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Chicago Park District, \$30-million revenue, 1975-93 New York State, \$139.5-million, 1974-2003.

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Montgomery County, Md., \$25-million, 1974-93.

Pittsburgh, Pa., \$14-million; 1975-93.

Pennsylvania Higher Education Facilities Authority, \$33.7-million revenue, 1974-2011. State of Washington, \$72,165,000, 1974-

Washoe County, Nev., School District, \$10.million revenue, 1974–88.

Dallas, Tex., \$28,225,000, water and sewer

King County, Wash., \$27.85-million, 1975-

Pensacola, Fla., \$12.5-million revenue, 1976-94...

Los Angeles Regional Airports, \$25.5-million revenue, negotiated with Dillon, Reed syndicate, 2000." 3 6 2 2 1 Cm

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Note sales by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$733,088,000; New York State Power Authority, \$40-million.

CORPORATE SECTOR - TOTAL

The corporate sector again has no major. bellwether issues, but is also expected to remain under pressure. The Public Service Electric and Gas Company's sale of preferred stock tomorrow is expected to draw bids from one group containing about 20 co-managers, perhaps a record number.

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Small Business Investment Companies. \$35-million debentures due 1983, competitive. Public Service Electric & Gas Company. 600,000 shares preferred stock. A by Standard & Poor's; competitive. 19, 19 Nad the

Lone Star Gas Company, \$45-million debentures due: 1998; A, negotiated with Salomon Brothers group.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, \$13.2-million: equipment trust certificates due 1974-88, Asa, competitive.xcon Wednesday

General Services Administration, \$126million certificates due 2003.

Thursday Trailmobile-Finance-Company, \$30 million debentures due 1993, A by Standard & Poor's, negotiated with First Boston syndicate.

General Telephone Company of the Southeast, \$25-million bonds due 2003; A, competitive.

Northwest Bancorp; \$75-million debentures due 2013. The tall received the option of the control of the contr

AEtna Income Share, Inc. Friday registered 4 million common shares for offering in mid-May by: a Blyth-Eastman Dillon-led syndicate. In: contrast to most vehicles for investing in bonds. AEtna Income will be open-end, redeeming its shares at net asset value... of the light was the contract the c

The San Diego Gas and Electric Company postponed a planned public sale of 300,000 shares of preference stock scheduled for tomorrow. It said it had obtained an oral comentire issue: mitment from an-institutional investor for the entire issue: -

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(Mr. HALEY asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.) 🖘 😂 🗝 💝 🛶 🗝

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Speaker, in an age when many of our young people are the brunt of excessive criticism warranted only by a few, a young man who attends

college in my district has actively demonstrated the honesty and integrity of American youth.

I would like the following article with accompanying editorial about John W. Stewart, of Warner Southern College, entered in the Congressional Record: ALL RETURNED: STUDENT FINDS \$10,000 ON HIGHWAY

(By Wade B. Jakeway)

Coming from the big city of Philadelphia, John W. Stewart, a freshman at Warner Southern College, is an unusual lover of nature. As such he does a lot of his studying out in the woods just south of the campus, adjacent to U.S. Highway 27.

On the way back to school from his haunt 2013. On the way back to school from his haunt last week, he was obliged to blaze a new trial, owing to some canal pumping operations that had closed off his old path.

Poking his way along, he suddently stumbled onto an overnight case containing. four savings bonds, each one worth \$2,500, totalling \$10,000.

John reported the find to the college authorities and then proceeded to place a collect call to the owners of the treasure in Ocala, Fla. At first, the owner suspected that the caller might be a blackmailer and refused to accept the charges.

John finally managed to convince the lady, 80-years-old, that he had actually located their bonds. It was then learned that she and her 89-year-old husband were returning from an automobile trip to Miami last August, when they stopped at a drug store in Sebring. While they were gone, thieves broke into their car and stole the case containing the bonds, along with a copy of the deed to their house and other valuables. The thieves have never been apprehended. Apparently they realized that the risk in cashing the bonds would be too great.

