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9 (TANKER ON WAY TO MICRONESIA)

10 SAIPAN, Jan. 3, (MNS)---Mobil Oil Micronesia officials  
11 said Thursday (Jan. 3) that the tanker "Halekulani" was  
12 taking on fuel on Guam during the day and was expected to  
13 sail for the Trust Territory late Thursday evening,  
14 following the arrival on Guam of a tanker earlier this week.

15 Mobil Manager Ron Chevako said the Halekulani would  
16 sail to Saipan, Yap and Palau on this trip, supplying fuel  
17 to the bulk plants in those locations and thereby increasing  
18 the Trust Territory reserves of gasoline, diesel fuel and  
19 other fuels. Chevako added, however, that the allocation  
20 of fuel during January continues to be based on 88 per cent

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1 of January to September 1973 purchases, the same formula  
2 used in December. Conservation must still be practiced by  
3 everyone, he emphasized.

4 "What Mobil feels in most important is that everyone  
5 realize that fuel is limited, but not so  
6 limited as to necessitate hoarding," Chevako said. "Simply  
7 drive less, economize, but don't hoard. If we all conserve,  
8 follow our normal buying patterns--even fill up as much as  
9 possible, but stop previously wasteful consuming patterns--the  
10 fuel on the island can last much longer.

11 "The key to success of any allocation program," the oil  
12 company official stressed, "lies in the hands of the public.  
13 We all must conserve fuel."

14 Speaking with MNS by telephone from Guam, Chevako noted  
15 that on Guam the same situation has begun that Saipan experienced  
16 a week ago--long lines at many filling stations, some stations  
17 closed, and people apparently buying more gasoline than they  
18 normally do. He said Mobil was doing its part to de-fuse this  
19 situation through a campaign of advertisements and other public  
20 education, with the basic message being: "Don't panic, but do

1 conserve fuel."

2 In the Trust Territory the delivery of January fuel  
3 allocations has considerably reduced the demand for gasoline  
4 on Saipan. Chevako said Mobil delivered January allocations  
5 beginning Monday, December 31 as a means of taking some  
6 pressure off the gasoline stations which had December fuel  
7 remaining. Gasoline rationing is still a possibility on the  
8 island, but government officials are taking a "wait-and-see"  
9 attitude at the moment, hoping public cooperation with  
10 conservation measures will make direct government action  
11 unnecessary.

12 High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, checking with the  
13 various district administrators during the regular conference  
14 call Thursday morning, found that the other districts have  
15 successfully reduced their fuel consumption while avoiding  
16 any panic buying on the part of the public. The situation  
17 in Palau, Yap, Truk, Ponape and Marshalls has changed little  
18 from a week ago.

19 (HICOM SIGNS SURVEYING CONTRACT)

20 SAIPAN, Jan. 3, (MNS)---Trust Territory High Commissioner

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1 Edward E. Johnston has signed a contract for an accelerated  
2 program of surveying of agricultural homesteads on Saipan,  
3 in the Mariana Islands District.

4 During a special ceremony in his office this week, the  
5 HiCom announced award of the \$111,000 dollar contract to the  
6 firm of Juan Tenorio and Associates of Saipan, Incorporated,  
7 The company will begin the work within the month, and expects  
8 to complete the assignment within a year.

9 Pursuant to a recent court order, the High Commissioner  
10 issued quitclaim deeds to some 191 agricultural homesteads on  
11 Saipan, but promised at the time that he would see that a  
12 proper survey was effected for homestead parcel recipients,  
13 despite the class action suit brought to compel issuance of  
14 the deeds by quitclaim;

15 At the signing, the HiCom congratulated Tenorio and  
16 his firm, <sup>for</sup> having been awarded the contract by the selection  
17 committee, and again reaffirmed his intention to insure that  
18 each homesteader is aware of the boundaries of his homestead  
19 parcel. It was noted that the court action of late last year  
20 made it necessary to issue the quitclaim conveyances without

1 proper boundary indentification.

2 A spokesman for the Lands and Surveys Division said the  
3 work to be done under the contract will make every homesteader  
4 aware of the exact area and boundaries of his property, and will  
5 remove any title cloud upon the premises which may have been  
6 occasioned by the required quitclaim conveyance.

7 Present at the signing of the contract, in addition to the  
8 HiCom, were Kozo Yamada, Chief of the Lands and Surveys Division,  
9 Emmett Rice, Land Law Examiner for the TT, and Juan Tenorio and  
10 Joe Tenorio of the surveying company.

