

Pipe Dreams



By Joe Murphy

Who said that corporations don't have a sense of humor? Take this letter to the tenants in the Tumon Heights Apartments, for instance, sent out by the owners: "Dear Ladies and Gentlemen: Due to the constant plugging of our sewer lines which has caused flooding to our ground floor apartments we wish to request your kind cooperation in restricting the toilet use to toilet papers only. Any other matters should be disposed off through your garbage service. Our maintenance services have incurred undue time and costs in regards to ridding our sewer lines of objects and materials that should not have been flushed into toilets. Thank you for your cooperation. Wishing you many happy moments on your toilets!"

On page eight in yesterday's Daily News we carried an innocuous article datelined Cape Canaveral, Florida, telling about America's first domestic satellite being launched "into a pink and orange sunset." What the article didn't say was that Guam is playing a prime role in the positioning of the satellite, out of our DanDan NASA station. Most of the guys have been working long hours on this one.

The satellite, called Westar, is first of two Western Union satellites, and will be put in a stationary orbit 22,300 miles from earth over the equator. The Westar orbs were built by Hughes Aircraft, and cost about \$8.3 million each. Howard Hughes isn't on Guam himself to supervise the work, but a full-sized Hughes crew is.

I've started a bad trend, groaning about the way mail to Guam is missent to all kinds of funny destinations. Today I received a missing Jack Anderson column, dated April 2, clearly addressed to Agana, Guam. Stamped across the top it says: "Mal Encaminada A Guatemala," which I assume means it was missent to Guatemala first.

Martha Ruth mentioned, in her column, Sunday that Rose Kanetake, hostess of Tokyo Broadcasting System's (TBS) "Hopping Around the World," travelogue show was due on Guam yesterday, to gather material for a 27 minute spot about the island's undersea world. This is Rose's third or fourth visit to Guam.

If I were in charge of bands and parades on Guam, I do believe I would have been at the airport with the Marine band, and marched Rose triumphantly through downtown Agana in the midst of the rush hour.

My personal opinion, such as it is, is that Rose has done more for Guam tourism than any other single individual, including Sgt. Yokoi, Warren Elsner, Rex Wills, and maybe even Marty Pray. Rose was on one of the first planes to Guam when the Tokyo-Guam service opened in 1967, and featured the island on her mass-viewing TV show. Whammo. It hit immediately, when the Japanese found that there was some place only three hours away without smog, fog, or snow, or pushers for railroad cars.

No, I wouldn't give Rose the keys to the city. I'd give her at least half the island. This gal has been all over the world a dozen times, doing shows in every conceivable country, and I'll bet that this is one of the few places that she's done more than once.

Very good idea. The Guam Chamber of Commerce has written a letter to Congressman A.P. Won Pat—it would be better to yell across Skinner Plaza—asking that he makes an investigation relative to the feasibility of a waiver of visas for tourists to Guam—especially from Japan. The idea is that since no one can depart Guam for the states without going through complete immigration procedure on arrival at a stateside point of entry (Hawaii), the reasons for requiring a visa for tourists do not apply to Guam. True, true. And man, wouldn't that cut down the red tape for visitors. I think visas are nonsensical anyway.