With the assistance of the Polk County Sheriff's Department, the papers have all been returned to their owners, and John is richer by \$25, the amount of his reward for finding the valuables. When someone asked whether he was satisfied with the amount, he replied quite matter-of-factly, "I'd have done what I did even if I hadn't received a cent for returning the securities. I was only doing my duty as a citizen. The \$25 should go onto my tuition bill, but I may just celebrate with it.

John is majoring in Education at Warner Southern College in his class of ninety-five freshmen students. THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH

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DOING A GOOD DEED DESERVES APPLAUSE

There's a story in today's Highlander about John W. Stewart who found \$10,000 worth of bonds lying on the side of the road and return them to the owners.

Part of the story is the difficulty he had in contacting the owners who apparently did not believe the purpose of his collect phone call. Part of that problem probably can be attributed to the age of the owners, 80 and 89 years old.

But the good faith of Stewart and his continued effort to get the property back to the rightful owners demonstrates again the top quality of most people.

We are glad to have good neighbors in Lake Wales such as Stewart, who is here attending Warner-Southern College.

The applause for his deed cannot be tooloud.

TRUST TERRITORY ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC

(Mr. BURTON asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. BURTON. Mr. Spe tunately there is little public awareness of the important and complex responsibilities of the U.S. Government to the Trust Territory Islands of the Pacific, under the provisions of the United Nations trusteeship which was established after World War II.

The Washington Post, in its Sunday, March 11, 1973, issue, published two excellent articles by Reporter Don Oberdorfer on this timely subject which I recommend to my colleagues and the American public.

AMERICA'S ISLAND EMPTRE: TRUST VS. Lary Milds

(By Don Oberdorfer)

TINIAN, MARIANA ISLANDS .- At 2:45 a.m. on Aug. 6, 1945, the B-29 bomber "Enola Gay". lifted off the runway of North Field at the end of this island bearing a single 14-foot projectile which would level the entire Japanese city of Hiroshima, killing 70,000 with a single blinding flash and mushroom cloud, virtually ending World War II and initiating the nuclear age.

For more than two decades the long coraland-asphalt runways at North Field have lain silent and abandoned save for an occasional handful of tourists, a few wheeling and screeching tropical birds and the slowly encroaching lushness of a thick green jungle plant known here in the Pacific as tangentangen. The rest of this natural island fortress jutting out of the sea has been almost as quiet. After the 40,000 American troops went home and their tent and quonset cities were dismantled, Tinian was left to a few hundred Chamorro natives and a few thousand head of cattle.

Now, for the first time since the days of its might and fame, the pace is beginning to quicken. In recent months a procession of U.S. military men has materialized, usually unannounced and sometimes in civilian garb, to inspect the dust-blown runways, the 50 miles of paved roads and the silt-choked harbor. A big and well-connected Honolulu. firm is suddenly bidding to reopen the old military quarry which once yielded a bounti-. ful flow of construction materials. Standard Oil of California has made known plans. to build a \$30 million oil refinery more suited to the needs of powerful warships and heavy bombers than to the piddling demands of Tinian's 100 antique jeeps and weather-beaten cars. A week ago Wednesday a retired admiral and a Madison Avenue management consultant swooped down without warning to study the island for a California firm specializing in housekeeping and maintenance contracts for the U.S. military. This week another military survey team, led by a general officer, is expected.

GROWING RESISTANCE

Under a Pentagon plan to establish a post Vietnam fallback defense line in Micronesia-the enormous mid-Pacific ocean domain which the United States has ruled as 'trustee" for the United Nations since World War II-Tinian is slated to become a joint Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps air base and a naval facility. But just as the sundrenched turf of Tinian and the other 2,140 trusteeship islands are only the tip of volcanic mountains and coral formations rising from the ocean floor, so the Pentagon's plans reflect only the most easily perceived aspect of difficult and complex maneuverings concerning the future relationship of the United States and its Micronesian wards.

After more than three years of preliminary bargaining, U.S.-Micronesian: "future politi-cal status" negotiations appear to be ap-proaching a critical point. The U.S. government, which has been adamant until now about maintaining complete military control over this vast coconut-and-coral empire, has

met growing resistance from island leaders who have taken to heart American-taught concepts of political freedom and self-determination. Sentiment for outright inde-pendence from the United States—which was unthinkable to Micronesians a few years ago and is still unthinkable to many American military planners—has taken root and is growing rapidly. And in a variety of ways, the time for decision is fast approaching.