11 (MEDICAL SUPPLIES DROPPED ON SATAWAL)

12 SAIPAN, Jan. 3, (MNS)---Trust Territory Health Services  
13 Department officials said this week that a U.S. Navy plane from  
14 Guam successfully air-dropped a supply of badly needed medical  
15 supplies on the island of Satawal in Yap District this past  
16 weekend.

17 The medical supplies were called for by the health  
18 assistant in Satawal, following an outbreak of upper respiratory  
19 unfluenza that has affected nearly 100 per cent of the 150  
20 children on the island, and about half of the adults. The total

1 population of Satawal is approximately 370.

2 Emergency Coordination Center of the Commander, Naval  
3 Forces, Marianas on Guam, following a request from the Health  
4 Services Department, sent an HU-16 on the mercy mission Sunday,  
5 Dec. 30. At 9:30 a.m. the flight was able to air-drop the  
6 supplies, and reported that the mission was successful.

7 (NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE STORY SLUGGED "NEW  
8 ASSISTANT CHIEF" IN THE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 MNS, WAS INCORRECT.  
9 IT STATED THAT VICTORINO T. BORJA HAS BEEN APPOINTED ASSISTANT  
10 CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING BRANCH, WHEN IN FACT  
11 MR. BORJA WAS NAMED ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS  
12 DIVISION. THE FOLLOWING STORY IS CORRECT, AND SHOULD BE USED  
13 IN PLACE OF THE PREVIOUS STORY WHERE POSSIBLE. IF USE OF THE  
14 OTHER STORY HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE WE WOULD APPRECIATE A  
15 CORRECTION. MNS REGRETS THE ERROR.)

16 (BORJA NAMED ASSISTANT DIVISION CHIEF)

17 SAIPAN, JAN. 3 (MNS)---Trust Territory High Commissioner  
18 Edward E. Johnston has announced the appointment of Victorino T.  
19 Borja of Saipan as Assistant to Communication Management Officer  
20 (Division Chief, Communications) John Welch. Borja moves into

1 the, new position from a job as assistant chief of the communication's  
2 engineering branch, a job he has held since 1971.

3 In his new position, Borja will assist in the planning,  
4 organization and preparation of budget estimates for the Trust  
5 Territory-wide communications system, will assist in the overall  
6 maintenance and operation of all Trust Territory communication  
7 facilities, participate in formulating communications rules and  
8 regulations, directives and standards of performance, and policies  
9 concerning government communications service, and perform a number  
10 of other related duties as assistant to the Chief of the Division.

11 In his recommendation to the High Commissioner, Division  
12 Chief John Welch cited Borja's long service with the Communications  
13 Division, his most recent performance as assistant branch chief  
14 in communications engineering, his record of several outstanding  
15 performance and meritorious performance commendations, and the  
16 fact that he has a number of times substituted for U.S. Civil  
17 Service technicians for various lengths of time.

18 "Vic" Borja was a radio operator for seven years before  
19 converting to electronics technician. He graduated at the  
20 Pacific Islands Teacher Training School (PITTS), and has

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1 completed a number of correspondence courses and on-the-job  
2 training programs, as well as various factory training courses.

3 He and his wife, Trinidad, have five children.

4 (ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)

5 (ATALIG VS. WILSON, AGAIN)

6 SAIPAN, Jan. 3, (CONGRESS RELEASE)---Marianas Congressman  
7 Felipe Q. Atalig responded this week to statements made several  
8 days ago by U.S. deputy representative to the Office of the  
9 Micronesian Status Negotiations, James Wilson concerning their  
10 recent exchange of heated words.

11 Last week Wilson wrote the Congressman a letter asserting  
12 that Atalig made it clear to him that "he did not want to become  
13 a member of the American political family" and further suggested  
14 that "it would be difficult, if not impossible to carry on  
15 discussions on future status unless both sides agreed that  
16 membership in the family was the common goal and if anyone felt  
17 otherwise he had no business there and should get out--not of the  
18 islands, of course, but of the talks."

19 Congressman Atalig, in a letter to the chairman of the  
20 Marianas Political Status Commission replied: "I protest his



1 intimation that I did not want to become a member of the American  
2 political family. Such is not the case and should have been  
3 made clear in the closing sentences of my letter to him--if  
4 it was not the night of his untoward behavior."

