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CCGD FOURTEEN HONOLULU HI

- 1. Congress Convenes Monday
- 2. Father Walker Dies
- 3. New TT Budget Officer
- 4. Palau Legislature to Meet in a Special Session
- 5. Hicom approved new Student Aid Policy
- 6. Unsung Hero - Bassevad

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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC ISL MONTHLY.
(CONGRESS CONVENES MONDAY)

SAIPAN, JAN. 9, (MNS)---THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL CONVENE ON SAIPAN MONDAY
(JAN. 12) AT 10 A.M.

SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES THE 33 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL
FACE WHEN THEY SIT DOWN MONDAY TO BEGIN THEIR WORK INCLUDE:

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REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; REVENUE
SHARING LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE DRAFT MICRONESIAN
CONSTITUTION; SHIPPING PROBLEMS IN MICRONESIA; BUDGET
PRIORITIES; AND THE COMPREHENSIV
WHEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR
MICRONESIA.

OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED DURING THE
COURSE OF THE 50-DAY SESSION WHICH ENDS ON MARCH 1, 1976.
VARIOUS STANDING AND JOINT COMMITTEES WILL SUBMIT TO CONGRESS
REPORTS ON THE RESULT OF THEIR INVESTIGATION ON CERTAIN
ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO MICRONESIA BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE
THE TRUST TERRITORY.

SEVOYZL MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED ON
SAIPAN. OTHERS ARE EXPECTED TO COME BY THIS WEEKEND.
(FATHER WALTER DIES)

YAP, JAN. 9, (MNS)---A REQUIEM MASS FOR THE LATE REV.
WILLIAM A. WALTER, S.J. WAS OFFERED IN ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
CHURCH IN YAP THURSDAY EVENING (JAN. 8) AT 5 P.M. THE 69-
YEAR-OLD PRIEST HAD BEEN SERVING FOR THE LAST 27 YEARS AS A
MISSIONARY IN THE ENTIRE OUTER ISLAND AREA OF YAP DISTRICT.

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FR. WALTER PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 26, 1975, AT THE
VETERAN'S HOSPITAL IN THE BRONX, NEW YORK, AFTER A LONG
ILLNESS OF LUNG CANCER. REV. WALTER SUFFERED A THROAT CANCER
IN 1971 AND WENT THROUGH A LARYNGECTOMY OPERATION. HE SPENT
SOME TIME LEARNING HOW TO TALK THROUGH HIS THROAT.

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THE REMAINS OF REVEREND WALTER WILL BE BURIED ON MOGMOG ISLAND IN ULITHI ATOLL AS SUGGESTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE OUTER ISLAND THROUGH THEIR LEADERS. THE BODY WAS FLOWN TO ULITHI FRIDAY AFTERNOON (JAN. 9) ON THE PROTESTANT PACIFIC MISSIONARY AVIATION PLANE.

FATHER WALTER'S BODY WILL LIE IN STATE OVERNIGHT IN HIS FALALOP CATHOLIC CHURCH AND ON SATURDAY (JAN. 10), IN HIS OTHER CHURCH IN MOGMOG. SERVICES WILL BE OFFERED IN BOTH CHURCHES.

BISHOP MARTIN NEYLAN OF THE CAROLINE AND MARSHALL ISLANDS ARRIVED IN YAP FRIDAY MORNING TO ACCOMPANY THE REMAINS TO ULITHI FOR SERVICES AND BURIAL. ACCOMPANYING THE BISHOP WILL BE REV. POULIN AND REV. ROSYCEL FROM YAP PROPER AND REV. WALSH FROM THE OUTER ISLANDS. DATE OF BURIAL WAS NOT CERTAIN AS OF LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON, BUT SPECULATION IS THAT

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IT MIGHT BE ON SUNDAY (JAN. 11).

MANY CHURCH LEADERS FROM THE DISTRICT CENTER OF COLONIA WILL FLY TO ULITHI FOR THE FUNERAL. FR. WALTER CAME TO MICRONESIA IN 1948 FROM BUFFALO, NEW YORK WHERE HE WAS RAISED. HIS ENTIRE SERVICE HAS BEEN IN THE OUTER ISLANDS OF YAP WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE YEAR IN PALAU DISTRICT.

HE WAS BORN IN DUNKIRK, NEW YORK, AND ATTENDED CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL PRIOR TO BEING ORDAINED AS PRIEST IN 1935 AT WOODSPOCK COLLEGE IN MARYLAND. AS A STUDENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY AT WOODSPOCK COLLEGE, HE ALSO TAUGHT AT ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE IN PHILADELPHIA AND CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL.