The days of United Nations trusteeships are numbered. Of 11 such special mandates at the end of World War II, only two remain today. Australia's trusteeship over the Territory of New Guinea is scheduled to end next year, leaving the United States' Micronesian Trust Territory the only such colonial domain under U.S. supervision anywhere until an American-Micronesian agreement is reached to dissolve the mandate.

The Marianas island group, including Saipan and Tinian, has virtually seceded from the main negotiations over Micronesia's future in hopes of striking an attractive separate deal with the United States. The Marianas islanders have hired the Washington law firm of Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering as well as a group of Washington economic. consultants, and are likely to drive a hard bargain. U.S.-Marianas talks are due to get down to business in Saipan in late March or early April.

The main American-Micronesia discussions have temporarily bogged down because of the islanders' insistence that they be permitted to opt for independence should the terms of a proposed limited sovereignty deal with the United States seem unacceptable. Micronesia is asking \$100 million a year in American aid in return for continued U.S. military and diplomatic control of the area after the end of the U.N. trusteeship, Micronesia has hired Paul Warnke, former assistant secretary of defense and Washington law partner of Clark Clifford, as adviser in the main negotiations. which are expected to resume in May.

In late May or early June, the U.N. Trusteeship Council will begin its annual public debate on the United States' performance of its responsibilities in Micronesia. This year for the first time the inspection team, which is currently traveling in the strategic area. includes a Soviet diplomat. Moreover, the team has been accompanied on part of its journey through Micronesia by the highest ranking Chinese official at the United Nations—Tang Ming-cho, U.N. undersecretary-general for trusteeship and decolonization affiairs. Micronesian Sen. Andon Amaraich, who sharply criticized the U.S. administra-tion in last year's U.N. debate and declared that "the vast majority of the people of Micronesia does not want and has no use for the United States military," is preparing to travel to New York as an official Micronesian : spokesman again this summer.

THREE MILLION SQUARE MILES

How the United States, with its antilast U.N. colonial administrator is a curiousand tangled tale. As has often been said, it is a historical accident. In the perspective of today, it is also fast becoming a political nightmare. . .

The Trust Territory of Micronesia—"The Land of Tiny Islands"—contains only 110,000 people on a total of 700 square miles of land strewn out in picturesque chunks over 3 million square miles of the western Pacific, roughly the size of the land area of the continental United States. Micronesia is actually made up of three distinct archipelagos—from east to west, the Marshalls, the Carolines and Marianas with a total of nine distinct languages and a variety of cultural patterns and historical experiences. Because of its diversity and the extreme distances over open water, Micronesia previously has been more a geographical description than anything approaching a nation...
This is one of its most fundamental problems today.

Discovered by Ferdinand Magellan and other European explorers of the 16th Century-when the islanders of various groups already had well-developed local cultures Micronesia fell under the successive colonial claims and political and economic domination of Spain, Germany and Japan (except for the island of Guam, which was annexed by the United States). The industrious landshort Japanese, who seized Micronesia from Germany in World War I and kept the area under a post-war League of Nations mandate, extensively developed many of the closest and most productive islands to produce sugar, fish, copra and other war materials and, as World War II approached, turned the island empire into a bristling strategic

The vast western Pacific area between Hawaii and the Philippines was recognized as strategically important, and in World War II the United States fought its way through Kwajalein and Eniwetok, Saipan and Tinian, Peleliu and Angaur at a cost of 6,288 Americans killed in island battles to vangish the Japanese. Wave after wave of B-29s flying almost around the clock bombed Tokyo and other Japanese targets from the Saipan and Tinian airfields before the Encla Gay-and a sister plane which destroyed much of Nagasaki three days later-ended the war with atomic bombs launched from Tinian's North Field.
SECRECY AND DELAY

After the V-J Day the U.S. military argued for annexation of Micronesia to assure continued American control of the western Pacific, but the proposal flew in the face of wartime pledges that America had no territorial ambitions. The compromise result, made in Washington, was a special U.N. "strategic trusteeship" under the control of the Security Council (where the United States has a veto). The United States was given the right to establish military bases in the area, and pledged in return to promote economic advancement and eventual "self-government or independence." Actually, the United States had no idea of promoting independence; the phrase was added to the trusteeship agreement at the behest of the

