

DOD Castoffs A TT Boon

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Q: Will the Marines continue to get this?

SAIPAN - The Trust Territory received Department of Defense excess equipment and supplies totalling more than \$2.7 million during fiscal 1973, according to a report from the TT's liaison office in Okinawa.

Liaison Officer Jesse R. Quigley said that the most recent year's total thus brings the value of all supplies and equipment received by the TT since the program was begun in December 1969 to more than

\$21 million dollars. The TT receives a high priority for the distribution of surplus and excess items, Quigley explained. They range from ships down to small items of construction or office equipment. In the TT these formerly military items are put to peaceful uses, for the most part at little or no cost to the TT Government.

Except for several small requisitions, the 1973 excess

came from Okinawa and the Philippines, Quigley said. Some \$330,000 worth of boats was acquired from Subic Bay and Poro Point in the Philippines, while the remainder of the total came from the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy in Okinawa.

All of these items were transferred to the TT as "free issue," with no costs for acquisition. The only costs involved were for packing,

crating, handling and transportation, which amounted to approximately 10 per cent of the total value of the items acquired.

This amount was paid out of the budget of whatever TT program activity requested the items.

Quigley said in his report that acquisitions totalling perhaps a \$1.5 million are anticipated during fiscal 1974.

But in addition, he said the TT expects to acquire a number

of Marine ships, boats and equipment totalling several million dollars, in a program that is presently being followed up very closely for the TT Transportation Division.