

ATTEMPTED RAPE

Navy Pays Memorable Visit To Tinian

Tinian

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Invited to Tinian to celebrate Navy day, the gunship Rocket and a sister ship spent a Saturday Oct. 20, at the Trust Territory Island.

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by the people of Tinian, the crews of the ships were given a traditional Chamorro feast and were in return treated to movies on board one of the US Navy vessels.

During the movies, Mr. Jose Pangelinan and his family returned to their house in order to let the girls retire while Mr. Pangelinan returned to the festivities.

Upon entering their house, the girls were attacked by a man who was already hiding inside, later identified as one of the crewmembers from one of the ships. The sailor, who already took his shoes off attacked the first girl who entered, knocking her to the floor and temporarily unconscious, he left her to pursue the sister who fled outside shouting.

When their father, get-

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ting ready to return to the ship, noticed the commotion and heard the screams, he returned to the house and after a brief chase, apprehended the assailant. By holding the stranger who already knocked the second girl over the rocks. Meanwhile the Police were called by Mrs. Pangelinan (the wife) and the man was arrested.

Later, with the assurances from the ship's captain that the matter would be dealt with by the Navy, Mr. Pangelinan agreed to the release of the prisoner and dropped the charge of attempted rape.

Pangelinan told the Marianas Variety reporter that at one point he had been ready to kill the intruder for what he had attempted to do. But he felt that the assurances by the authorities was sufficient to see that fair justice was done.

During the chase around the house, a neighbor woman, Martilde Sablan rescue the one year old son of Mr. Pangelinan and was knocked to the ground herself by the fugitive. She suffered mild injuries to her leg still evident at the time of this interview.

In other news concerning the visit, the sailors donated a refrigerator to the Tinian Headstart program. Sunday afternoon the two ships and the men departed Tinian.