Soviet Union. States established nuclear testing grounds and later a highly sophisticated missile testing area centered on Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands, moving thousands of natives of their land with minimal compensation or no compensation and detonating 93 atomic and hydrogen bombs at Bikini and Eniwetok between 1946 and 1958. On Saipan, the Central Intelligence Agency built a modern and expensive headquarters (later inherited by the Trust Territory administration) and a secret training base for nationalist Chinese guerrillas assigned to raid the mainland. Outside these American enclaves, most of the rest of Micronesia was left to molder by a succession of colonial tradition, came to be virtually the Navy and Interior Department administrators. For more than a decade, this vast area was closed off to the world behind a nearly impenetrable security screen.

With other colonial areas gaining inde-pendence and time running out on the trusteeship system, President Kennedy signed a secret National Security Council memorandum in April, 1962, ordering accelerated development of the area as part of a plan to terminate the U.N. mandate and bring Micronesia permanently under U.S. control. The following year a presidential survey mission refined the plans, which called for extensive educational, political and economic development peaking in 1967 or -when the islanders would be asked to vote in a plebiscite on the question of their future affiliation.

Had the timetable been kept, everything might have worked as planned—but a slowmoving bureaucracy in Washington had difficulty deciding the details, and in 1967 and 1968 a balky Congress refused to pass a presidentially sponsored resolution paving the way for the Micronesian vote. Thus it was the fall of 1969 before negotiations began with the increasingly wary representatives of the Micronesian Congress, which had been established four years before.

"FREE ASSOCIATION"

At the beginning the United States offered to make Micronesia an American territory similar to Guam or the Virgin Islands. This was quickly rejected by the Micronesian side.
Then the discussion centered on a plan known as "free association" in which the United States would maintain military and diplomatic sway and the Micronesians would be granted a measure of internal self-government and control. It sounded acceptable at the beginning but as details unfolded, the sticking points have emerged on the Micronesian side

First, the islanders insist on the right to terminate the "free association" arrangement after five years or so and opt for independence should they choose to do so. According to Micronesian sources, the United States proposes at least 15 or 20 years of "freeassociation," and even then would bind the islands by a prior security pact continuing American military base rights and the right to keep out any other foreign powers.

"We're not ready for independence today, but given some five or ten years of 'free association,' I think we would be ready,' says Sen. Lazarus Salii, the 36-year-old chairman of the Micronesian negotiating team. In his view, the movement toward independence began gathering momentum last summer when the islands began to discover the details of the U.S. terms-until then, it had not: generally been considered a feasible possibility. "Nobody is saying it would not be hard. Certainly it would be. But under independence nobody would starve here. There is food and shelter. It's really a question of greater security, financial and otherwise, or of greater independence from foreign domination."

Second, the United States appears intent on paying a relatively modest price in dollars for the rights which it seeks to maintain. American-negotiators have told the islanders that the \$100 million a year they suggested is too high. And as the negotiations have bogged down, the United States has ordered substantial cuts in the existing \$60 million annual budget for the trust islands. American administrators insist this is a routine budgetary cutback due to government-wide trends, but to the islanders it looks suspi-clously like economic pressure.

Third and perhaps most important as an immediate issue, the Micronesians continue to be worried about future American-military control of their scarce land resources and infuriated by past and present U.S. failure to hand back the many thousands of acres seized by the Germans and Japanese. Possibly because there is so little of it, land is dearer to Micronesians than most Americans could ever imagine. In Yap, for example, even a person's name is derived from the name of the piece of land which he and hisfamily possess.

Over recent months, the United States has outlined the military areas which it plans to use under "free association"—the present U.S. testing sites in the Kwajalein atoll in the Marshall Islands; the proposed joint air and naval base on Tinian and support facilities on nearby Saipan in the Mariana Islands; and the right to establish port facilities, a jet airport and a large military maneuvers area at Palau in the western Carolines.

The traditional chiefs and elected leaders of Palau have declared themselves "unequivocally opposed" to the use of their land by the military, and have refused even to permit a survey team to come for a look.

