

# Filipina Gives Birth Here To 'Bicentennial Baby'

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A Filipina resident here yesterday gave birth to the first baby born on American soil in 1976, the nation's 200th birthday, and the local Elks Club raised an American flag for the first time on U.S. soil in the bicentennial year.

Victoria Sayson, born at 1:34 a.m. yesterday at Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH), became the "bicentennial baby" who stands to receive a free education and other awards by virtue of her timely birth.

The Sayson child will receive a free education through the offices of the Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks (BPOE), an Elks spokesman said yesterday.

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Letter From Gachong

Dear Mr. Editor:

What a New Year's Day. Everyone was under the weather.



Carmelina Sayson cuddles her newborn daughter Victoria shortly after the baby's birth at 1:34 a.m. yesterday. Victoria was the first child born on American soil in 1976. (Daily News photo by P.J. Ryan)

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# TT Riddled With Waste, Mismanagement: Zeder

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WASHINGTON — United States administration of the Trust Territory (TT) under a United Nations mandate has been riddled with mismanagement and waste, says a report by investigators for the U.S. Interior Department.

Warning that the U.S. has "almost run out of time in Micronesia," the investigators have recommended that financial assistance be continued, but in a way "requiring some effort from the recipients in their own behalf."

"Our Micronesian experience," they said, "should teach the observer a lesson often repeated around the world. Massive dollar infusions alone

thrust an underdeveloped people immediately into the 20th Century. World economy, time, patience, training and cultural changes, in addition to money, are all necessary."

The report was compiled by Interior's Office of Territorial Affairs and sent to Congress at the request of the Senate. The 301-page document constitutes a strong indictment of U.S. management.

Fred M. Zeder II, director of the Office of Territorial Affairs, said the report is "totally open, totally candid and tells it like it is. There is no reason that anything should be withheld because it might reflect badly on this or any other administration."

The Zeder report essentially confirms the allegations of a

Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee staff report issued earlier this year. The Zeder investigation was initiated as a result of the staff report.

When he took office a little more than six months ago, Zeder pledged that his investigation would be "neither a witch hunt nor a whitewash." Based on his findings — from eight visits to Guam and two extended tours of Micronesia, Zeder stripped some Micronesian departments of primary functions, ordered the High Commissioner's Office to effect a number of major changes, and took charge of fiscal matters.

He noted that the "problems have been going on for 30 years," and he refused to place the blame on any one High

Commissioner — "They inherited the problems."

Zeder also refused to comment on the future tenure of High Commissioner Ed Johnston, former Hawaii businessman and head of the State Republican Party, because: "I don't want to get into personalities." But Johnston is in no danger of being replaced in the near future.

Although Johnston is not mentioned by name in the report, most of the problems discussed come under his direct jurisdiction. Some of his defenders said that he may have lacked the authority under law to effect needed changes.

The report addressed head-on allegations of mismanagement of millions of dollars of capital

improvement funds, and it documents what it terms misdoings and names names.

Zeder said the procedure followed in Micronesia, "if you found yourself in trouble," was for officials and contractors to "take the records, pack them up in a crate, put them on a plane, and get the hell out."

In cases of suspected or proven criminal conduct, he said, TT laws "are not strong enough." Although the Trust Territory is administered by the U.S., it is not an American territory, and federal laws do not apply.

The report said the "accountability, negligence and misfeasance are therefore left to the High Commissioner, the attorney general and the high

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# Ford Predicts Victory Over Reagan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford Wednesday predicted that he will be nominated as the Republican presidential candidate in 1976 to face Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., in the general election that Ford said he will win.

Ford met with reporters in the Oval Office on the last day of 1975 to review events of the year and forecast what will happen in the coming year.

Ford forecast that he will win the Republican nomination over

rival Ronald Reagan and predicted that Humphrey will be the Democratic presidential candidate.

"Regardless of the nominee, I think I can win," he said.

Ford said, "We have a record. I think it's an impressive record...I'm going to run on it and I'm going to win on it."

