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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS.
May 24, 1963--The U. S. Department of State has awarded Leader Grants for two Yapese to tour the United States, the Office of the High Commissioner officially announced today. The recipients are President of the Yap Islands Council Andrew J. Roboman, and Yap Assistant District Anthropologist Francis Defngin. The two Yapese leaders, now in Guam en route to Washington, D. C., will spend 30 days on the mainland, visiting various places of interest in the several states including a visit to the United Nations Trusteeship Council meeting during the hearings on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Representing the older segment of the population, 52-year old Roboman is regarded as one of the outstanding political leaders in Yap District. Elected in 1952 as Chief Magistrate of Tomil Municipality in Yap Proper, he has been serving in that capacity to date. He also had served on several occasions as Yap delegate to the conferences of the Inter-district Advisory Body to the High Commissioner, now known as the Council of Micronesia.

Mr. Defngin, who represents the younger generation, was born on December 25, 1925. Prior to his appointment in 1956 as Assistant District Anthropologist, he served as Interpreter-Translator for the Yap District Administration. Additionally, he is the Treasurer of the Yap Islands Congress. He is also a member of Yap Trading Company's Board of Directors, Land Advisory Board, and District Survey Board.