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TAITANO RESIGNS AS DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS,  
(FEBRUARY 16)...Official word has been received from Washington that  
Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall has accepted the resignation  
of Richard F. Taitano as Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust  
Territory effective January 31, 1966, the Office of the High Commis-  
sioner has announced.

Mr. Taitano was appointed Deputy High Commissioner in March of  
1964, when he resigned as Director of the Office of Territories. He  
was appointed as Director by the late President John F. Kennedy in  
1961, and was the first island born incumbent of that post. Born  
and reared in Guam, Mr. Taitano's/ as was that of his fellow residents,  
was interrupted by the Japanese invasion and/ was a prisoner of war  
from 1941 to 1944. After the war he entered Berea College in the USA  
and later did graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania's  
Institute of State and Local Governments.

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His appointment in 1961 as Director of the Office of Territories was in a sense a return to that office since he had been one of the early "management trainees" years before he was assigned to that particular office when the Department of the Interior first started its "management trainee" program. In 1951 he became Assistant Budget Officer for the Government of Guam and in 1952 was made Director of Budget and Finance in Guam, a post <sup>he</sup> held until 1961. Mr. Taitano left Saipan early February for Guam, where he joined his family.

High Commissioner M. W. Goding, who is currently in Washington, D.C., has designated Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs John E. deYoung as Acting Deputy High Commissioner pending appointment of a new Deputy High Commissioner by the Secretary of the Interior.