

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS  
Civil Administration Representative  
Rota, M.I.

*Petitions  
Wks of TT*

28 August 1950

From: Civil Administration Representative, Rota  
To: High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands  
Via: Civil Administrator, Saipan District

Subj: Comments on Petitions to United Nations Trusteeship Council Mission

Ref: (a) HICOMTERPACIS ltr FF12 P8-5 ser 1391 of 7 Aug 1950

1. Reference (a) requested that comments, including recommendations and pertinent background information, be made on petition from the people of Rota to the United Nations Trusteeship Council Mission concerning proposed flag of the Trust Territory.
2. It will be recalled that during the first quarter of this year, the High Commissioner sponsored a flag designing contest throughout the Trust Territory, to be started in each community with final judging at Truk.
3. Civil Administration Representative, Rota explained to the people the purpose of the contest and further explained that the flag chosen would be a symbolic Trust Territory flag and would not supplant the American flag. The judging of approximately 100 designs submitted by natives was conducted by the Council with three final choices being made. Prizes of \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$1.00 were donated by the Civil Administration Representative. The three top designs were forwarded to Saipan and to date no further information regarding the contest has been received.
4. Due to the Civil Administration Representative's limited command of the Chamorro language the Council evidently did not understand the explanation that the Trust Territory flag chosen would not supplant the American flag and the American government.
5. The day before the United Nations Mission was due on Rota the Council called and requested that Mrs. Brown assist them in typing and wording their request. The entire idea sprung from the people of Rota. There was no prior knowledge of their intentions and no suggestions of any nature had been made.
6. As an American citizen, the Civil Administration Representative was very proud that the Chamorros, on their own initiative, gave such indication of their respect and loyalty to the United States.

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