AFTER HIS THIRD TERTIANSHIP AT ST. ANDREW, HE WAS APPOINTED PREFECT OF DISCIPLINE IN ST. PETERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN JERSEY CITY. HE ENTERED THE SOCIETY OF JESUS ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1923. FR. WALTER ENLISTED IN THE MILITARY SERVICE IN 1940 AND ACCOMPANIED U.S. TROOPS THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGNS IN AUSTRALIA AND THE PHILIPPINES. HE SERVED FROM 1940 TO 1947 AND WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL, U.S. ARMY.

FR. WALTER VOLUNTEERED FOR MISSIONARY WORK IN THE PACIFIC

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ISLANDS IN 1947 WHEN POPE PIUS XII ASKED THE NEW YORK
JESUITS TO ACCEPT THE MISSION IN THE CAROLINES AND THE
MARSHALLS.

ON FEBRUARY 12, 1978 FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOHN REGULIMAR OF
YAP INTRODUCED JOINT RESOLUTION 113 IPTO THE FIFTH CONGRESS
OZMF MICRONESIA, SECOND REGULAR SESSION, MAKING THE REV.
WILLIAM J. WALTER AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF MICRONESIA.
THE RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS OF
MICRONESIA.

SOME OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS RECOGNIZED BY THE CONGRESS
OF MICRONESIA INCLUDED: HIS APPEAL TO THE U.S. CONGRESS ON
BEHALF OF THE OUTER ISLANDS PEOPLE CONCERNING FAIR COMPENSA-
TION FOR THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION THAT WAS VISITED UPON
THEM DURING WORLD WAR II; HIS CREATION OF A "CONSTRUCTION
FUND" FOR ERECTING TYPHOON CONCRETE BUILDINGS IN THE OUTER
ISLANDS; CREATION OF AN "EDUCATION FUND" FOR OUTER ISLANDS
STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOLS OUTSIDE YAP DISTRICT; INVOLVEMENT
IN THE PROMOTION OF POLITICAL EDUCATION AMONG HIS PARISHION-
ERS AND SERVING AS AN APPRAISER TO THE OUTER ISLANDS CHIEFS.
"HIS TREMENDOUS ENDURANCE IN COPING WITH THE REMOTE

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DISTANCES BETWEEN HIS CHURCHES IN THE SCATTERED OUTER ISLANDS
AND THE UNSTABLE SCHEDULE OF FIELD TRIP VESSELS MUST BE
ATTRIBUTED TO HIS MISSIONARY EFFORTS" ACCORDING TO REV.
POULIN, HEAD OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN YAP ADDED THAT THE
LATE PRIEST MUST BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS "UTMOST INTEREST" IN
BOTH MATERIAL AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE ISLANDS HE SERVED
FOR THE PAST 26 YEARS.

"HIS TREMEMRVWS STAMINA IN HELPING THE PEOPLE CAN BE WELL
RECOGNIZED BY THE NUMBER OF WEeping PEOPLE GATHERED BY HIS
CASKET AS IT LAY IN STATE IN THE ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
IN COLONIA. NOT ONLY THE MEMBERS OF THE YAP CATHOLIC CHURCH
CAME DAY AND NIGHT FOR LAST RESPECTS BUT ALSO GROUP REPRESENT-
ING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN PALAU ALSO CAME FOR THE FUNERAL"
REV. PAULIN SAID.

FR. WALTER HAS BEEN MORE THAN A JESUIT PRIEST TO HIS

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PEOPLE HE TAUGHT THEM MANY USEFUL THINGS. AS ONE PROMINENT OUTER ISLANDS CHIEF SAID, "THE PADRE TAUGHT ME HOW TO SIGN MY NAME." HE ALSO DEVELOPED A BLACK AND WHITE THREAD LAVA LAVA WITH THE BANANA AND HIBISCUS PLANTS.

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHEN THE YAPESE OF THE OUTER ISLANDS

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REALIZED THAT THE "PADRE" WAS SERIOUSLY ILL FROM LUNG CANCER,

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THEY BEGAN TO COMPOSE SONGS DEDICATED TO THE PRIEST. THEY EVEN WENT SO FAR AS TO WEAVE BURIAL MATS FOR HIM, MANY MONTHS BEFORE HIS DEATH.

FR. WALTER IS SURVIVED BY FOUR BROTHERS AND THREE SISTERS. (NEW TT BUDGET OFFICER)

SAIPAN, JAN. 9, (MNS)---HARUD WILTER OF PALAU HAS BEEN APPOINTED TRUST TERRITORY BUDGET OFFICER. HIS APPOINTMENT WAS OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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EARLY DECEMBER.

WILTER, 38, HAS BEEN ACTING BUDGET OFFICER SINCE APRIL OF 1975 WHEN FORMER TT BUDGET OFFICER JERRY PHILLIPS LEFT THE TRUST TERRITORY TO WORK IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WILTER RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM THE CALIFORNIA WESTERN BUSINESS SCHOOL AT UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

WILTER BROUGHT TO THIS POST A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE, WITH 17 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, WORKING IN THE FINANCE, TREASURY, AND ACCOUNTING SECTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

HE BECAME BUDGET ANALYST FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY IN 1968, A POSITION HE HELD UNTIL 1973, WHEN HE BECAME ASSISTANT BUDGET OFFICER.

