

# ESG Efforts Intensify In TT

**SAIPAN (COM)** — The Trust Territory government's Education for Self-Government (ESG) program has reached the end of its second week with 11 of the series of 14 radio broadcasts. "Our Micronesia" taped and sent to the districts.

Broadcast of the series has started in both English and local languages. More than

700 two-color posters bearing the legend, "Get Ready to Make the Best Choice," were distributed to the districts, as were 3,600 bumper stickers and 1,600 smaller stickers.

The Feb. 1 issue of "Highlights" carried a four-page special photo-story section on education for self-government. Pay check

stubs of all Micronesian employees of the TT government carried a brief message urging full participation in the ESG effort.

Two additional task force members were appointed: Podis Pedrus, deputy director of personnel, and William H. Stewart, census coordinator and industrial

economist. Also planned are an essay contest for Micronesians of high school age; an illustrated pamphlet, comic book style, on "Understanding Basic Economics" and a glossary in which words and terms frequent in ESG discussions will be defined in local languages. These same definitions also will be

aired over the district radio stations.

A second series of radio broadcasts is in the early stages of development. Meanwhile, printed copies of the initial scripts will be provided to all schools of Micronesia and to all district public affairs offices. A TT-wide survey of present political awareness also is planned.

# Marianas Legislature Convenes

**SAIPAN (MNS)** — The Mariana Islands District Legislature opened its third regular session this week on Saipan with brief remarks by legislative President Vicente Santos.

District Administrator Francisco C. Ada also delivered his State of the District message after the opening session.

Santos told legislators that the Marianas Political Status Commission "has reached a critical stage in its activities" and urged every effort be made to budget additional funds. He also noted the rapidly rising cost of food and fuel in the Marianas.

Ada, who delivered his State of the District message in a special evening session, summarized the achievements, developments and progress in the Marianas.

The past year, Ada said, 45,209 persons visited the Marianas, bringing into the economy a revenue of about \$3,390,675—an increase of 71 per cent over 1972.

In agriculture Ada continued, 1973 production surpassed the

preceding year, generating a revenue of about \$500,000. Ada commended the District Agriculture Department for its role in the marked increase. He also noted that more than \$500,000 in economic development loan funds granted to farmers, fishermen and various businessmen played a significant role in increasing business activities in the district.

In the area of education, Ada said: "Our system continued to flourish and progress in spite of

budgetary constraints. We have eliminated double sessions in most of our elementary schools on Saipan." He also noted that the 12th grade was added to Rota High School last year.

"We tried to bring health services close to the community with the construction of three additional dispensaries on Saipan," Ada said. "Training for our doctors, nurses and medical technicians is being intensified and additional doctors are being recruited."

Ada noted great strides in community services and in providing needy people with food made available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Ada took special note of the rising prices of fuel and other commodities. He said the price of fuel, which has risen more than 100 per cent in the last five months, makes it more expensive to run the government, particularly with a constrained budget.

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plus other  
subject pages*