RFP NO. 8708
 December 12, 1987**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is requesting proposal from qualified individual or firm to evaluate proposals for an operation and management (O&M) contract for the power services in the Commonwealth of management (O&M) contract for the power services in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The proposal shall include an option to provide services for the selection of an O&M contractor and contract negotiation leading to final contract execution.

Selection of individual or firm will be made on the basis on O&M experience in power utility, knowledge of the industry standards, cost of services and time frame for the work.

Individuals or firms submitting proposals for the O&M contract will not be considered.

The proposals shall be submitted to the Office of Procurement and Supply, Government of the Northern Mariana Islands, Lower Base, Saipan, CM 96950 by 2:00 p.m. local time, on January 18, 1988.


CUC reserve the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its interest. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Pedro Sasamoto, Executive Director of CUC at telephone numbers (670) 322-4313/4314/4315.

NOW OPEN
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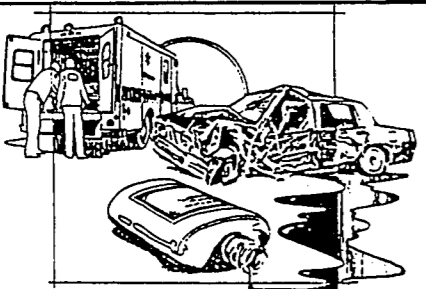
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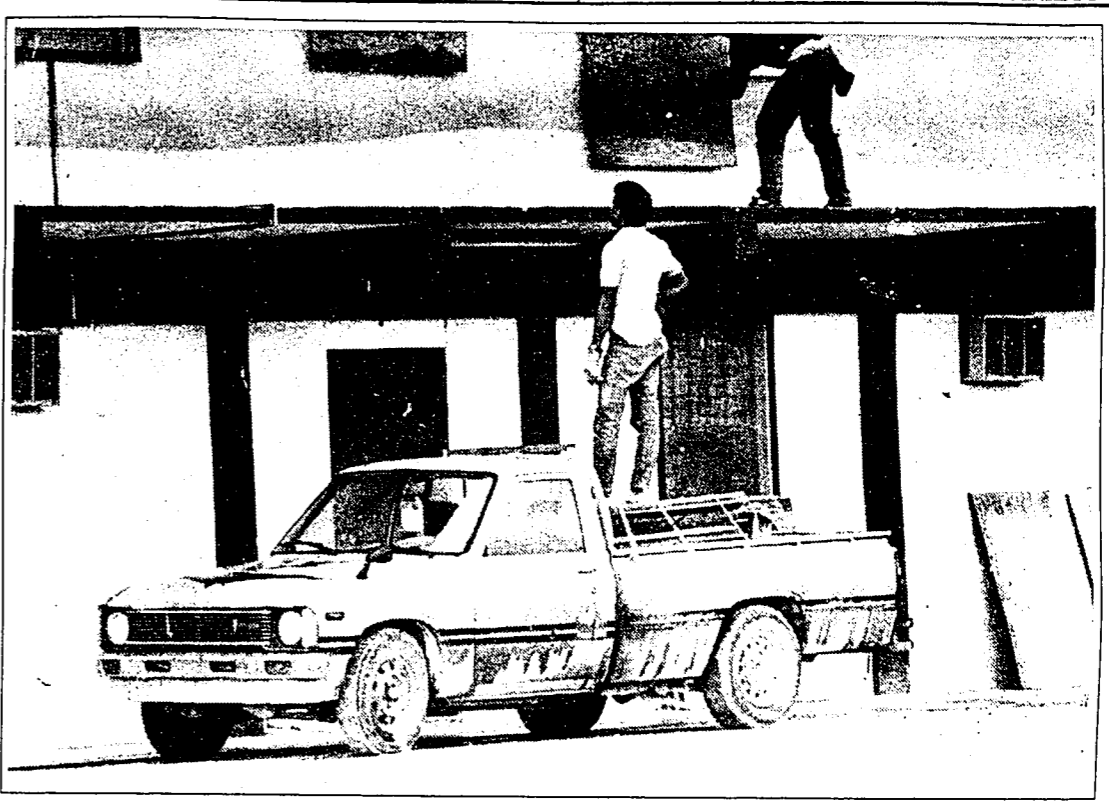
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Changes in BOP people announced

Changes in the Commonwealth's Board of Parole have been announced this past week. According to a Dec. 31 press release, Jesus Bermudes has rendered his resignation as the parole officer.