5 Atalig's letter continued: "I reiterate that he imposed  
6 his presence and views upon me--and not the reverse. I further  
7 charge, again as it should have been clear in my letter--that  
8 my remarks to him concerning the subject area dealt with him  
9 as being representative of the approach of the U.S. Delegation.  
10 Furthermore, since I am not a member of the Commission, Wilson's  
11 comment implying that I should get of the talks is revealed  
12 as nonsensical."

13 The letter further stated: "I also find myself  
14 somewhat more than slightly exasperated by the fact that  
15 Wilson did not have the courtesy to indicate to whom he was  
16 sending copies of his letter as I did on my letter. This, if  
17 nothing else, should indicate that his reply was formulated  
18 with the intention of discrediting me and twisting the tale  
19 of events to his benefit."

20 Atalig indicated in his letter that what he believed had

1 started the exchange was that Wilson might have been partying too  
2 much. He reiterated his hope that Wilson would be replaced and  
3 again stated:

4 "It would be unfortunate if any misunderstanding from  
5 this incident were allowed to mar in any way what I believe to  
6 be the pleasant and useful relations between the United States  
7 and Micronesia--especially the Marianas District."

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(ATALIG VS. WILSON, AGAIN)

SAIPAN, JAN. 3, (CONGRESS RELEASE)---MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN FELIPE O. ATALIG RESPONDED THIS WEEK TO STATEMENTS MADE SEVERAL DAYS AGO BY U.S. DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OFFICE OF THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, JAMES WILSON CONCERNING THEIR RECENT EXCHANGE OF HEATED WORDS.

LAST WEEK WILSON WROTE THE CONGRESSMAN A LETTER ASSERTING THAT ATALIG MADE IT CLEAR TO HIM THAT "HE DID NOT WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL FAMILY" AND FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT "IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY ON DISCUSSIONS ON FUTURE STATUS UNLESS BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT MEMBERSHIP IN THE FAMILY WAS THE COMMON GOAL AND IF ANYONE FELT OTHERWISE HE HAD NO BUSINESS THERE AND SHOULD GET OUT--NOT OF THE ISLANDS, OF COURSE, BUT OF THE TALKS."

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CONGRESSMAN ATALIG, IN A LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION REPLIED: "I PROTEST HIS INTIMATION THAT I DID NOT WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL FAMILY. SUCH IS NOT THE CASE AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE CLEAR IN THE CLOSING SENTENCES OF MY LETTER TO HIM--IF IT WAS NOT THE NIGHT OF HIS UNTOWARD BEHAVIOR."

ATALIG'S LETTER CONTINUED: "I REITERATE THAT HE IMPOSED HIS PRESENCE AND VIEWS UPON ME--AND NOT THE REVERSE. I FURTHER CHARGE, AGAIN AS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLEAR IN MY LETTER--THAT MY REMARKS TO HIM CONCERNING THE SUBJECT AREA DEALT WITH HIM AS BEING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE APPROACH OF THE U.S. DELEGATION. FURTHERMORE, SINCE I AM NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, WILSON'S COMMENT IMPLYING THAT I SHOULD GET OF THE TALKS IS REVEALED AS NONSENSICAL."

THE LETTER FURTHER STATED: "I ALSO FIND MYSELF SOMEWHAT MORE THAN SLIGHTLY EXASPERATED BY THE FACT THAT WILSON DID NOT HAVE THE COURTESY TO INDICATE TO WHOM HE WAS SENDING COPIES OF HIS LETTER AS I DID ON MY LETTER. THIS, IF NOTHING ELSE, SHOULD INDICATE THAT HIS REPLY WAS FORMULATED WITH THE INTENTION OF DISCREDITING ME AND TWISTING THE TALE OF EVENTS TO HIS BENEFIT."

ATALIG INDICATED IN HIS LETTER THAT WHAT HE BELIEVED HAD STARTED THE EXCHANGE WAS THAT WILSON MIGHT HAVE BEEN PARTYING TOO MUCH. HE REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT WILSON WOULD BE REPLACED AND AGAIN STATED:

"IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF ANY MISUNDERSTANDING FROM THIS INCIDENT WERE ALLOWED TO MAR IN ANY WAY WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE THE PLEASANT AND USEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MICRONESIA--ESPECIALLY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT."

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