Ford said he has a vision for America in 1976 and his New Year's resolutions are:

—To dedicate himself to the strengthening of spiritual and

moral values among 215 million people.

—To resolve to do everything possible to improve the economy and wellbeing of people throughout the world because it contributes to stability at home and worldwide.

—To bring about peace at home and "within ourselves."

In foreign policy, Ford reaffirmed U.S. detente policy with the Soviet Union but again attacked Soviet-Cuban action in Angola.

Asked about detente, he said, "I reaffirm it today. I think what's being done in Angola by the Soviets in conjunction with the Cubans, is not constructive in the framework of detente."

"Angola is one area where detente has not worked as it should have worked," he said. But he said detente has been helpful in the Middle East.

Ford began the interview by saying he believes he has made "significant progress" in the areas of inflation and unemployment during his 18 months in office.

He also said he "absolutely believes" that America's European and Pacific allies are convinced that the United States is their strong partner.

His biggest disappointment as president, he said, has been the fact he could not pull a switch and stop the rise in prices and joblessness.

"It's frustrating to find... that you can't turn a switch and

change darkness into sunshine," he said, adding that he feels sure that his predecessors, including Franklin D. Roosevelt, felt the same way when they served.

Ford told the Washington Post in an interview published Wednesday that he will remain in the 1976 presidential race even if he is defeated by Reagan in the early primaries.

Responding to questions, Ford also said:

—He will decide within a week on steps to overhaul the U.S. intelligence-gathering agencies and will submit recommendations to Congress early in the new session starting Jan. 19.

—He does not believe the description of him as physically

clumsy is accurate, but it hurts his pride because he knows it isn't true.

—He believes that in the long run, some of his unpopular decisions will be recognized as "right" although he is aware that his actions sometimes are seen as lacking in compassion and not humanitarian.

—He recognizes his standing in the polls may have fallen off because "when you make hard decisions, you inevitably antagonize people." But he said he thinks the real test would come in the months ahead.

—He expects to do "reasonably well" in the Feb. 24 primary in New Hampshire and the March 9 contest in Florida.

## Cubans Holding Wisconsin Family

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department says Havana is holding a Wisconsin family of five whose yacht crossed into Cuban waters earlier this week.

Department spokesman John Feeney confirmed on Wednesday reports that the family was taken while returning to Florida from a trip to Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The seizure occurred on Monday.

A Milwaukee radio station, WOKY, said Robert Wood, his wife Jane, and their sons David, Daniel and Peter were seized aboard the yacht "Venture" after they decided

to take a short cut which apparently took them into Cuban waters.

The Wood family also maintains a home at Satellite Beach, Fla.

The station quoted a niece as saying the Woods managed to send out an SOS before they were captured. The signal was received by a second yacht which notified the Coast Guard.

Feeney said the department is working on the case through the Swiss Embassy in Havana. The United States and Cuba do not have diplomatic relations.

## Mamie In Hospital, But 'Doing Okay'

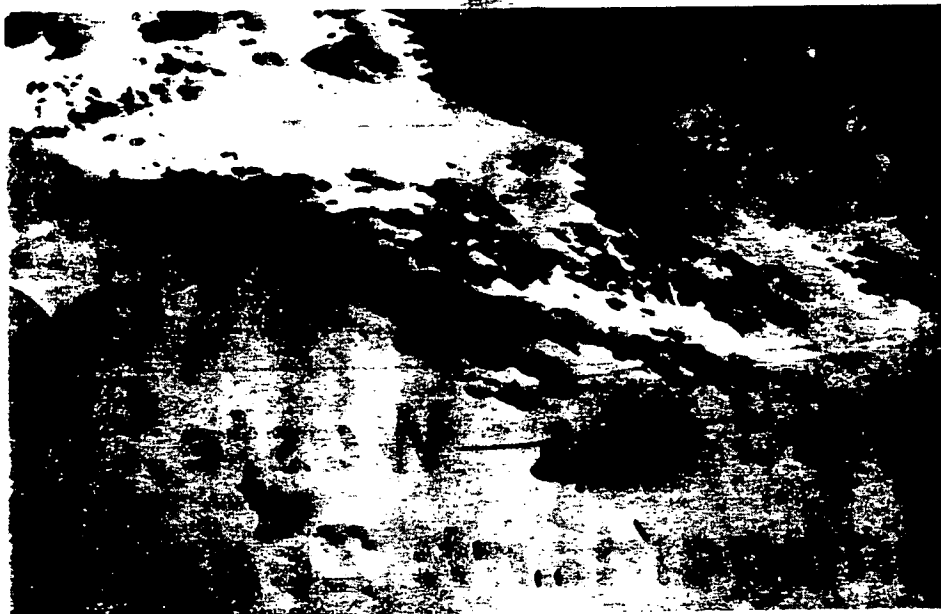
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Mamie Eisenhower, hospitalized for a medical evaluation, was reported Thursday to be resting comfortably and "doing okay."

