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October 28, 1963--High Commissioner Named Honorary Yap Citizen--On October 24, 1963, the Yap District Legislature declared High Commissioner M. W. Goding as "Honorary Citizen" of Yap. This honor was inscribed on a replica of the famed Yap Islands stone money, which was received at Headquarters on October 26.

This is the third time the High Commissioner has been honored by the people of the Trust Territory--first by the people of Saipan in October of 1962 when Mr. Goding was presented with a plaque honoring him as a "fine American." In December of 1962, Mr. Goding was honored again when the Marshall Islands District Congress adopted a resolution commending him for his "exemplary leadership" in the administration of the Pacific Trust Territory. He was presented with gifts of miniature outrigger canoe and a famed Marshallese navigation chart. The gifts symbolized the crude navigational instruments used by the forebears of Micronesia to conquer the vast 3,000,000-square-mile ocean area of the Trust Territory.

High Commissioner Goding is presently in Washington D.C., where he is testifying at the 1964 budget hearings. Mr. Goding was also scheduled to meet with various Washington officials on Solomon Mission's report concerning the conditions in the Trust Territory. He is expected to return to his Headquarters on November 4.

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