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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS.
May 23, 1963--High Commissioner M. W. Goding announced today that Mr. Vicente N. Santos of Saipan, Marianas District, will accompany him to the 30th session of the United Nations Trusteeship Council meeting, scheduled to convene in New York on May 29, 1963. The hearings of the Pacific Trust Territory will open on June 4.

Representing the entire Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Mr. Santos will serve as an advisor to the United States Delegation during the forthcoming session of the Council. Program Officer John E. deYoung will also accompany the High Commissioner to the Trusteeship meeting.

The Trusteeship Council meets annually to review progress and developments in each of the trust territories administered by various Administering Authorities. Presently, there are only three trust territories, all of which are in the Pacific area, still remaining as wards of the United Nations. Besides the U. S. Pacific Trust Territory, these are New Guinea - administered by Australia - and Nauru - under the joint administration of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

Departing Saipan on May 25 for the Council meeting, Mr. Santos and Program Officer John deYoung will precede the High Commissioner to Washington D. C., where they will be joined by Mr. Goding on or about May 30. High Commissioner expects to leave Saipan on May 27 for Washington, D. C., and thence on to New York.

The U. S. State Department has also awarded a 30-day Leader Grant tour for Mr. Santos to visit various states on the mainland as well as other places of interest, following the Trusteeship Council session.

Born on December 2, 1933, Mr. Santos completed his elementary education in 1949 and subsequently attended the Pacific Islands Teacher Training School in Truk District for two years. In addition to his long career in teaching, his active participation in social and political life in Saipan has earned him the distinction of being one of the leading public figures in the Marianas District. He had served as secretary and then presi-

dent of the Saipan Teachers' Organization. He was also a member of the Saipan Municipal Legislature. With the amalgamation of Rota, Tinian and Saipan into the Marianas District, he was elected at large as one of the delegates to the Council of Micronesia. Early this year when the Mariana Islands District Legislature came into existence, he was again elected as congressman and was subsequently elected by that body as its first President. Mr. Santos obtained his high school diploma through General Educational Development Tests.