A high-level medical source told United Press International (UPI) that the former first lady was "a little dehydrated" but was in "no immediate distress, she's doing okay."

Mrs. Eisenhower, 79, was rushed by ambulance with a police escort Wednesday 95 miles from her Gettysburg, Pa.,

farm home to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The widow of President Dwight D. Eisenhower has been in poor health recently.

The medical source gave no details of the problem which convinced Mrs. Eisenhower's Secret Service detail that she required hospitalization. He said her treatment would be a question of getting fluids and medication in balance. A hospital spokesman said she had not suffered a stroke.



### Atop The Great Divide

A U.S. Army Chinook helicopter hovers above recovery teams at a crash site on the Continental Divide where eight Californians and a Denver pilot died. Rescuers made a three-mile trek through high winds and snow drifts more than 15 feet high. (AP photo)

## Hirohito No Longer Considered Divine?

TOKYO (UPI) — Japanese are evenly divided on the question of whether Emperor Hirohito was responsible for World War II, according to a public opinion survey to be published Sunday by the country's largest news agency.

The Kyodo News Agency also said that only 4.5 percent now revere the emperor as a divine being. Before World War II, the divinity of the royal family was part of the government's official ideology.

However, Kyodo said Japanese overwhelmingly favor keeping the postwar system of having an emperor who is a "symbol of state" with no

political power.

The emperor, now 74, will round out his 50th year on Japan's Chrysanthemum Throne on Christmas Day 1976.

His role in World War II became a matter of public discussion in the last two years. While entertaining President Ford in November 1974, the emperor expressed regret over the war and thanked the United States for its economic aid in postwar years.

Before visiting the United States in October 1975, Hirohito told an American news magazine that he was required by law to follow the decision of his cabinet to go to war with the

United States in 1941. During his stay in Washington he said he "deeply deplored" the war.

At a news conference for Japanese media after his return, the emperor turned aside a question on his role in opening the war. Reporters did not pursue the subject further.

Kyodo said it polled 3,000 Japanese chosen at random Dec. 6-7 to obtain answers for its questions about the emperor.

It reported that 36 percent believed the emperor was responsible for the war, and another 36 percent thought he wasn't. Other said they didn't know or refused to answer.

"The ratio of opinion pressing

his war responsibility is higher in the 20- and 30-year age brackets, and in the higher educated groups," the news agency said.

Kyodo said 73.5 percent of those questioned favored an emperor with purely ceremonial duties. This is the role assigned the emperor in the American-inspired constitution Japan adopted in 1948. Only 7 percent wanted the system abolished.

Hirohito is the 124th in a line of Japanese monarchs established by a sun goddess 2,635 years ago, according to the traditions of Japan's old Shinto religion. The emperor

called the notion of his divinity a "myth" in a receipt issued in January 1946, at the suggestion of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who ran the American occupation of Japan after the war.

Kyodo said Crown Prince Akihito, 42, has a popularity rating of 54.6 percent. However, 77.3 percent approved of the fact he had married a commoner. Crown Princess Michiko is the daughter of a nonnoble Japanese business tycoon.