It is a different story on Tinian, where only 937 people are rattling around in 39 square miles of available land. Most of the leaders, at least, are eager to see American troops return, believing that they will bring with them a high school, a hospital and above all a measure of prosperity which the island now

Mayor Antonio Borja has written to the Secretary of Defense welcoming the armed. forces back to "their old home on Tinian" and incidentally offering to rent them some housing and refrigeration facilities. Former mayor Joe Cruz, who points out that the Department of Defense is "the biggest money spender in the world," has already picked four sites for the night clubs he intends to establish when the GIs come. He is also planning a modern motel to augment the existing "Tinian Hotel," a World War II relic which served as Gen. Curtis LeMay's headquarters in 1945. It has only three guest rooms and is never crowded-until very recently, at least.

TRUST AND TERRITORY

All this must wait, however, for the conclusion of the negotiations with the Mariana. Islands and the broader talks with Micronesia as a whole. And as of today, the future is in

Rep. Ataji Balos of the Marshalls, one of the most articulate of the voices demanding a better deal for his people, told the recent session of the Congress that "as far as the Trust Territory goes, it is very clear to me that it is the Micronesians who have the trust and the Americans who have the territory." Given the gap between U.S. official attitudes and the island leadership's aspirations for control of their lands and their, destiny, it is clear that decisions for compromise or growing conflict must be taken soon.

For the first time since the Spanish ships apperaed on the horizon centuries ago, the island peoples themselves are going to have a say about their masters, and they are insisting on some real choices that will give them a grip on the future. The United States did not plan it that way, but should amicable agreement be reached, America could be proud of at least that one aspect of its 27year administration of the islands.

For now, however, there is no break in the clouds over the future of the western Pacific. The likelihood is that the opposition to U.S. plans will persist and grow unless the United States somehow shows a little more trust; and the Micronesians obtain more territory.

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS .- The teeth of some senators are stained black from betel; nut, which they sometimes chew during lawmaking sessions. Others toy now and then with a necklace of tiny seashells which frequently can be found atop, the Senate. president's wooden rostrum.

Some of them hold titles of tribal royalty. in their native Islands, while others are entirely self-made men. One senator was launched on the path to Western education. when he energetically fetched coconuts for an. American schoolteacher who showed up on his island!

Their origins may be exotic, but the senators of the Congress of Micronesia-who willhave a great deal to do with the outcome of the negotiations with the U.S. governmentare a shrewd, intelligent and highly impressive group of men. They are also surprisingly sophisticated about both the principles and procedures of the democratic processes which they have recently acquired from their American "trustees." If their public performance and private discussions during the last fourdays of their just-completed legislative session is a guide, any idea that these native leaders will be a pushover for U.S. negotiators is utter madness.

The President of the senate Tosiwo Nakayama, was born in 1931 on a tiny spit of coral

and sand known as Piseras, some 150 miles northeast of the one-time Japanese bastion of Truk. His father was a local official of Nippon's "South Seas Development Co." His mother was a native of the area.

The future politician grew up in remote. atolls and was 16 years old before he had a chance to go to school. A U.S. naval civil affairs officer choose him as an assistant, but after a few months he decided to return to his native lagoon. In 1951 a ship docked with news that there was one opening for a student from his island group at Pacific Islands Central School, then the only public high school in the vast trust territory. Nakayama boarded the ship and headed for the schoolonly to find that another young man had already claimed the place. But after a few weeks the other student decided Nakayama should have the seat. He withdrew and went back to the outer islands, where he is now an elementary school principal... www.sep.tom

After graduation, Nakayama worked as a clerk in a government office before winning a scholarship to the University of Hawaii in. 1955. After he returned, he became an adult education and political affairs aide in the Truk district. He was elected to the Senate in .. Micronesia's first congressional election in 1965. Sound Sonwords, special

Though critical of many aspects of American policy in Micronesia and a leading advocate of Micronesian independence, the Senate president has high praise for the American political ideals with which he has been imbued. "The United States taught us what: we know now, and we can even speak against the U.S. without fear," he observed recently. "That is one of the things we like and we respect. And that is one of the reasons I believe the U.S. will eventually grant us our independence from extra common and the most sections. Since becoming a prominent figure he has

been to Japan-where his father had moved after the war—as well as to the United States and Europe. "Japan would never have thought of anything like this," he says of the political system in Micronesia. "It is a credit to the USA."