Lupe Manglona, head of the agency, said in the same release that Mickela B. Aguon has been named as an acting parole officer.

Bermudes' resignation was effective at the end of the year, the release said. A Department of Parole spokesman said he resigned to devote more time to his personal business interests.



Hammering home wind protection

Plywood and nails were at a premium earlier this week as business and homeowners prepared for Typhoon Roy. Many credit this chance to secure property well in advance of the winds as one reason for the light amount of wind damage on Saipan. Plus, winds barely reached 100 miles per hour on our island.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL COMMONWEALTH BANK DEPOSITORS AND CREDITORS

The Commonwealth Trial Court has authorized the Receiver to make a third distribution of assets to approved depositors and creditors of the Commonwealth Bank of the Northern Marianas Islands as follows:

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 RECEIVER FOR THE COMMONWEALTH BANK OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, INC.

January 5, 1988

Pagan project hearing is set
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of the earth's surface. Primarily an "earthmoving" operation, reclamation of the ash will involve the introduction of a D-4 bulldozer, grader, six front-end loaders, a conveyor system to transport the ash to a processing terminal, construction of a Camp to house the estimated 50 required on-site personnel, a submersible floating pipeline and a single-point mooring buoy. RDC estimates that it will take nearly four years for the entire project to be fully operational.

The environmental impact of a reclamation project will be significant, and RDC suggests it will be positive as well. The company has volunteered to use its equipment to restore roads and villages to an approximation of their pre-eruption (1981) condition. They would enlarge the runway, restore water wells and re-plant vegetation to stem erosion processes already in progress as well as those exacerbated by the reclamation procedure.

Other possible mitigation procedures might include a restriction on any digging of pits to scar the land or stockpiling of ash that could be blown away, preservation of any personal property or historically significant sites the project crew does come across, and removal of erected infrastructure specific to the operation after completion of the project.

RDC has also volunteered to build a permanent research station for marine biologists, volcanologists and other scientists interested in studying the unique features of Pagan. Other than its volcanic ash, Pagan offers a wealth of geological, biological and cultural information for study and appreciation by scientists.

CRMO, as part of its major siting review process, is interested in determining the desires of the people of the CNMI, specifically former residents of Pagan, as it considers this project proposal. Interested persons are urged to attend the public hearing on the 20th or to submit their written comments to CRMO.

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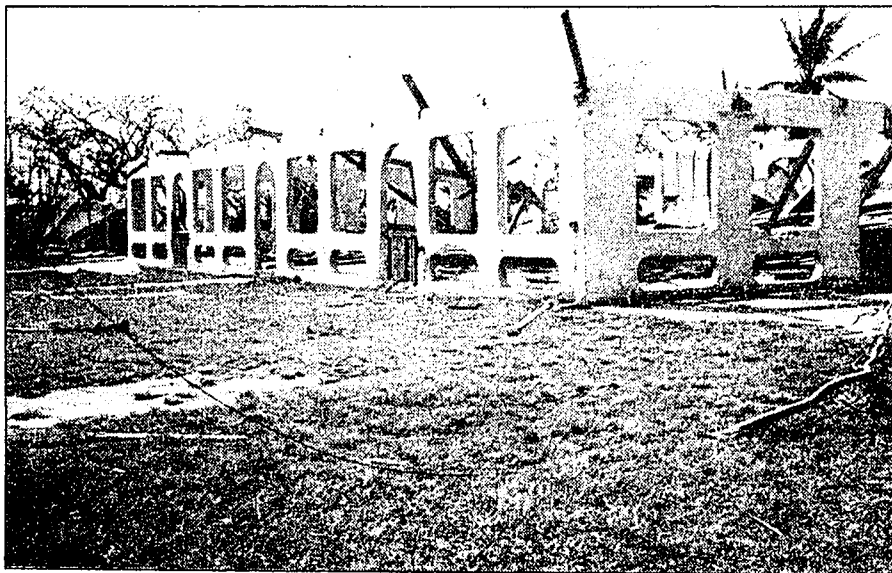
Governor issues plea for food, clothing & tents



Most of the island's roads looked like this. Public Works employees and residents labored with chain saws to open roads.