Kyodo reported that 57.9 percent of the Japanese wanted the emperor to hold more news conferences.

# Victoria 'A Crybaby'

By Dan Gibson  
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Victoria Sayson is a crybaby. Her parents, Carmelina and Jacinto Sayson, have waited almost five years for U.S. citizenship; Victoria received hers instantly. Until they become Americans, her parents can't even work in their areas of specialty; Victoria instantly secured her own little niche in American history: she's America's Bicentennial Baby.

It was Mrs. Sayson who endured the pain of childbirth; it was Victoria who did the crying — lots, loud and hard — protesting the unknown.

Recovering yesterday afternoon in her uncomfortably muggy hospital room, the 24-year-old Agat new mother espoused "mixed feelings" about the hoopla surrounding the 1:34 a.m. arrival of Victoria. "Everybody was so excited," she recalled with a gentle smile, everybody but herself. "I was thinking about my labor pains. You can't be excited by that time." Her hint of a laugh was cut short by a sharp reminder of her delicate condition.

Within a few short hours, Carmelina had received several uninvited visitors. She told her story to newspaper reporters, television men and the simply curious. She was tired, but happy.



Carmelina Perez Sayson, left, and her husband Jacinto smile at their New Year present, a 6-pound, 3-ounce baby girl named Victoria, the first baby born on American soil in 1976. (Daily News photo by P.J. Ryan)

In 1971, she and Jacinto, 28, came to Guam to live with her father and pursue U.S. citizenship — and the promise of America. They had graduated from college together in their previous home of Iloilo, Philippines. She studied education; he, criminology.

She remembers her early days on Guam. "At that time, it wasn't hard to find jobs," she related, but she said jobs in their fields required the U.S. citizenship they become eligible for later this year.

While they wait, they work at Mark's Shopping Center, she as a salesclerk, he as a warehouseman. They find Guam a nice place to await fulfillment of the five-year residency requirement for citizenship — they wait patiently.

After they acquire citizenship, they hope new horizons will open up for them — for her, for Jacinto, for Victoria, and for their young son, Moises. They might even relocate to the Mainland, she said.

As the Bicentennial Baby, Victoria will receive an educational fund from a civic organization. That makes her mother smile more readily. "The most important plan for our baby is to give her education," she said — seemingly too youthful to proclaim such wisdom.

## RCA To Begin Phone-Call Direct Billing

By Dan Gibson  
Daily News Staff Writer

If one phone bill in the mail fails to please you, wait until you get two.

RCA Global Communications Inc. announced New Year's Day that it will begin direct billing and collection procedures for all off-island phone calls.

Previously, RCA relied on Guam Telephone Authority (GTA) collection, but GTA has fallen behind \$1.8 million in payment to RCA for the calls, RCA Guam General Manager William Klatt said.

There is "little likelihood of payment within a reasonable amount of time," Klatt said in a letter to GTA. RCA also must pay American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) and GTA nonpayment "placed a severe financial burden" on RCA, he said.

"If this is allowed to continue, it could impact RCA's ability to maintain and render top-quality overseas telephone service at reasonable rate levels," he said.

Klatt said RCA had requested and received regulatory approval for the action, but GTA General Manager J.J. Behan says lawyers are "examining the legality of this action."

Behan, "reminded" RCA that "no interconnect agreement with regard to toll calls exist between GTA and RCA" as of Jan. 1.

Previously, GTA made collections and kept 22 percent of toll-call revenue. Another 50 percent was to go to AT&T, while RCA was to keep the remainder.

Toll calls produce about \$250,000 revenue every month, Klatt said. "Behan has admitted they're using them (the delinquent funds) to run their operations," he said.

Direct billings will begin immediately Klatt said. Persons making off-island phone calls from their home will receive separate bills from RCA.

Klatt said GTA collection conceivably could resume if payment of the \$1.8 million was made.

## 3 Injured In Auto Crash

Three men received minor injuries yesterday when the driver of a car they were in "apparently" fell asleep at the wheel and the car hit a concrete telephone pole in Yona, police said.

