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MAFNAS WINS AWARD

Trust Territory Attorney General Donald R. Tindal presented today the Attorney General's Award for 1968 to Jose P. Mafnas, District Prosecutor for the Mariana Islands District, at a ceremony held at the office of the Insular Constabulary. The award was established in 1963 to be given to a person who had made an outstanding contribution to the cause of justice in the Trust Territory.

In making the award, Tindal said: "The recipient of the Attorney General's Award for 1968 has displayed a remarkably selfless devotion to duty. Mr. Mafnas has placed the requirements of his job first and sacrificed his personal comfort and convenience to those requirements. He has studied long hours beyond the normal confines of a working day. He has at all times had the welfare of the people of Micronesia as his primary goal. To accomplish this end he exerted every possible effort to see that the system of justice in the Trust Territory, and particularly in the Mariana Islands District, was as good as he could make it. His efforts have borne fruit, and we are honoring him today in some small measure for the outstanding contribution he has made."

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Past recipients of the award were: 1967 - Chief Justice E. P. Furber; 1966 - Judge Kabua Kabua, Marshalls; 1965 - District Public Defender's Representative Andon Amaraich, Truk; 1964 - Deputy Sheriff Benajamin O. Ngiraingas, Palau; 1963 - Judge Joseph Fanochoor, Yap.

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