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NEW SAIPAN HARBOR PLAN UNVEILED

For the new and the old views of the harbor, see page 6.

The first phase of a major redevelopment plan that could significantly change the face of Saipan's harbor area was approved by the District Administrator this week.

Before any of the changes indicated on the Tanapag Harbor Development Plan begin to take effect, however, the proposal must be approved by the U.S.

Defense Department. The area involved is military retention land.

It is expected that the development plan will be an important topic when the next sessions in the Marianas - U.S. political status negotiations resume. If the U.S. wants to maintain a foothold on Saipan, it may determine that it is politically ad-

vantageous to approve the use proposed for this land.

The first phase of the harbor plan could take about five years to complete, at a cost of around \$1 million. If approved soon, some work could begin with general fiscal 1974 funds.

The major impetus behind expanding Saipan's present

dock facilities is the expectation--or at least the hope -- that Saipan will some day become the trans-

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shipment point for all goods brought into Micronesia.

"An efficient container harbor dock will ultimately cut shipping costs," said District Planning Officer Tom Sheehan.

Larger dock facilities ment of Public Works.

The plan was prepared by the Marianas District Planning Office in consultation with the Division of Marine Resources of the Department of Resources and Development, the Department of Transportation and Communications and the District Department of Public Works.

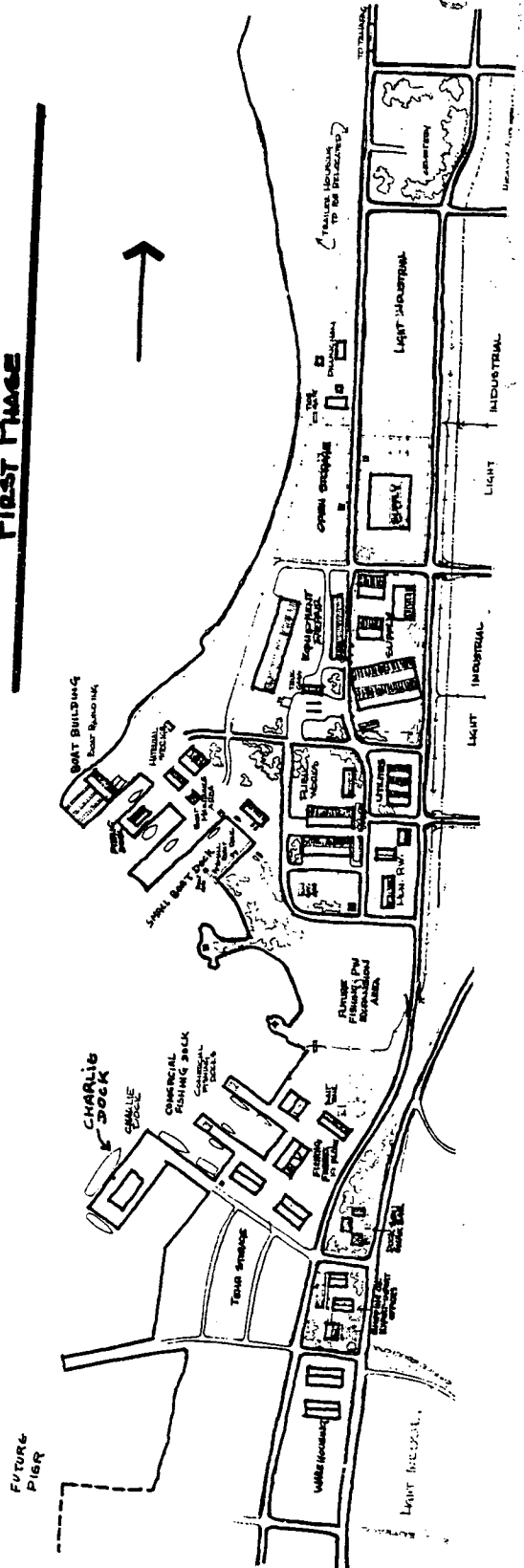
also will help support economically important industries such as fishing and boat-building. They also are expected to attract new industries to the area around the present dock, which is zoned industrial. Private boat marinas also are included in the development plan.

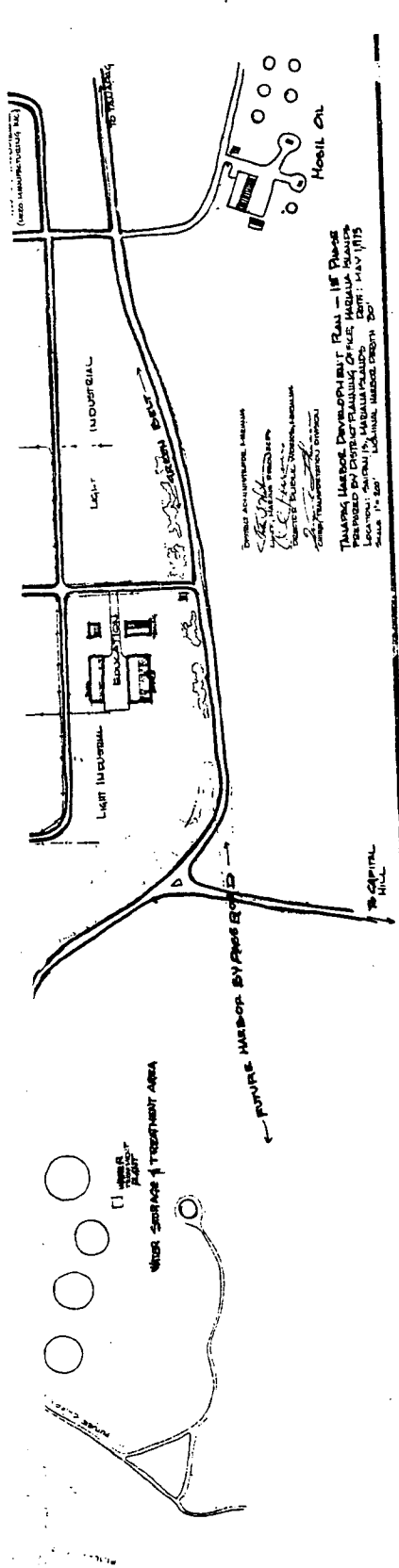
DRAWINGS BELOW:

Top--How Saipan's harbor could look under the first phase of the development plan.

Bottom--How the harbor looks today.

TANAPAG HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT PLAN First Phase





TANGAP HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT PLAN - 1st Phase
 Prepared by the Director of Public Works
 Singapore
 Date: MAY 1975
 Scale: 1:500
 (SINGAPORE WATER BOARD)

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