A police traffic investigator

said he thought Juan A. Faisao, 24, of Yona, the driver of a 1967 Holden, an Australian car, may have fallen asleep while driving on Vicente A. Cruz Street. No skid marks were found on the street, he said.

## 'Bicentennial Shot' Fired In Dededo

Peter Quejado's New Year started off with a bang — right through his front door and into an opposite wall, according to police.

As "part of the New Year's festivities," a police spokesman said, someone shot at the front door of Quejado's house at 695 Ligan Terrace, Dededo.

No one was injured when the bullet went through the door about 1 a.m. New Year's Day and buried itself in the opposite wall, the spokesman said, adding, it was "the Bicentennial shot."

Quejado, 55, was not home at the time of the

shooting, the spokesman said. When Quejado returned about 7 a.m. yesterday from a party his wife told him of the incident and he called the police about 2 p.m., he spokesman added.

The spokesman, who said many people were shooting guns into the air in celebration of the new year, added that the shooting at Quejado's house was the first reported to police for investigation in 1976.

Police was investigating it as a case of malicious mischief and have no suspects, the spokesman said.

## Bicentennial Baby Born

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The first American flag raised on U.S. soil in the bicentennial year flew from a halyard in front of the Elks lodge in Agaña Heights during a BPOE New Year's Eve party and will be presented to President Ford in Washington sometime next week, the spokesman added.

After two local Elks present the flag to Ford, it will fly over the Washington Capitol Building for a day and then be displayed in Washington's Smithsonian Institution, the spokesman said.

The six-pound, three-ounce Sayson baby at the age of 18 will be able to tap an educational trust fund set up for her by the BPOE, Elks spokesman Bob Funesti said yesterday.

Although her parents — Carmelina and Jacinto — are resident aliens, Victoria Sayson's birth on Guam entitles her to U.S. citizenship, Funesti explained.

Victoria's trust fund already has accumulated "over \$1,000" in local donations and will be swelled by donations from statewide BPOE lodges, Funesti explained.

Statewide donations should start swelling the trust fund

after a picture of Victoria and an article about her appear together in the national Elks magazine early this year, Funesti said. He said that he will write the story and try to get it and a picture of Victoria into the magazine's February or March edition.

Victoria had been expected since Sunday and was delivered without any complications by Dr. George Gould, Funesti added.

One place that could compete with Guam in claiming the first baby of 1976 is Wake Island, he indicated. However, he added, medical facilities at Wake do not include a delivery room and an expected mother probably would be flown from there to either Guam or Honolulu.

Funesti said he and brother Elk John Webster will present an American flag and two other flags raised at the BPOE's New Year's party to Ford, and after the presentation will seek television time on a live talk show in Washington or Los Angeles to discuss Guam's bicentennial firsts.

He and Webster will fly to Washington courtesy of Pan American Airways, he added.

The U.S. flag — donated by the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars —

fluttered up the central halyard of the BPOE flagpole "at the stroke of midnight," Funesti said. Seconds after the U.S. flag reached the top of the central halyard, the Elks Bicentennial flag and the GovGuam flag were run up lateral halyards, he said. He explained that the lateral halyards hang from the ends of a beam mounted perpendicular to the flagpole's shaft.

Ford will be presented with all three flags sometime next week, he said.

The BPOE New Year festivities drew over 300 people, including Gov. Ricky Bordallo and his wife Madeline, Rear Adm. Kent Carroll, commander of Naval Forces in the Marianas, Brig. Gen. Thomas Raw, commanding officer at Andersen Air Force Base, and Rep. A.B. Won Pat.

The festivities included an Indian ceremonial dance by lodge member Joe Nault, a full-blooded Sioux from Montana, according to Funesti.

The New Year's party also included a fireworks display by the GovGuam Gas department, which was "impressive" and "scared the hell out of some people," Funesti said, adding that the 19 rockets used in the display were confiscated fireworks.

# TT 'Riddled With Waste'

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court of the Trust Territory."