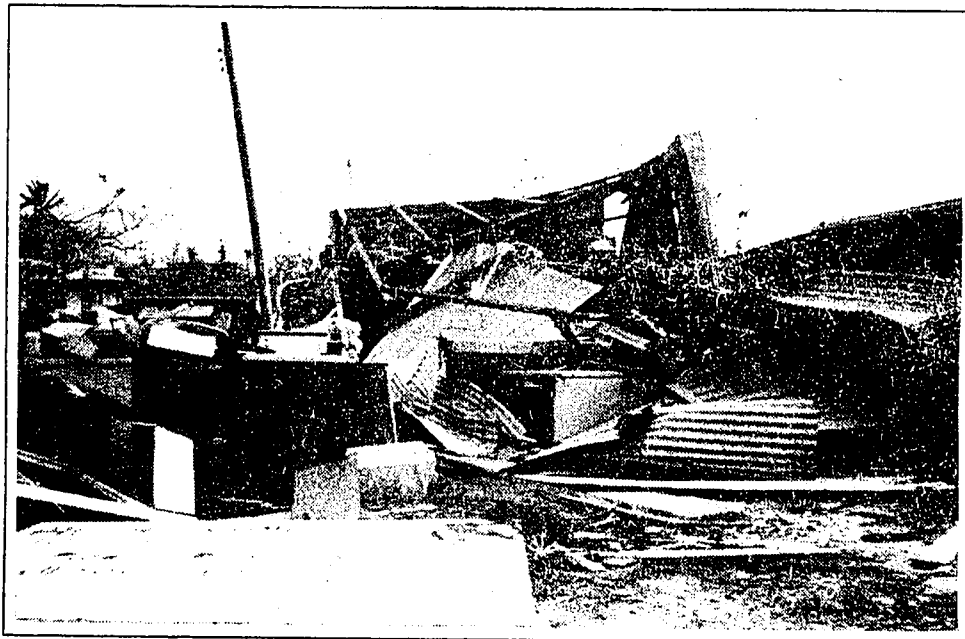
Rota's well-known "Round House" stood for many years through many typhoons, but Roy totally destroyed it Tuesday night.



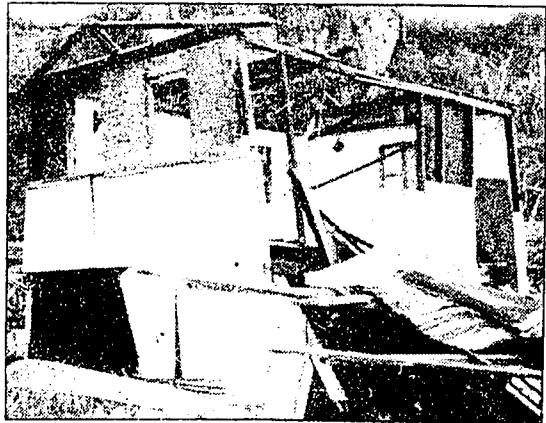
Many commercial buildings on the island were gutted when their roofs collapsed and their windows imploded.



Palm trees, tin, building blocks and glass piled up in the streets of SongSong Village after the storm.



Wooden-framed homes were the hardest hit. Tin roofs and walls were no match for 100-plus miles per-hour winds.



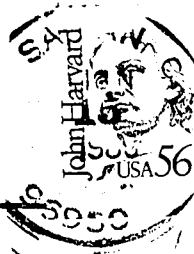
This two-story house was completely destroyed. No one was injured.

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