

Air Pacific ✓ May Move To Saipan

Air Pacific may move its headquarters to Saipan if TT and Saipan officials approve a corporate charter and business license for a new air taxi firm, to be named Pacific Air.

An official in the proposed firm said yesterday moving Air Pacific to Saipan is not definite, but he indicated the possibility exists.

Edward Crain, a Pacific Air official who is also a local attorney, said that if Pacific Air is chartered and a business license granted, Air Pacific may merge with the proposed firm. He said, the possible merging of Air Pacific with the proposed Pacific Air is "a contingency plan and a possible eventuality, but not a definite thing."

Scott Killgore, president of Air Pacific as well as Pacific Broadcasting, its parent company and parent of KUAM, applied to the Trust Territory Government four weeks ago for a corporate charter for the proposed firm.

Pacific Air would be headquartered on Saipan and would provide the same air taxi service as Air Pacific now provides.

Pending TT approval of Pacific Air's proposed articles on incorporation, Pacific Air would then apply for a business license from the Marianas Economic Development Board.

Air Pacific presently carries several flights daily to Rota, Tinian, and Saipan in two small aircraft. A recently-opened ticket office on Saipan gives the firm a total of six offices in the four islands in the Marianas.