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TWO MICRONESIANS AWARDED JOHN HAY WHITNEY FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITY FELLOWSHIPS

SAIPAN, M.I. (June 25)...Two residents of the Palau District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Mr. Mitsuo Solang and Mr. John S. Tarkong, have been awarded Opportunity Fellowships for 1965 by the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

Mr. Solang, graduate of the College of Guam, will work toward the Master of Arts degree in sociology at Central Michigan University. For the past year he has been Assistant to the Supervisor of Student Activities at the Trust Territory Liaison Office in Guam. He plans to return to the Trust Territory upon completion of his studies to assist in solving the social problems which are arising in this developing area.

Mr. Tarkong, graduate of Northland College, will begin work toward the LL.B degree at The American University School of Law. He has been a translator for the Office of Territories of the Department of the Interior and has done legal research for the Office of the Solicitor. He plans to return to the Trust Territory to practice law.

These awards are granted to young men and women who show exceptional promise and have been prevented by race, cultural background

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or region of residence from fully developing their potentialities. This year the Foundation has awarded Opportunity Fellowships to 39 persons in 15 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Award winners from the Trust Territory in the past have included: Dwight Heine, now Marshalls District Education Administrator and member of the Congress of Micronesia; Bethwel Henry, teacher at Pacific Islands Central School and member of the Congress of Micronesia; John Mangefel, Teacher Supervisor, Yap District; David Ramarui, Palau District Education Administrator; ^{and} Daro Weital, Teacher Supervisor, Ponape District.

John Hay Whitney Foundation Opportunity Fellowships have enabled many persons, after study in a specialized course, to return to their communities and with their new knowledge and experience work toward the betterment of local economic, educational and social standards.

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