The report added that records kept in Micronesia are "in such bad condition" and that the U.S. comptroller for Guam and Micronesia "can do little more than describe the problems and analyze their origin."

The Micronesian Attorney General's Office "is not properly staffed to represent a

viable deterrent to civil or criminal activities," the report said. And "the lack of fiscal and financial control that permits minor officials to siphon gasoline out of government vehicles at the district level allows for major abuses of money management at the top. Purchase orders by individuals involving millions of dollars are not properly reviewed or

monitored."

"There is simply no way the expense of running the Micronesian government, providing government services and maintaining any infrastructure can continue to operate without a huge and continuing capital commitment from the United States," the report concluded. "On their own, they are bankrupt."

Zeder commented: "If you're in business, you'd say they're busted."

In discussing "infrastructure" — public works projects, schools and other developments — the report said expenditures "should be dictated by developmental needs—not by lavish desires." Zedar said architects in Saipan are "living beyond their means" and designing "dream castles" with insufficient or no funds to build them.

Zeder has taken design and construction responsibilities out of TT government hands and now contracts for those services with the officer in charge of construction of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command based in Honolulu and Guam. The Trust Territory Public Works Department will be "reorganized to have as its principal mission the maintenance of all present and future infrastructure," but will be allowed to administer "a few locally funded projects," he said.

Micronesians will be trained to operate and maintain the facilities. With an additional \$145 million worth of projects proposed, the report noted, such training is crucial. "The tropical climate quickly turns new steel and concrete structures back into fecund jungles—it is taken for granted that when expensive and necessary machinery breaks down or blows up, the U.S. government will replace it."

More importantly, the report said: "Not only do the mechanical devices and the brick and mortar structures deteriorate for lack of proper maintenance, but the cultural improvements we have begun are also threatened with destruction." The report concluded that the economy of the islands is not and in the future will not be "able to provide operating funds for existing schools, hospitals and government services—indeed, perhaps not even the government itself."

Until Micronesians themselves "take the necessary steps to accompany U.S. efforts," it said, the U.S. can pour \$1 billion into capital improvements by 1980, the projected termination date for the trust, instead of the proposed \$145 million, and "the result would be roughly the same."

The report said: "Micronesians should be required to produce within their maximum capability instead of simply waiting for the annual U.S. appropriations." The report documented what it called numerous causes of misdealing.

It charged that John Gardner, recently resigned territorial chief pharmacist, allegedly secured his job through his predecessor and ex-roommate at pharmacy school, Michael Cousins. Gardner contracted for "several hundred thousand dollars worth of drugs from a combine set up by four Cousins in affiliation with a Cousins family's U.S. pharmaceutical house in California at prices up to 70 percent higher than available" from other firms, it said.

Despite repeated charges against Gardner, the TT attorney general took no action for more than a year. When he did, the court threw out the case.

In August 1973, said the report, the TT contracted with

Kincaid Construction Co. to build 38 dispensaries for a total of \$1.6 million. All were to be completed by June 30, 1975 but by that date only six had been completed, and Kincaid had already been paid \$1.1 million. James Wheeler, former public works director, had agreed that Kincaid only would have to build 19 dispensaries instead of the contracted 38 the investigators said. The case still is under investigation.

The Zeder task force concluded that the \$145 million projected for planned project was insufficient by \$7 million. The report also found that projects are designed and constructed "without real planning or need."

One it cited, the sewer system and sewage treatment plant at Palau, is sophisticated beyond the maintenance skills of Micronesians, it commented. Further, it said, no funds were budgeted for maintenance, and the cost of household hookups is beyond most families' means.

The task force concluded "There may not be enough sewage to allow the treatment plant to function."

Some projects have been initiated and halted because of insufficient funds. One, the construction of a 18-mile road on Yap, was budgeted at \$909,000, but actual cost is \$230,000 per mile. A second Yap project, dormitories for at Uthiti Island high school, has no roof and water supply system.