Amata Kabua's father and mother were the offspring of rival chieftains in the Marshall, Islands, where he was born on a coral atoll near Jaluit in 1928. When the Americans came to the island where he was staying at the end of World War II, Kabua could speak only three or four words of English-but his enterprise and intelligence quickly impressed a schoolteacher from Texas who wanted someone to fetch coconuts and run errands. The Texan put Kabua in a teacher training school on a trial basis, and he learned quickly. He was selected to go to Guam for further training and, after a tour as an elementary school principal in the Marshalls, attended a year of college on the Hawaiian island of TOTAL WORKS ~)

Later he helped develop the tax system in the Marshalls and was a key organizer of the district legislature. A shrewd businessman, he was the first Micronesian member of the stabilization board for copra, the dried coconut meat product which traditionally has been the principal export commodity of small Pacific islands. In 1958 he became president and manager of the Marshall Islands Import-Export Co. and is considered among the wealthiest men in Micronesia

Kabua is grateful for his opportunities from the United States and cautious about independence anytime soon. He is extremely unhappy, however, about the U.S. failure to pay adequately for the land which the Pentagon occupies in the Marshalls, including the missile range in the Kwajalein atoll. "The U.S. philosophy is scary, particularly when you read about the American Indians and how their land was taken . . . The people of some of our islands have been waiting 27 years for payment. This is the kind of thing which may divert us from going with the United States." Journal asset . ---व्यक्तिस्त्रे प्

John Mangefel is from Yap, "The Land of the Stone Money," which is probably the most tradition-bound of the six Micronesian island districts. He was born on the west, coast of Yap island in 1932 and attended Japanese school briefly before the war broke out. During the war, he and his family hidin the bush to keep out of the Japanese-American conflict.

After the Americans took over, he attended elementary school in Yap and was selected for the Pacific Islands Central School to continue his education. He taught school for a few years and then won a Trust Territoryscholarship to the University of Hawaii, where he earned his bachelor's degree in English. He was a teacher-trainer and elementary school principal on Yap from his graduation in 1963 until his election to the Micronesian House of Representatives in 1968. This year he moved over the Senate.

A conservative man from a conservation island, Mangefel argues in the Senate for Micronesian self-reliance and adherence to traditional ways-as when he recently opposed a bill to establish a low-cost housing. authority as a vehicle for U.S. housing aid. He declared that every man should provide his own shelter, if only a thatch-roofed hut, and opposed the trend of dependence on the United States. Concerning the negotiations over Micronesia's future, he believes the area. will remain under the U.S. wing.

· Boeing 727 jets of Continental Airlines' Air Micronesia fly between Yap and Trust Territory headquarters on Saipan three times a week, and many of the flights bring small ... bags of Yapese betel nut for Mangefel and his colleagues from the stone-money island. The betel nut from home has a better taste, he says in his letter-perfect University of Hawaii English in Distance Street and a region of the

CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY MOVES FORWARD

(Mr. LEGGETT asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. LEGGETT. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to call attention to the progressive strides being taken by the California Maritime Academy : 10 Months to accommon forms

Those familiar with maritime education know that this institution has recently traversed some very rought times. It is now apparent that, due to the efforts of those at the academy's helm, most of the difficulties have been surmounted and the future looks bright Samuel Commence

- This bright outlook is illuminated by such advances as the acqusition of twonew training vessels, the Golden Bear II-formerly the Crescent City-and the Baruna. The Golden Bear II was acquired through the U.S. Maritime Administration, and has been refitted through the tireless efforts of the staff and midshipmen of the California Maritime Acad-

The curriculum of CMA has also come under searching review, and has been upgraded to the point where it is now eligible for academic accreditation. The next step forward should include recognition of the academy as an accredited degree-granting, 4-year institution of higher learning. This advance is making it possible for the academy to provide not just qualified merchant marine officers, but graduates who have received the benefits of a full 4-year education while