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Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Saipan, Mariana Islands.

February 8, 1963--NEW VESSEL FOR TT: After being forced to return to Portland, Oregon, due to adverse weather condition, the M/V NORTH STAR sailed from the West Coast on February 6th (last Wednesday) for the Trust Territory via Guam. The vessel is being brought to Guam by the Pacific Navigation Company (Jones & Guerrero) under a special agreement with the Trust Territory Government.

Upon arrival in Guam, the NORTH STAR will be registered in the Trust Territory with home port at Saipan, Marianas District. The newly acquired vessel will be renamed the M/V PACIFIC ISLANDER as the Indian Bureau, from whom the ship was acquired, desires to retain the name NORTH STAR for use on another vessel.

The 3500-gross-ton vessel will join the Trust Territory fleet under the Pacific Micronesian Line operation. The ship will serve as a logistic supply vessel to the Trust Territory district centers from Japan and Guam. The PACIFIC ISLANDER'S first voyage to the Trust Territory is scheduled to depart Guam about March 15, 1963, probably for Yap and Palau Districts.

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