WILTER BECAME ACTING BUDGET OFFICER IN APRIL 1975, AFTER HE RETURNED FROM SCHOOL, IN THE STATES.
(PALAU LEGISLATURE TO MEET IN A SPECIAL SESSION)

KOROR, JAN. 9, (MNS)---THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SIXTH PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WILL CONVENE TUESDAY (JAN. 13), ACCORDING TO YOICH RENGILL, PALAU LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICER. THE LEGISLATURE WILL DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MATTERS

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RELATING TO THE PROPOSED SUPERPORT TANKER IN PALAU; THE VOTING RIGHTS OF TRADITIONAL CHIEFS IN THE LEGISLATURE; THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS.

ACCORDING TO RENGILL, 11 MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, INCLUDE

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ING SOME WHO BOYCOTTED THE SESSION IN DECEMBER, HAVE SIGNED A PETITION ASKING FOR A SPECIAL SESSION. THE SPECIAL SESSION WILL MEET FOR NOT MORE THAN 14 CALENDAR DAYS.

DEVUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR HARUO REMELIUK IS SCHEDULE TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE.

MEANWHILE, A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED TO REVIEW THE TRANSLATED VERSION OF THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTION. THE COMMITTEE, HEADED BY LEGISLATOR JOHN O. NGIRAKED, IS COMPOSED OF ALL FORMER MEMBERS OF THE PALAU DELEGATION TO THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, EDUCATORS, JUDGE (FR) 3;34-7) LAWYERS. THE COMMITTEE HELD ITS FIRST MEETING THURSDAY (JAN. 8). (MICOM APPROVES NEW STUDENT AID POLICY)

SAIPAN, JAN. 9, (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON RECENTLY APPROVED A NEW POSTSECONDARY FINANCIAL AID POLICY. THE NEW POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 1976-77 ACADEMIC YEAR.

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FR. TOM FLAVIN, TRUST TERRITORY STUDENT COUNSELOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, AND TERRY EDVALSON, STUDENT ASSISTANCE OFFICER, WILL BE VISITING THE DISTRICTS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY TO EXPLAIN THE NEW POLICY, NEW PROCEDURES, AND ARRANGE FOR THE COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION ACTIVITIES.

THEY WILL BE MEETING WITH DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF, HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND COUNSELORS, COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS, AND INTERESTED PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. STUDENTS WHO HAVE PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS ABOUT FINANCING THEIR EDUCATION OR THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION ARE URGED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO FR. FLAVIN OR EDVALSON DURING THEIR VISIT TO YOUR DISTRICT. CONTACT THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

FR. FLAVIN WILL BE ON YAP FROM JANUARY 23 TO 28, 1976 AND ON PALAU FROM JANUARY 28 TO FEBRUARY 4, 1976. MR. EDVALSON WILL BE ON TRUK FROM JANUARY 13 TO 15, 1976, ON PONAPE FROM JANUARY 15 TO 20, AND ON MAJURO FROM JANUARY 20 TO 23, 1976. (UN Sung HERO, BASSWOOD)

SAIPAN, JAN. 9, (MNS)---A COAST GUARD CUTTER IS A FAMILIAR SIGHT TO MANY PEOPLE LIVING ON THE OUTER ISLANDS OF MICRONESIA

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THE CUTTER BASSWOOD IS A SPECIAL SHIP--MANY ISLANDERS RECOGNIZE IT EACH TIME IT PEEPS OVER THE HORIZON.

THE RECENT ISSUE OF PACIFIC SHIELD, A COAST GUARD PUBLICATION OUT OF HONOLULU HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT THE BASSWOOD.

"THE BASSWOOD, HOMEPORTED IN GUAM, BOASTS ITS OPERATING AREA IS LARGER THAN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. HER VARIED MISSIONS INCLUDED MAINTAINING ALL U.S. MINOR AIDS TO NAVIGATION. IN GUAM, MICRONESIA AND SUBIC BAY IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES. BASSWOOD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A 22-DAY DEPLOYMENT THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS SERVICING AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND ENFORCING FISHERIES TREATIES. SHE MADE A GOODWILL VISIT TO THE ISLANDS OF ANGAUR, PULO ANNA, SONSOROL, AND ULITHI. THE CREW ENJOYED SHORE LEAVE IN KOROR, PALAU AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DIVE AND FISH IN SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST MAGNIFICENT CORAL REEFS."

FOREIGN FISHING BOATS MIGHT BE WELL ADVISED TO STAY OUT OF TRUST TERRITORY WATERS. THE GOOD SHIP BASSWOOD IS OUT THERE LOOKING FOR ERRANT CAPTAINS.

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