Other projects are years behind schedule, the investigators found. For example, Hanj Construction Co. has been paid almost all the money for building a high school on Jaluit Atoll in the Marshall Islands, but has yet to complete the work. Another project, the Koror water and sewer system, was completed two years after the original due date.

The report concluded that when the U.S. finally terminates its trusteeship, "hopefully, we will not have left the Micronesians with rusting half-completed projects that the jungle will soon reclaim."

Zeder said he wants further action to streamline government. He proposes to decentralize government from Saipan, dispersing personnel and distributing more authority to the district levels.

"Lack of qualified personnel in the districts has been the ready excuse," he said. "But actually fear of loss of empire by headquarters high echelon has been a principal factor."

Zeder already has the approval of Interior Secretary Thomas S. Kleppe to place fiscal control in his office. On his arrival at OTA, he said, he discovered "no accounting procedure, work that I was used to as a businessman. To run this thing, I need to know where the money is."

Zeder said it is difficult to administer the TT by "commingling — U.S. policies with local habits."

"Many things in their codes of operation are a great deal better than we have here, and there are some other things in which it would be more beneficial in following the ways we have," he said, warning, however, that "if we impose restrictive codes which don't apply to them, we will do them a disservice."

## Alert Policeman Saves Woman's Life

The gift of life was given to a Tolo woman New Year's Day when a police officer gave her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation after she stopped breathing, a police spokesman said.

A car "came screeching up to the front of (police) headquarters" at about 4 p.m., with its horn "blaring," and the driver, the woman's brother, shouted to police, "She's not breathing," and that he wanted an escort to the hospital, the spokesman said.

Patrolman Paul S. Trusso, a police rookie

who graduated from the police academy in October, looked into the back seat of the car and saw Evelyn Ferenen Muna, 29, lying there with her lips "turning blue," the spokesman said.

Trusso gave her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and revived her, the spokesman said, adding an ambulance then arrived and took her to Guam Memorial Hospital.

She was listed in satisfactory condition there about 5 p.m. yesterday by hospital authorities.

## Slugs Match, Court Told

By James A. Hobart  
Daily News Staff Writer

Spent slugs found in a Dedodo trailer where a police detective's wife was wounded fatally Feb. 16 match slugs test-fired from a .30-30 rifle believed discarded by her assailant, according to testimony given in Superior Court Wednesday.

Police claim that detective William Durley's wife Rosalia was wounded fatally by Gale Basallote Feb. 16 and that a .30-30 rifle they found near the Durley's trailer was used in the assault.

A fusillade of five rifle bullets perforated the Durley residence Feb. 16 and a fragment of one of the bullets entered Mrs. Durley's head, fatally wounding her, police claim.

The Daily News erroneously reported yesterday that prosecution experts were unable to link test-fired bullets with bullets found in the Durley residence.

In trial proceedings against Basallote Wednesday, Assistant Attorney General Keith Walker elicited testimony from an arms expert linking three slugs found in the Durley house with two slugs obtained from test-firings of the .30-30.

Marks left on the two test-fired slugs by the .30-30's barrel are identical to marks discovered on three slugs found in the house, said James Hamby,

chief firearms examiner for an Army crime lab at Camp Zama, Japan.

Hamby testified that marks on cartridge casing "found near the test firings exactly matched those on the four casings found by police about 100 feet from the Durley house after the assault."

Police claim that the four casings fell to the ground as Basallote fired at the Durley house. When they found the discarded .30-30, it had one spent casing in its chamber, police said.

The spent casing in the chamber also matched the test-fired casing, according to prosecution testimony Wednesday.

Tuesday, the first day of Basallote's trial, Fr. Tony Gillespie testified that he found Mrs. Durley lying in a pool of blood in a hallway in the Durley home. Apparently, she had just stepped from the shower, Gillespie said.

He prayed over her and then called the police and an ambulance, Gillespie told the jury. Durley was taken to Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) and subsequently to Naval Regional Medical Center (NRMC) for brain surgery, the clergyman testified.

Durley died of respiratory arrest and damage to the brain from bullet fragments, according to medical testimony offered Tuesday.

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